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56' Ocean Yacht.**

# *Somewhere on the Water*

March 2, 2022 – Cape May, NJ to Manasquan, NJ  
Day 85 of our trip.- Wednesday

Ever so slowly we are making our way north. Concerned about the water temperatures when we get back to Buzzards Bay, MA, and where we are going to dock our house. Mark has been busy calling around to find transient slips that are affordable and have parking for his work truck. That last item I just mentioned is why we may or may not end up at Fiddlers Cove. We love being at Fiddlers Cove but the parking lot is full of boats and they have more winter liveaboards eliminating parking for Mark's large work truck.

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Upcoming weather for the remainder of the week calls for wind & cold temperatures. That information is why the plan is always subject to change, because by tonight when we check the weather again, the forecast could change.

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A hazy horizon this morning is slowly being burnt off by the sun. It is bright and beautiful. It is a *swell* kind of day. We are being pushed about with big *swells*. Thankful for working stabilizers! Other than the swells the water is beautiful and we can see for miles and miles.

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Mark had us up and underway by 7:00 a.m. and we were passing by Wildwood, NJ first thing this morning.

Wildwood Beach, free to the public is 4.5 miles. The boardwalk is 2.5 miles and is home to a 1939 Sightseer Tram Car that carries passengers along the pier. [wildwoodsnj.com](http://wildwoodsnj.com) has a photo of this iconic tram and some other fun facts about this popular beachside destination.

What Mark and I noticed from Valkyrie's point of view is this huge pile of sand.

Each year 300,000 cubic yards are trucked from the Wildwood beaches to North Wildwood beach. It takes months and is all to control erosion and problems with municipal drainage & safety. [watchthetramcarplease.com](http://watchthetramcarplease.com) goes into further detail.



<https://youtu.be/3gITSDyBx3A> - video of us cruising by Wildwood, NJ

*Wildwood, NJ*



## About last night:

- The anchor alarm went off a few times.
- It got cold but Valkyrie did not cool off too much. We stayed toasty warm without extra blankets on the bed.
- While trying to watch TV we could hear the Coast Guard cadets chanting.
- Over-the-air tv sucks here in Cape May. We tried several shows with no success. We gave up early. By 9 o'clock we put a close to our day.

The US Coast Guard Training Center here in Cape May is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest base and is the sole accession point for the entire enlisted workforce. - [forcecom.uscg.mil](http://forcecom.uscg.mil)

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By 9:30 a.m. We have had Atlantic City, NJ in our forward view and we are passing one coastal city after another along the New Jersey shore. Right now we are just a few miles away from passing Ocean City, NJ. Yesterday we cruised by Ocean City, MD. I took a video.

Ocean City, NJ boasts clean beaches, a boardwalk, amusement park-style entertainment, a giant Ferris Wheel, several roller coasters, and as I remember writing this on our southbound trip, similar offerings to just about every seaside resort city along the NJ coast.

Today we are passing by Atlantic City. We stayed at the Golden Nugget Casino Resort and Marina on our southbound trip.

Manasquan, NJ is supposed to have great surfing, a mile-long asphalt boardwalk and they are very proud of their Main Street. It is a popular destination for Millennials with a busy bar scene but also boasts a Norman Rockwell Painting cozy place to live and visit.

We are going to tie up to Captain Bill's fuel dock in Manasquan Inlet for the night (no electricity or water) and buy fuel in the morning.

9:47 a.m. We are not the only ones out here today. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> boat we have seen heading south. While I am looking through the binoculars at him, he is looking back at us! There is no name or hailing port on this boat.



1 ½ hour after I mentioned that we could see Atlantic City, we are cruising by it. I took a video. <https://youtu.be/eHy-cQ2Ts0M>

Mark and I chuckled at our experience at the Golden Nugget. We think that we will run down the list of places we have stayed and create a rating system for each just as one way to close out our trip.

Possible rating options on a 1 – 5 scale:

- Marina Management
  - Bathroom
  - Laundry facilities
  - Electricity
  - Water
  - Accessibility to walking areas
  - Accessibility to nearby stores
  - Water access; depth and ease of entrance/exit
  - WiFi
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Passing by Barnegate, NJ offered something different to our otherwise unexciting views. There was a helicopter, a lighthouse, people driving on the beach, a funny gannet that struggled to get out of our way; flapping as hard as it could, eventually, it gave up and dove underwater. The rare time that all three of us were standing next to each other at the helm we all gave a chuckle and an awww poor thing. Mark turned the boat just a little to give it more room to flounder.



The Barnegat Light was deactivated from the Coast Guard in 1944. The lens is on display at the local museum and if you want to visit the lighthouse it is open Memorial Day through Labor Day

4:00 p.m. We are ½ hour away from our destination. Mark has revved up the engines to 15 rpm. He likes to say he is “blowing out the cobwebs.” He turns the helm over to me and goes and checks the engine room. I am happy to be standing after sitting on my ass for the last few hours working and writing.



The swells did dissipate a little bit as we traveled north. Yesterday and today we have had swells coming at us in one direction and waves & wind from another. There is a high-pressure system out to sea and it is causing the swells. The waves are wind-driven from different directions so that caused yesterday's turbulence to seem worse. Today's swells were bigger @ 3.5 feet compared to yesterday's 2.5 feet.

<https://youtu.be/v9hLvKOVbMU>

4:51 p.m. we are tied up for the night at the fuel dock at Captain Bills. Mark is setting the lines for a 6' tide change.

<https://youtu.be/0XRMY5sWacY>



I cannot remember if I mentioned that we have been watching game shows in the evenings. We get over-the-air free tv and can watch Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune from 7 – 8 p.m. The last two nights we have watched Family Feud as a substitute not being able to find the other two. It is a fun way to have a few laughs with Haleigh and she is pretty good at getting the correct answer.

After Family Feud Haleigh and I watched a lip-synching show about guessing who is a good singer and who isn't. Mark went to bed early after 2-10hour days he was tired.

