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56' Ocean Yacht.**

# *Somewhere on the Water*

February 9, 2022 - Day 64

Wednesday – we are leaving our anchorage at Camp Lejeune in Mile Hammock Bay.

I was told this was not going to be a get-up and go morning but here we are 8:05 a.m. and the engines are in gear and we are moving.

The sun is shining. We like sunny days, it helps keep the salon nice and toasty.

Back into the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway this morning. Heading north to Beaufort, NC. We are staying at the same marina, Town Creek Marina. The water is on and the fuel is the least expensive of the places Mark called.



We missed the 8:30 a.m. Onslow Beach Road drawbridge by 5 minutes so now we have to spin in circles and wait for the 9:00 a.m. opening.



We got this little guy to keep us company while we wait. 😊



It is 6 minutes past the hour and the bridge loses power. But, with just another few minutes wait we are through it and on our way.

I did marvel at this section of the trip while cruising south. I loved the views out towards the Atlantic across the marshland. The shorebirds are still beautiful and entertaining to watch. This section of our trip was the first

time we had dolphins swim with us in our wake. We did have a couple join us this morning. Looked like a mama and her baby.

This might be the last day we see dolphins since it was the first time we saw them traveling south after staying the night at Town Creek Marina.



Mark called to get information on the firing range that we passed through going south.

Where we were anchored was north of the signage & warning lights that would have signaled that there was firing in progress do not enter.

The **Active Captain** had posted that if you were anchoring here and leaving to head north be sure to leave by



7:30 a.m. Our plan was not to leave that early so that is what instigated Mark's phone call.

**Active Captain** is an available group resource and plugs in with most navigation applications.



10:46 a.m. We are passing M/V Moonlighter just after going under the B. Cameron Langston Bridge. We had to wait for the towboat to pull **what is left of someone's dock** and slowly we are coming up onto **a sailboat that has run aground or is aground**.



**Meriweather from Oriental, NC is the S/V we just saw.** There is an anchor line out so who is to know their story. It could be just any kind of mistake that has landed them short on water. Just like the S/V we saw yesterday.



Mark had been navigating low tide waters this morning but as we are passing with Emerald Isle, NC on our starboard side we thought we had plenty of water underneath us but the markers and buoys are a little confusing right here in this area so he has slowed his speed and is maintaining his heading but with great caution.



As low as 6.1'



The low water alarm has sounded. It did not take long before we were back on track. Wondering why those markers were the way they were will have to remain a mystery. *Moonlighter* the boat we just passed did not alter his course and went the same way we did so steady as she goes captain.

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We went by the Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue.



Just as we were passing it we felt and heard some thudding. Making sure it isn't our vessel Haleigh and I did a quick run-through of the boat.

The Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field Bogue is an 800+ acre landing field that serves as the only east coast site for Field Carrier Landing Practice.

What is Field Carrier Landing Practice?

Well, I did have an Uncle who flew jets in the Navy. He would have to take off and land on an aircraft carrier. This is where training exercises simulate the restrictions a pilot would encounter when landing on an aircraft carrier. Pilots repeat 'touch-and-go landings.

(summarized & cited information from [www.ustff.navy.mil](http://www.ustff.navy.mil) and [www.miramar.marines.mil](http://www.miramar.marines.mil))

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Haleigh made chicken salad yesterday so I am having an early 11:30 a.m. lunch, taking advantage of the quiet phones to type January 31, February 1, and hopefully catch up with a few more days before the end of the evening.

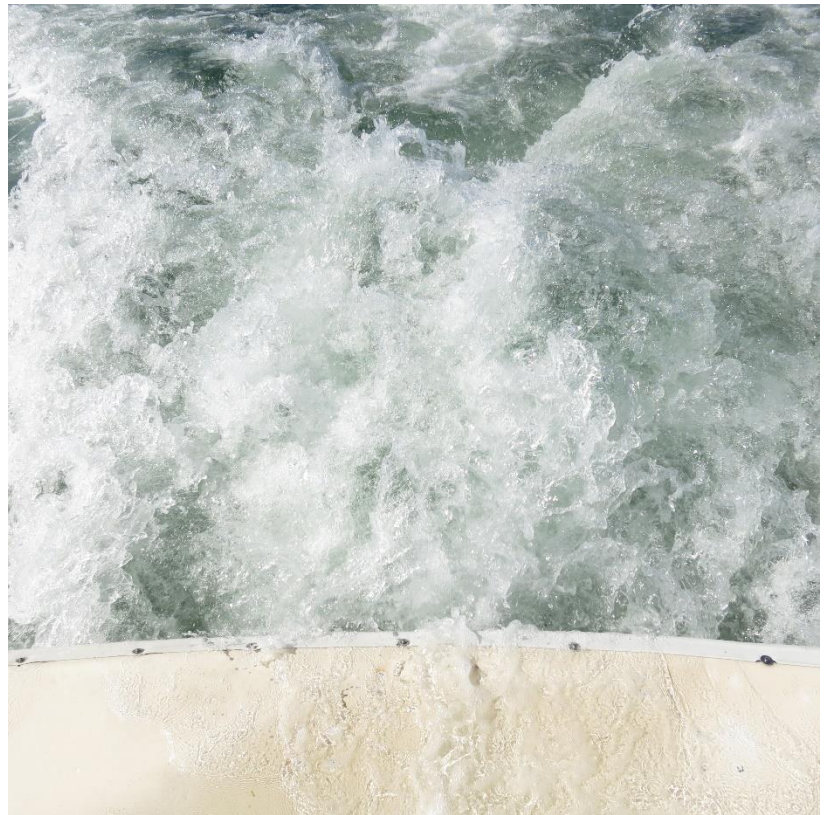


Haleigh tucked herself down in the cockpit out of the wind and soaked up the sun this afternoon. From the looks of it, a lot of the shorebirds were happy to be out sunning themselves as well.



