

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

Somewhere on the Water

January 30, Sunday, Day 54
Charleston, SC

You can imagine that after being out so late last night (early this morning) we wanted to sleep in. But did we?

Not really.

This morning we were pleased to have visitors onboard Valkyrie. Mark's customer from Cape Cod flew into Charleston to visit with her son who is on the MMA training ship, the Kennedy. We had a nice visit before she had to fly back home and her son Brendan had to return to the ship. She filled us in on the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Sea Term itinerary and fun stories that were shared last night when she, her mother, and a group of cadets from the ship went to dinner.

This afternoon we had another guest. Mark's former classmate from MMA who is working onboard during this sea term stopped by for a quick hello. After catching up, and getting set straight on some of those funny rumors we have heard about the going's on of the ship he headed back to the ship.

We like to keep our Sunday's easy peasy. It was a cool and sunny day. A nice day to regroup, relax and get ready for a new week.

The T/S Kennedy is departing tomorrow morning so we will try to watch that.

Another cruise ship came into the harbor this morning, and just like the others, left this afternoon.



When Mark was cruising on the MMA Patriot State, they had Sundays at Sea. They had BBQs, games, activities, music, etc. He even got to be the DJ on one of the Sundays. One time there was an unusual opportunity to go swimming while at anchor in the Dry Tortuga's. Until someone reported seeing hammerhead sharks. I guess they did not have a shark cage because swimming was canceled. But on a funny note, they were allowed to go swimming off the ship in the winter in Gumby suites as part of their training while at school, in Buzzards Bay.

Photo after photo, and video after video you have seen the USS Yorktown. The Yorktown is docked and is part of the Patriots Point Museum. When we lived here in Charleston we visited several times and when we brought the kids a few years ago we visited again. You can take a cruise ship to Fort Sumter from here as well. Otherwise, you have to get the boat to the Fort from the visitor center next door to the aquarium. You have seen that building in my photos as well.

USS Yorktown is one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built during World War II for the United States Navy. She was named after the Battle of Yorktown of the American Revolutionary War, and is the fourth U.S. Navy ship to bear the name. [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Yorktown)

<https://www.patriotspoint.org/about/>

Patriots Point Development Authority was established in the 1970s to develop a naval & maritime museum on Charleston Harbor with the World War II aircraft carrier, USS YORKTOWN as its centerpiece. It's also home to the Patriots Point Museum and a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships, the Cold War Memorial and the only Vietnam Experience Exhibit in the U.S., the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, and the agency's official Medal of Honor Museum.

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum serves as a national destination of excellence for the preservation and education of current and future generations about America's history, traditions and values.

Fort Sumter Tours provides the only National Park Service authorized access to Fort Sumter. There are two departure locations: Liberty Square Visitor Education Center, a National Park Service visitor center open daily from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum. <https://fortsumtertours.com/about-ft-sumter/>



Visitor Center & ticket office.

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