

**Follow along with us as we cruise onboard our
56' Ocean Yacht.**

Somewhere on the Water

February 22, 2022 – Tuesday, we are in Chincoteague, VA
Day 77 of our trip.

I asked Mark last night if he was setting an alarm for this morning.
He said no.

I did set an alarm because I need to get up and be ready to start my
workday with time to drink some coffee beforehand.

This morning he was up and out of bed before me. Coffee was brewed
and hot by the time I got up to the salon. It was a 2-cup of coffee kind of
morning. It is cloudy and damp. The chill in the air gets right to your
bones.

Last night we were tied to the bulkhead here at the waterfront park. We
are not hooked up to electricity or water.

The wind was predicted to kick up today and it did. Creating 4-5 ½ foot
waves out in the channel. We originally thought we would cruise today.
Ocean City, MD is a possible halfway point for us if we decided not to
make the 10 hour trip to Cape May, NJ.

But – I want to explore Chincoteague, where we stayed last night and I
do not want to deal with 4+ feet of waves today or any other day when
navigating an already challenging channel. If you have opposing winds
& current directions it causes unfavorable conditions inside the inlet.

This morning we had a visitor. Harvey. A town worker that Mark had
spoken to yesterday. Our original plan was to stay at a marina but the
low tide prevented us from getting into it. Harvey told us to tie up to the
town bulkhead at the Robert Reed Waterfront Park. So we did and here
we still are. He stopped by to say *Hi* and suggested that now that the
tide is in we could make a run for the marina.

Rather than go into the town's harbor marina for fuel today Mark decided
to go ashore and find a barber. On the way back to the boat he got

some vinegar at the grocery store. Vinegar and water are the must-have ingredients to the window washing recipe.

How did Mark get off the boat? Well, this morning while I was on the phone he tied a 'short' line to one of the pilings and stepped on it and jumped. So, when he steps on that short line that is tied to a cleat on Valkyrie and onto a piling on the pier, it sinks under his weight, and with the balance of placing a hand on said piling, he leaped 6 feet to shore. (Mark thinks I am being a little dramatic here 😊)

I will leave the leaping to him! I am sure to get wet. Even if I had the physical ability to leap by placing my foot on a boat line...I lack the confidence and therefore **SPLASH!**

Mark came back with very short hair. The barbershop here was fantastic and Mark has good things to say about the barber and thought he was great. He doesn't have anything bad to say but he does miss his regular barber in Mashpee.

Another guy from the town comes by and introduces himself and offered to help us out with anything. That was nice. The only issue we have is I cannot get off the boat. Hahaha.

I did suggest we use the boarding ladder somehow, lightbulb! Yes, of course. It was not perfect but Mark figured something out and off we went to the grocery store (sticker shock to say the least!) and then we



stopped at a souvenir shop. Mark got a few t-shirts and I got a tank top and a very small souvenir for Jordan and something for Vinny. I feel like I should be buying more souvenirs for family & friends for when we get home but since we are going to be coming in on fumes... souvenirs are not in the budget.

Once we returned from our outing, Mark took the gangway down. Because of the way it was rigged, it could possibly cause problems when the boat goes up & down with the tide. It was just meant to be a temporary solution for me to be able to get on & off safely.

Mark just received a snapshot from his friend John Aubin. It is from the FaceBook Group *Ocean Yachts Owner's Group*; it was us! **Valkyrie tied up to the Waterfront Park in Chincoteague, VA.** Someone in the FB group posted that when they showed up at work today we **were right outside their window.** He took a picture of Valkyrie and made a post! Mark went on FaceBook and found the original post and commented on it.

Joe Hess – a West Islander friend also commented on this post. **Hi Joe!**



Yesterday, after we tied up Mark stuck his hands into this panel, under the helm station to fiddle with our lower helm station B & G VHF.

It's been a little temperamental for a long time. Mark puts a strong emphasis on the word **temperamental...**

Two things are being temperamental onboard Valkyrie...the VHF and (NO! Not his wife! 😊) The radar, which I mentioned yesterday.



We had a glowing ball of light. A gorgeous orange ball of light. It was very cloudy so the rays of light did not spread out and set the entire sky aglow like on several previous evenings but spectacular just the same.

The wind is picking up and getting very gusty with predicted 50mph gusts. A few raindrops are falling but not enough to rinse the salt off the boat yet.

Haleigh is making Dirty Rice for dinner. We are staying here at the Chincoteague town's waterfront; *The Robert Reed Waterfront Park* for another night.