I took a few moments to sit and close my eyes and bask in the warmth of the sun. The water was a remarkable shade of green and closing my eyes for a few moments I could pretend I was in the tropics.

<https://youtu.be/Bef0HhDRPvw>



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Coming into Beaufort, NC was just as exciting as it was last time. There is so much to look at, fishing boats, NOAA, Duke University's Marine Lab, marina's galore, and this [beautiful yacht with masts](#) – Quoting the poetic description by Haleigh herself!







There were a few people gathered on a beach and I saw a little *Island Ferry*, no bigger than a 20' Boston Whaler swoop in and pick them up. They had a few items with them that leads me to believe that they spent much of the morning on the beach. It is 57 degrees and it is the warmest day we have had in a while so I am sure many people are trying to make the most of it.

We docked at Town Creek Marina, took on fuel, hooked up to electricity and we will fill up with water a little later. I can hear Mark talking to a gentleman who was on his boat at a slip across the dock from us; *Bodacious*.

This marina has a courtesy car so Mark has asked if I could use it to run to the Post Office and a quick stop to a nearby store.

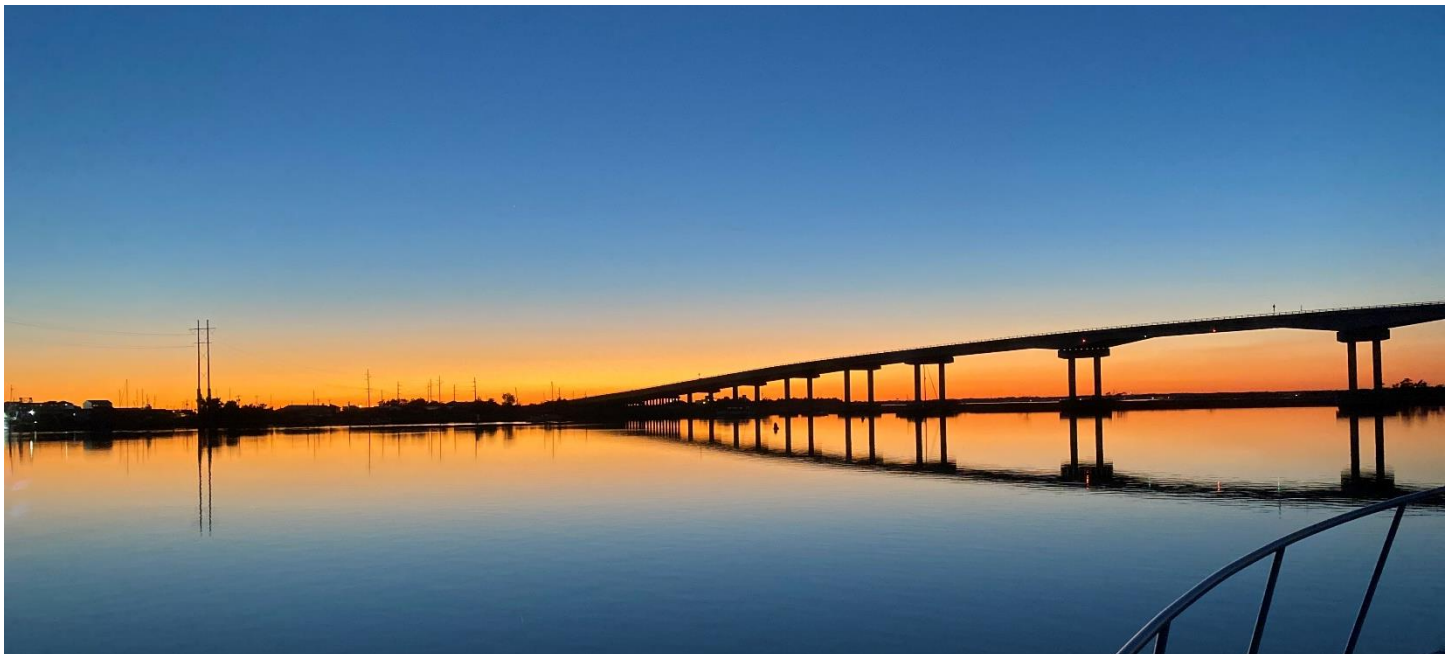
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My mission has been accomplished. I stopped at CVS and then the Post Office. According to this CVS location, Valentine's Day is over and it is Easter. Bummer...not much to chose from in the way of Valentine's Day treats. Whatever I could get I sent off in a small package to Jordan and then brought a sweet surprise home for Haleigh and Mark.

The sunset was amazing. This entire trip has provided us with glorious skies. Both in the morning and evening and on many occasions I sneak out into the cockpit to peak at the stars in the pitch-black dark. If and when it is provided to me. Many nights there is a lot of light pollution.

Haleigh, working her magic in the kitchen once again with creamy, cheese, potato, and kielbasa crockpot dinner.

We have an opportunity to fill our water tank today so Mark starts laundry, I do 2-loads and run the dishwasher and we all 3 fit in showers throughout the evening. We will be able to fill up with water on Saturday if our itinerary works out as planned. Today is our first fill-up since St. James Marina.





Are we being stocked? Did he follow us from Charleston, SC?

Charleston, SC

