

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

# *Somewhere on the Water*

March 4, 2022 –One-15 Brooklyn Marina, NY to Connecticut.

Day 87 - Friday

Mark was up with engines running at 6:30 a.m. We left NYC behind us very early. We were able to ride the current through Hell Gate through the East River and into Long Island Sound with no trouble. The East River was busy with ferry traffic. It is cold outside as evidenced by the ice on the ferry boat. <https://youtu.be/XoCCVAcMGR4>

26 degrees outside this morning.

We are still trying to decide where we are going to stay tonight.

There are a few options of where we can stay depending on how far we think we could get. Since we have the current pushing us we may be able to get further into Connecticut.



It is too cold to anchor. When we left Chincoteague we were prepped and provisioned to anchor and to tie up at docks with no electricity or water. The weather however is dictating that we change those plans which is why we stayed at the One 15 Brooklyn Marina last night. No complaints from me. I love the view!

*Yesterday one of Mark's friends suggested a pizza place nearby the marina. Mark thanked him but we have our personal chef, Haleigh onboard spoiling us with good homemade cookin'. Last night for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time she made her now-famous sweet potato salad w/onions & cucumbers and some other magical stuff inside. She served that with ham, chicken & cheese sliders with honey mustard sauce.*

It is 11:00 a.m. and I just handed the helm over to Mark. I drove this morning for 2.5 hours bringing us from the East River around the SUNY Maritime school up to Stamford CT (approximately).

Long Island Sound is wide and deep so other than the occasional buoy floating in the channel I just followed the Navionics route. I did a video of a boat that we met that was traveling at high speeds and we met a tug pushing a barge. <https://youtu.be/Cllol28H7nA>

Mark is commenting just now that he sees a tug pushing a barge and it is hauling ass he says. It is pushing a huge amount of water. He was moving fast for a tug & barge.



I went to the flybridge with work gear in hand. The sun is keeping me very warm on this otherwise cold day. If I was not sitting in the direct sunlight I would not be up here.

12:35 p.m. Caught up on my phone calls and notes I went down to say Hi to Mark. He said he just saw a seal.

COME ON! Are you serious? I swear he sees all the good stuff on his watch. He said he saw a pod of dolphins yesterday they just did not stick around, he saw the whale the day before that and now a seal.

I told him I think he only tells me he sees things just to get a rise out of me and that he doesn't actually see them. Haha.

An update on our plans:

- This morning we were unsure where we were going to be tonight. It is too cold to anchor but the most affordable marina is not as far along north as we wanted to go today. We are making good time today so Mark spent some time making phone calls and gathering prices and booked us at Burr's Marina, New London, CT.

- Booked for one night at Safe Harbor Onset, MA for Saturday night. Good rate for the one night. Too cold to anchor so paying for one more night before riding the Cape Cod Canal current through to Sandwich Marina on Sunday where we will be the month of March.

We cruised with little to see. Long Island Sound is wide and straight and not busy with traffic this time of year. We came into the Thames River in CT with no trouble and pulled into the marina with a little trouble.

What trouble? Disappointed, to say the least about the quality of the docks, the electricity, and not the welcomed sight we were hoping for after a long day at sea. Mark contacted the marina manager asking about the electric output. It was not enough to turn on all the luxuries and unfortunately no showers tonight. Thankful for body spray and deodorant and hats!

We stayed next door at the Thames Port Marina on our trip south. They did not answer the phone or return any messages. Although in the same harbor and hardly decipherable with the close proximity to Burr's Marina, Thames Port Marina has better quality docks, electricity, and an available bathhouse.

There is a significant tide here @ 4 feet.

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### Points of interest and photos from today:

- ❖ Brooklyn Bridge
- ❖ Ample Hills Creamery—in the historic fireboat station at the Brooklyn Bridge
- ❖ South Street Seaport w/Lightship Ambrose
- ❖ Jane's Carousel – restored 1922 carousel
- ❖ SUNY Maritime Academy & the T/V Empire State
- ❖ North Brothers Island – there is a lot of dark history surrounding this island including a side-wheel steamboat that caught fire and sank close by. It was the home of a hospital to treat infectious diseases...history101.com
- ❖ Hart Island – in Long Island Sound
- ❖ Stepping Stones Lighthouse – 1877 – now owned by the Town of Hempstead

- ❖ Eatons Point Lighthouse – Long Island, now an active Coast Guard Station dates back to 1798
- ❖ Execution Rocks Lighthouse
- ❖ New London Harbor Lighthouse
- ❖ New London Ledge Light



This flew over our heads this morning as we were passing LaGuardia airport.

