

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

Somewhere on the Water

January 24, 2022 – Monday, Day 48
Charleston, SC

This morning the sun is shining and it is a beautiful day.



Temps will get up to 50 today!

This morning Mark and I had some work to do here on the boat and then I left for the UPS Store on Market Street to drop an Amazon return. Then I walked, and walked, and walked.

I love Charleston. It is an easy city to walk in. There were not too many people out on the streets and those that were seemed to be tourists. Trying to be in full – exercise walking mode – I took in as much scenery peeking into the gardens of some of the houses and admiring the cobblestone and brick streets all the while passing home upon home that evokes the passion for history that the owners and the City of Charleston try to preserve.

A total of 3.2 miles I walked from the Charleston Maritime Marina, Wharf Street to the UPS Store on Market Street then over to Queen St, Meeting St., Water St., Church St., N. Adger's Wharf, along the waterfront park passing the pineapple fountain (which was not running) and then back to the Maritime Center Marina. I think I was gone just shy of an hour. (?)

No matter how long, it took away the guilt of not exercising on the rowing machine. Yesterday Haleigh and I did 2 miles to King Street through the City Historic Market to East Bay St and returned to the boat.

Mark put the tender in the water today. It hasn't been down since August. He got it started and took it for a ride while Haleigh and I were out.





Every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings....**Every time a ship goes by Cynthia takes a picture.**

For a few days, we have been racking our brains as to what to do next. We said this was going to be our furthest destination south.

Why; Money, we like Charleston, we want more time to explore different areas on our return trip.

It would be a no-brainer if it was warmer, but it is not and the next few days are going to be windy. We haven't anchored out overnight with Valkyrie yet. We need to get comfortable doing it. But do we do it for the first time on Wednesday overnight are 15-22 mph predicted winds from the Northeast. That is a lot of wind for the first time and the windiest is around 1 a.m.

Saturday is 15-25 mph predicted winds.

Sunday night is 10-20 mph predicted wind speeds.

Options:

1. Stay here for another week-at another \$525
2. We can stay here at a daily rate of \$110 per day
3. Try anchoring.

What if we anchor?

-need to pick somewhere open so if we drag we have room to recover

-The current runs about 5mph so we need to take that into consideration

-harder to get anywhere because now we have to use the tender.

-we wouldn't go exploring leaving Valkyrie out of sight for hours

4. Leave and head back north. One day cruise would land us back in McClellanville. There is nothing to do there but it is cheaper fees.

We cannot get anywhere north or south in the next day or two to escape the weather/winds so is it even worth trying?

Stay tuned for our decision...

Did you know?

We are in a part of the country that has some of the highest tide change range and fastest currents.

The average low to average high is 5' here in this area.

In comparison, Cape Cod is a 3' average tide.

Haleigh made dinner. Roasted sweet potatoes, onion, pepper, tomato served with leftover meatloaf. The aroma filled the boat and it tasted wonderful. Then to top off dinner, she made apple pie, but we had no ice cream to go with it so Mark and I walked over to the nearby Harris Teeter and got ice cream whipped cream and coffee creamer for tomorrow morning's coffee. On our way back to the boat we saw our new bird friend that was on our lines last night. He got pissed off at us for disturbing him. He called out a few squawks of annoyance and flew off. We turned on our underwater lights in hopes to coax him back in.

Pirates of the Caribbean part IV (?) on Disney +

I typed up and uploaded January 14 today to the website and discovered that January 15 is nowhere to be found on my computer. We had a wonderful day that day. Mark and I stood side by side at the helm. Me at the galley counter with my computer typing away as we cruised. I am so sad that it is lost but together we will recreate the day. It was such a vivid day. We had an easy cruise and with no interruptions from work our full attention could be on each other and the cruise.