

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

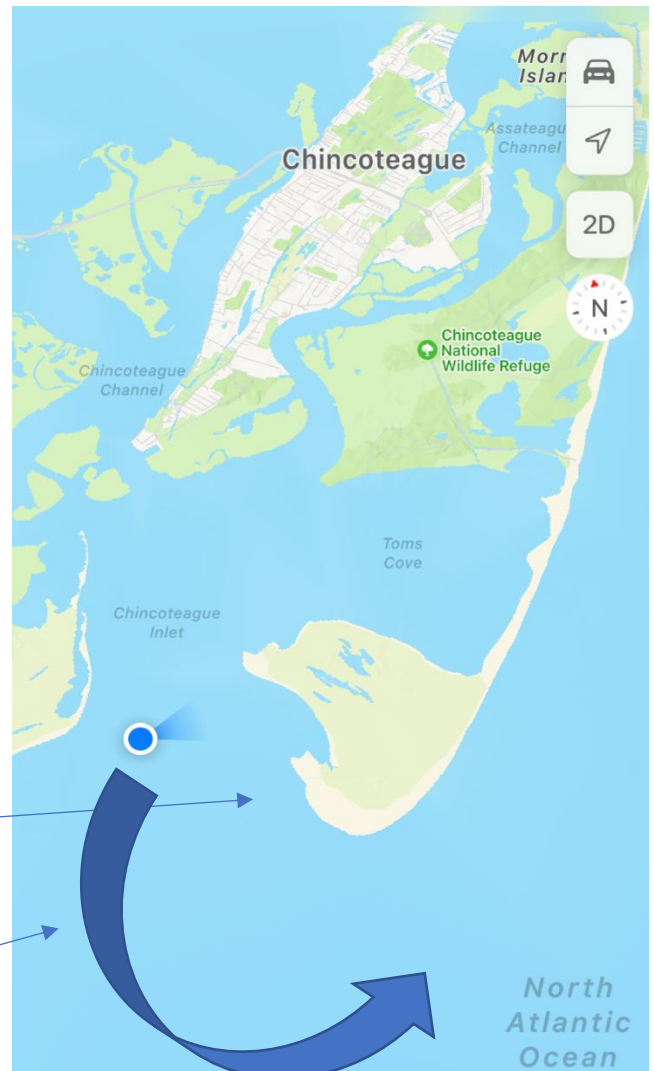
# *Somewhere on the Water*

March 1, 2022 – We are leaving Chincoteague, VA-  
Day 84 of our trip.- Tuesday

6:30 a.m. Alarm

7:06 a.m. Unplugged untied and cruising the Chincoteague Channel at high tide passing by the US Coast Guard, the Chincoteague Carnival Grounds.

Once we navigate the Channel, we will turn up into the canal passing the tip of the island passing the Inlet View Campgrounds, the Waterman's Memorial into Chincoteague Inlet, and then around the tip of Assateague Island and the National Wildlife Refuge into the ocean.



*Tip of Assateague Island*

*The canal brings you out and around quite a distance due to shallow waters and shoaling.*

We will travel north to Cape May NJ today. 10-hours.





This is  [Take 2](#) *Leaving Chincoteague*. You can read about our first attempt on February 24's blog.



We will have Assateague Island on our portside for many hours this morning so I am hoping to catch a glimpse of the ponies.

8:33 a.m. Mark did his first engine room check. The sun is shining and it is easy to see why the song verse is “**Sea to Shining Sea**” the sun is bright and casting down onto the water and bouncing back at us with a shimmer and shine that is beautiful but also causes you to uncontrollably squint. 😊 You can see the glimmer off the waves in the distance as they are landing on the shore of Assateague. We are just coming out of the Inlet and turning into the Atlantic.

The swells today are very much welcomed over the 5-10 feet of waves we had the other day.

According to a nearby sea buoy, we are in an average of 2.3 feet waves. Certainly feels like they are bigger than that.

The further north we traveled the calmer the seas got. We can see the sandy shoreline of Assateague Island for several hours but no ponies.

Mark's suggestion from a week or so ago to bring my work to the flybridge is now becoming my norm for days we are underway. It is much easier to hear people on the phone and it gives me a bit more privacy to talk without disturbing him or Haleigh. It is peaceful and as long as the sun is shining it is warm enough to work up here.

11:03 a.m. – work is quiet for a moment so I am looking up from my computer and notice that we crossed the border into Maryland a while ago and in the far-off distance I can see the Ocean City, MD skyline.

12:35 p.m. I am watching us cruise by Ocean City, MD. From a distance, it did not appear to be that big. Never having been here before Mark and I are amazed at the size of Ocean City. I did try to use the GoPro camera that Mark hooked up to the Kimble yesterday for the first time to capture a quick video of Ocean City. Let's see what came out.

<https://youtu.be/vhscZW1GQlw>

Here are some photos I took with the trusty – but very old – Canon that has proven to do a good job capturing images this trip.



Ocean City, MD is considered a resort town. It has miles of beaches, a wooden boardwalk and is lined with hotels, restaurants, and shops. There are theme-park rides and the carousel at Trimper's is the oldest continually operational carousel in the US.



