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56' Ocean Yacht.**

Somewhere on the Water

January 21, 2022 – Friday, Day 44
Charleston, SC

Today is the exact opposite of yesterday. It is not sunny, it is cloudy and foggy. It is not warm, it is cold and rainy. The fog is blanketing Charleston Harbor.



These two photos are our view from the back of the boat.



This morning I was busy with work calls. Mark filled the water tank. In between phone calls, I am typing January 12 blog, downloading photos, videos, reformatting the website, and doing laundry.

Mark was expecting a package delivery to the marina. My package did arrive but not his. Even though he received a notification that it was delivered, it wasn't there when he went to the office, just mine was there.

I made egg salad for lunch. Mark is watching a movie. He is listening through his earphones. Some sort of shoot'em up kinda movie with Chris Pratt.

My lunch break entertainment was watching this container ship come in out of the fog and get escorted by two tug boats up into the Cooper River under the bridge.



Although I did not have my camera accessible, Mark and I did watch a container ship turn around in the harbor. Literally, like a U-turn on a highway.

It is cold and rainy so we are not leaving the boat today. Some area businesses closed down early. I know the SC Aquarium closed at 2 p.m. today due to weather conditions.

We ordered pizza delivery. 3-Friday nights, 3-different cities, 3-different Papa Johns. So good.

We have Friday night pizza night, it is our thing. We have pizza and a movie. Papa John's had not been a pizza place that would come to mind as we list the possible options however, now they are.

The pizza has been so good. Timely arrival, friendly drivers, a lot of customizable crust and topping options, and it arrives hot and delicious.

Delivering to a boat is not easy. We have been putting in the comment section of our online order; Call upon arrival. The driver does, and we talk each other through directions on how to connect.

We get nothing out of boasting about Papa John's. Just sayin' I am pleasantly impressed. Which is more than I can say about last night's movie. I may, or may not have closed my eyes through some of the never-ending story that was flashing on the tv screen. It was a Marvel movie on Disney +. I cannot even tell you the title because I do not care to remember it, ever....



Our evening view out the back. The two dredge boats which we can hear operating, 24-hours per day. And this container ship. Sometimes they have to anchor in the harbor and await a Pilot or Tug to become available to escort them in.

Our neighbor that arrived last night: the R/V Savannah from Savannah Georgia. This vessel is part of the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. It is a marine science research institute located on Skidaway Island near Savannah and is a unit of the University of Georgia. I believe a lot of the research is reef-related using cutting-edge bathymetric side-scan sonar and high-resolution geographic positioning systems (GPS).



Haleigh thinks I am obsessed with the big ships that we have encountered on our trip. Of course, we saw a lot of shipping in the Chesapeake Bay, and Portsmouth, VA, but the size of the ships that come into Charleston are mega huge. Yes, as you will soon realize, I am a bit over the top with taking photos, and videos of them. Daily, falling into a routine of kids, work, relationships, etc., do you think about where your stuff comes from? Yes, since COVID and the consequences of this virus leaving us with empty store shelves, car shortages, etc. most of us have become more aware of the shipping process and the delivery of goods.

SC Ports are looking to open a SMART Chassis pool in 2023. Charleston is the 6th biggest container port in the US by cargo value. Increasing its capacity by over 30% with an opening of a new terminal back in 2009. It has 6 terminals between Charleston, North Charleston, and Mount Pleasant.

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