**Bear Force One**

[Jordan Allen](#) May 13, 2019- authored:

Aptly named “Bear Force One,” the Airbus A320 was unveiled at a ceremony in the presence of JetBlue and Bruins executives plus the Bruins’ mascot, Blades the Bruin, and fans. The aircraft is going on its first revenue flight with the new livery on Monday, transporting Bruins fans on a charter flight to Raleigh-Durham for Game 3 of the finals. It will then return to regularly scheduled service with the airline. <https://thepointsguy.com/news/jetblue-special-boston-bruins-plane/>

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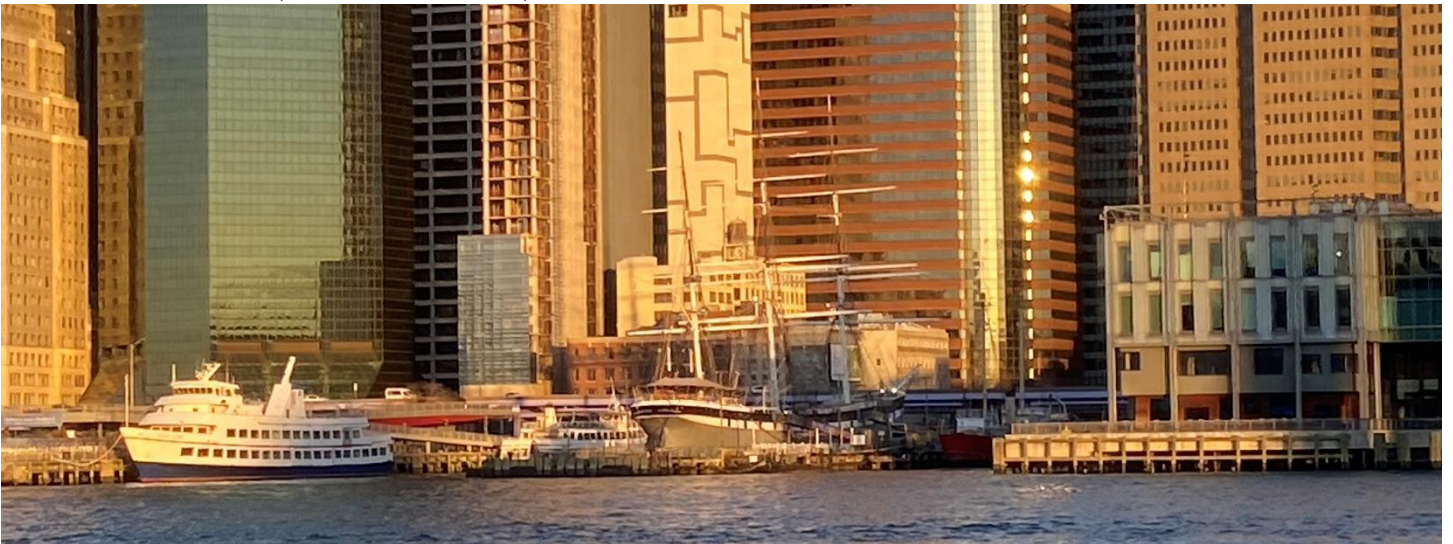
Manhattan & the Brooklyn Bridge @ sunrise



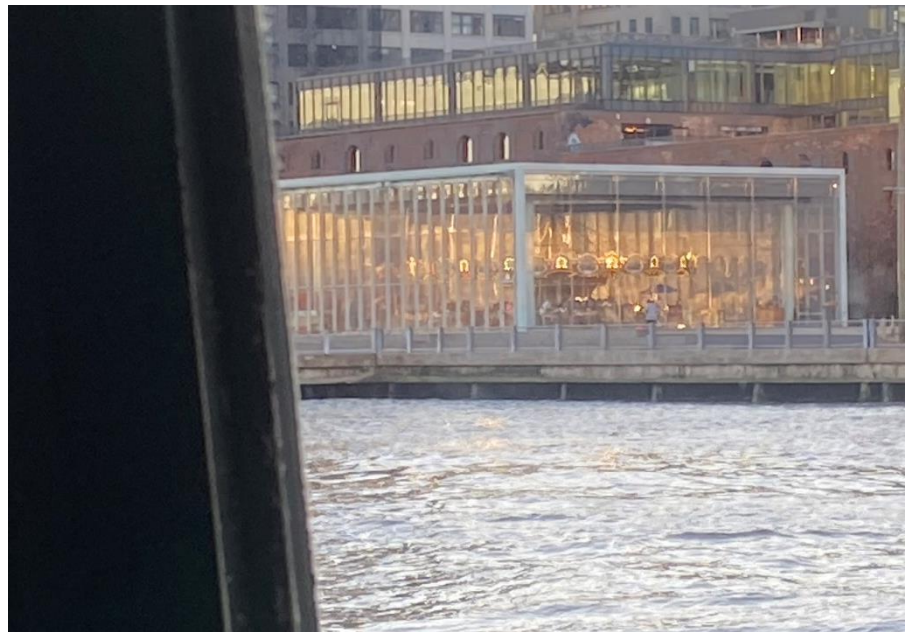
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South Street Seaport w/Lightship Ambrose