Ocean City is the unofficial home of all things white-marlin and is the white marlin capital of the world according to [routeoneapparel.com](http://routeoneapparel.com) which lists a few fun facts about Ocean City.

Back in 1933 a hurricane tore through the area and separated Assateague and Ocean City.

Ocean City is located on Fenwick Island. Fenwick Island is a barrier island in both Delaware and Maryland.

Coming on to 1:00 p.m. and we are crossing into Delaware. We are expected to arrive in Cape May, NJ around 4:30 p.m.

On the border of MD & DE is the Fenwick Island Lighthouse. It is the oldest lighthouse in the state of Delaware and dates back to 1858.



Mark called out that he saw a big, huge whale and cut the throttle to idle. By the time Haleigh and I got to the front of the boat, it had dove down and was out of sight. We lingered for 10 minutes or more and it never resurfaced within our eyes view. I do think I saw a spout in the distance after we determined that we were probably not going to see it again and slowly regained our normal speed.

We were in about 50feet of water and then shortly after it went to 150feet of water. It was a trench of deep water. It would probably be a good place for a fish to feed. For most of the trip, we averaged 20 – 55' depth.

Bummer for me and Haleigh but yay for Mark. I asked him what kind of whale it was and he said the BIG Kind. 😂

This is our view of the Delaware Memorial Bridge as we cross into New Jersey and the mouth of the Delaware Bay.



This buoy/marker marks the  $\frac{1}{2}$  way point of the Delaware Bay. On Mark's iPad there are 2 pink lines marking where the ships should enter and exit the Bay based on the direction they are traveling. The area shaded in pink is the no-travel zone to maintain a safe distance.

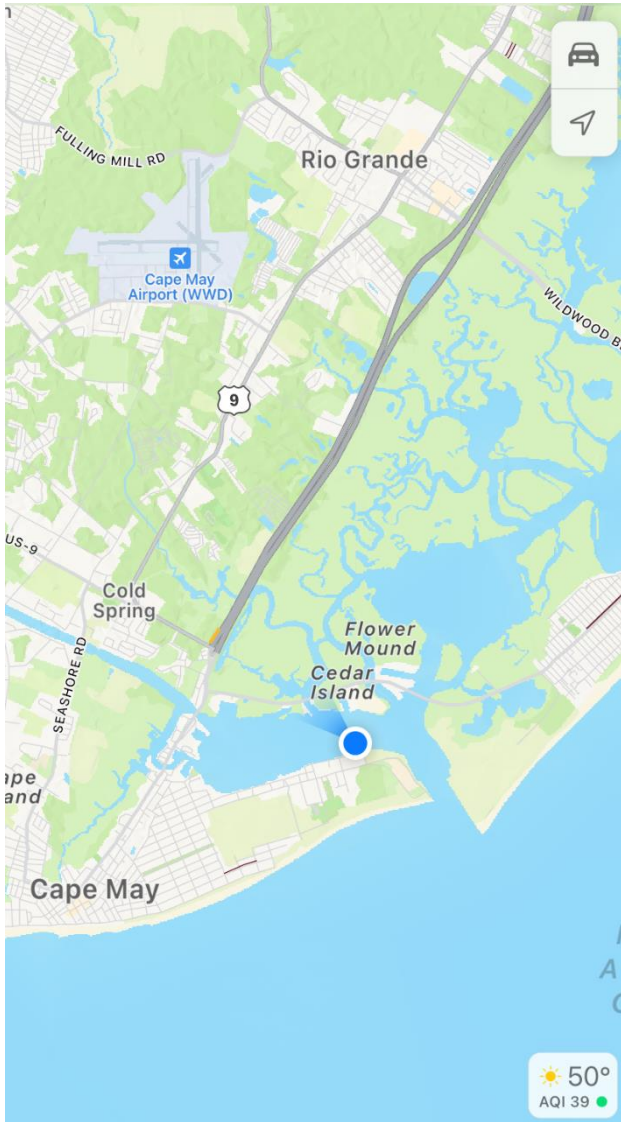




5:06 p.m. we are at anchor in Cape May, NJ

After swigging a beer, Mark is headed out to wash the windows. As evidenced by some of my later day photos, they are very salty.





We are anchored next to the US Coast Guard Training Center.

There is a sunken sailboat behind us that you can only see the masts sticking up and then the abandoned sailboat across the harbor from us up on shore.

Pictures and video coming into Cape May Harbor.

[https://youtu.be/ut4mGL\\_nmXE](https://youtu.be/ut4mGL_nmXE)





Coast Guard Training Base

Haleigh made us the most amazing dinner. It is one of her best or not the best meals so far. A very quick recipe that includes chicken, spinach, onion, red pepper, and cream sauce that was just out of this world. I felt like I was in a restaurant. She found the recipe on Pinterest and had to alter it just a little bit based on the ingredients we had onboard. MY oh MY were my tastebuds in heaven.



Texted Jordan this evening about the Summer internship that she is applying for. These are above and beyond her college requirements and is trying to stay steady on her marine science path ultimately reaching her goal of working with sharks.

Thanking our Guardian Angels who watch over us as we travel home and so grateful for all of our friends and family! We appreciate all of your comments and feedback and for checking in on us. Keep it coming!