

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

Somewhere on the Water

January 28, 2022 – Friday, Day 52
Charleston, SC

The North East is getting snow this weekend. 1 – 2 inches per hour. Crazy. Here in Charleston, we will be cold and windy but no snow in the forecast.

This morning we woke up and prepared ourselves for the T/S Kennedy's arrival into the harbor. The T/S Kennedy is the Training Ship that the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA) uses to train its cadets. When they are on board during their training 1½ months, it is called their Sea Term. The Kennedy is a former commercial freighter.

Mark is a graduate of MMA. He trained onboard the T/S Patriot State also a former cargo/passenger liner called Santa Mercedes. It was in service as the training ship for MMA from 1986 to 1998. The Patriot State was moved to James River, Norfolk, VA as part of the National Defense Reserve Fleet. Used for training by various police and military services until it was withdrawn in 2011 and sent to a scrapyard in Texas.





<https://youtu.be/Rc2lbhYuQio> Video of the T/S Kennedy arriving at Charleston Harbor.

Finally, Haleigh and I made it to the grocery store. Mark had some visitors while we were gone. Cadets from the ship.

Haleigh and I took a few hours to walk over to Harris Teeter. We filled 2-carts. As the cashier checked us out we loaded our wagon making use of the space the best we could. I pulled the wagon while Haleigh carried a couple of light weighted bags.

On our way back to Valkyrie we saw a few cadets walking back to their ship. I mentioned we were from Cape Cod and they were happy to chat with us. This was their first time on land since they left school. They all said that they enjoyed walking around Charleston. After offering to help Haleigh and me with our grocery load; how nice was that?! We thanked them, declined their offer, and parted ways.



This afternoon Mark and I were making more definitive plans to rent a car so that we could visit with Julie (mentioned her a few days ago). While we have the rental we are going to make a trip to Walmart to finish out the provisioning in preparation for the 2-3 week trip back north. 2-3 weeks of travel that will consist of us mostly anchoring resulting in fewer opportunities to replenish our food supply.

The Charleston Lady came into the harbor while Mark and I were talking. Originally named Osprey from New Jersey. A 1920's inspired boat dates back to 1993. It is available for charters, tours, etc.

To round out our afternoon, Mark and I jumped (I say jump, but more like a very carefully orchestrated, don't fall into the water, gripping Mark's hand step) into the tender and went over to get a closer look at the Kennedy, the battery, and Pinckney...read more about Castle Pinckney below.





We had another beautiful sunset...check it out....
Sunset video <https://youtu.be/hBGis-V6l8Q>

Since we arrived in Charleston I have been trying to remember what the island is that is next to Fort Sumter. During our time with Frank and Regina, he told us it was Pinckney. Yes, of course now I remember. Thank you, Frank!



Typical of the castle-type fortresses which guarded important early settlements, but which lost their effectiveness with the improvement of explosive shells and the development of rifle pieces, Castle Pinckney is believed to be possibly the only horseshoe fort left in America which can be restored. The fort is a Charleston Harbor landmark and is historically interesting because it existed for such a long period of time, reflecting a number of colorful and significant events from the Colonial through the Confederate periods. The crescent-shaped, castle-type bastion on Shute's Folly, a mile offshore East Battery, Castle Pinckney was constructed 1808-1811 as an inner-harbor, secondary defense fortress. The island's name reflects a later owner, Joseph Shute, and preserves the Colonial custom of describing a Carolina sea island as a "folly." The fort was named for Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, a Charlestonian and President Washington's Ambassador to France, famous for his stand against the United States payment of any tribute. Castle Pinckney was the first ground seized by the Confederate military, accomplished on December 17, 1860, an act some historians claim as the first overt act of war. Listed in the National Register July 16, 1970.

<http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/charleston/S10817710018/index.htm>

The photo of Pinckney is mine, but the highlighted words are not.
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