Jane's Carousel - restored 1922 carousel (Brooklyn)



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Hart Island – in Long Island Sound – a million people are laid to rest here in the public cemetery located here; including victims of the coronavirus as NYC's mortuaries became overwhelmed. It has been used as a prisoner-of-war camp, a workhouse, tubercularium and a prison...[nypl.org](http://nypl.org)





*Stepping Stones Lighthouse - 1877 - now owned by the Town of Hempstead*

*Sands Point Lighthouse, located on Long Island Cow's Neck Peninsula*







*Eatons Point Lighthouse - Long Island, now an active Coast Guard Station dates back to 1798*

*Execution Rocks Lighthouse - a lot of haunted stories surrounding this lighthouse*



Rocky reefs, 1,650 yards northwest of Sands Point on the western end of Long Island Sound, carry a chilling legend of how they received their name. According to folklore, which has never been proven true, the British avoided public executions in Colonial times because they would inflame the revolutionary spirit of the American people. Instead, they would carry the condemned to these reefs at low tide, chain them to rings embedded in the rock, and wait for high tide to carry out the death sentence. Some say the skeletons were left to torture the minds of the newly condemned as they faced certain death.

The ghosts of the victims later had their revenge when a shipload of British soldiers, sent to pursue Washington on his retreat from Manhattan to White Plains, foundered at the reef and no redcoats survived.

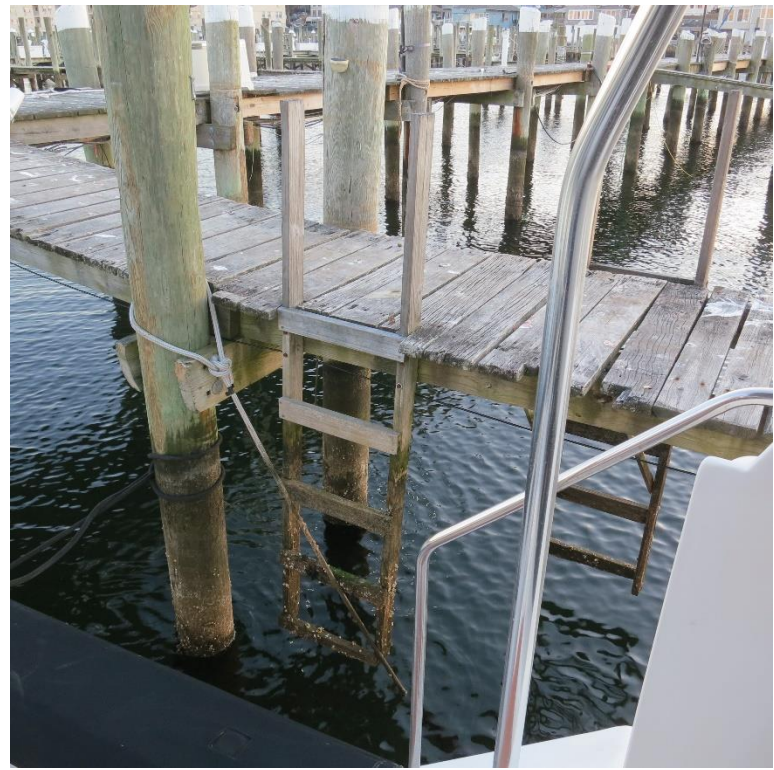
The legend of the executions had such hold, that when lightkeepers were assigned to Execution Rocks, they were under a unique contract. No lightkeeper was to ever feel chained to the reef. Instead of stating a set length of duty, their contract read that their length of service was for as long as they were willing. If for any reason they requested a transfer, it was instantly granted – perhaps that is why only one head keeper spent more than a decade at the station. <https://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=749>



*New London Harbor Light, Thames River, New London, CT*

*New London Ledge Lighthouse, Thames River, New London, CT*





Our marina for the night.



The Groton Monument was built between 1826 and 1830 and is the oldest monument of its type in the country. Built of granite quarried locally, the Monument stands 135 feet tall with 166 steps. There is a marble memorial plaque with the names of the defenders who fell during the Battle of Groton Heights on September 6, 1781.

<https://www.fortgriswold.org/the-monument-and-museum/>

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