

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

Somewhere on the Water

March 5, 2022 –Thames River Connecticut to Onset, MA
Day 88 – Saturday

6:15 a.m.- alarm
7:00 a.m. - departure

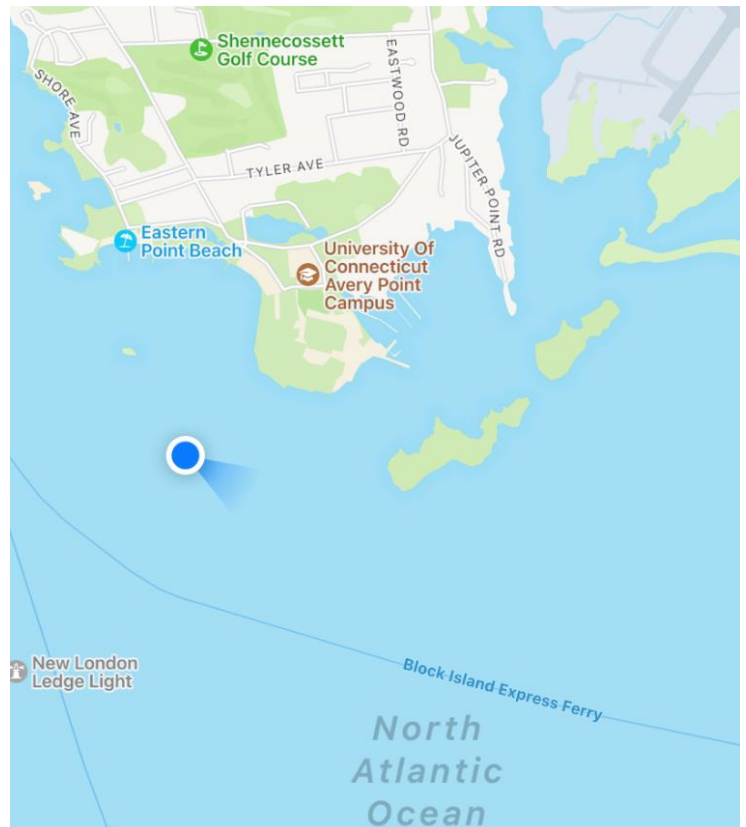
A blanket of frost covers everything this morning. It is glistening in the sun and crunches under our feet when we disturb it with our early morning rustling about.

We had 7.2feet of water under us at the dock this morning, 32 degrees has warmed to 35 by the time I am typing this at
7:08 a.m.

A long day is planned. Leaving Burr's Marina, New London, CT and cruising to our next dock for one night at Safe Harbor Onset, MA

For now, we are expected to reach Onset, MA at 3:30 p.m. That will change. We are currently going with a current and eventually, we will be going against it.

We passed by the University of Connecticut @ Avery Point as well as Avery Point Lighthouse.





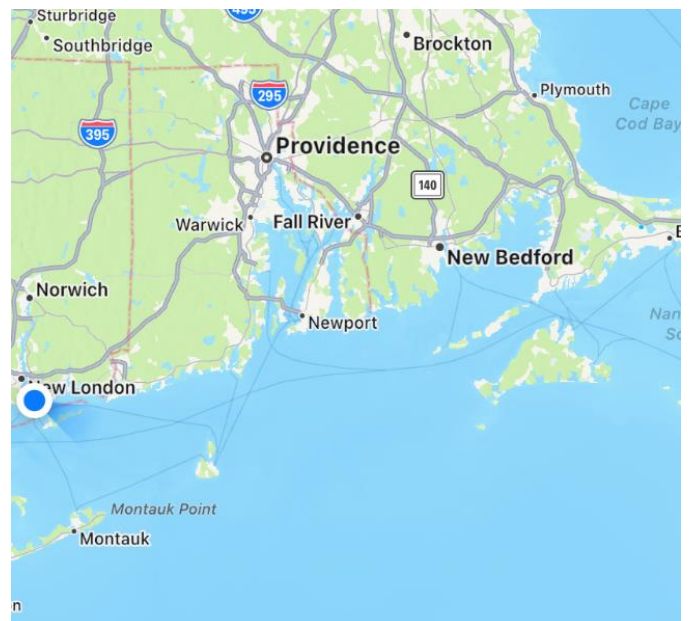
Avery Point

Latimer Reef Light
-a cast iron sparkplug
tower dating back to
1884 and is actually
located in Fishers
Island Sound, New
York. However the
proximity of it to
Connecticut it can be
found listed under CT
lighthouses as well).



While cruising yesterday in the Long Island Sound once we left New York and come into the Sound we had Connecticut on our port side and Long Island, NY on our Starboard side and we were cruising right down the middle almost exactly on the borderline.

We continue to cruise the Long Island Sound this morning until we reach Rhode Island Sound and yahoouuuuuuuuu....Buzzards Bay!!! HOME!!!



About last night:

- Exhausted
- Noisy
- Hungry
- Disappointed
- Lighthearted

Exhausted – because we have been cruising 4-long days straight and not too many peaceful nights of sleep. I fell asleep after a late dinner (8:00 p.m.) on the couch. My turn for a sofa nap. I woke around 10 p.m. to a dark salon and moved my body downstairs to bed. Haleigh and Mark cleaned up after dinner (typically my job) which was wonderful of them to do!

Noisy - The boat needed fenders last night. After we were cozy in bed the squeaking and rubbing of Valkyrie up against the pilings was not a welcomed noise so Mark go up and placed two fenders in between us and the piling.

Hungry – thank goodness for Haleigh she fed me! Stuffed Shells.

Disappointed – in this marina. We did not even have enough power to heat our hot water tanks, run the stove, or any other luxury. Heat however was the reason we paid for a marina so grateful for that and I count my blessings for warmth.

Lighthearted – We Face-Timed with Jordan!!! She has had positive responses from her summer applications and is feeling good about that. And, I am only one week away from seeing her. We haven't seen each other since early December. (minus the 1-1.5 hour in the driveway at her boyfriend's house December 27).

The water is calm and the sun is rising. Mark and I pause to recognize the blessings stowed upon us and we are happy that we will end this cruise with a glorious day at sea. Thank you Mother Nature.



I saw 4 seals. WooHoo, I saw wildlife other than birds!

Watch Hill Lighthouse, here on Watch Hill Point is the first lighthouse that has a beacon of light shining out to sea.



A very impressive lighthouse and the Ocean House is amazing. A victorian-style 1868 historic inn. This is the town of Westerly, RI.



The homes here in Westerly that are shoreside are amazing. The wealth that is evident from our point of view is something that I cannot put words to. Seeing these homes is impressive and leads me to ask a lot of questions.

My first question is: If it is not used as an inn why do you need so many rooms?

Are they always filled with quests and family?

Or is it just a status symbol to show off your wealth?

Maybe they are for a company retreat, a tax write-off if you use it for business?

Because you have the wealth, then why not just surround yourself with the luxury comfort you can afford and enjoy.

It is all good and fun to let your imagination wander and wonder.

We have seen some amazing homes, inns, historic lighthouses, etc. all along the east coast during our trip, and is obviously not exclusive to Westerly, RI.

Coming up onto the 3rd hour of our trip we have Block Island off our starboard side. There are 4 wind turbines in our view off their shoreline. Point Judith will be on our portside soon.



Mark saw a few boats this morning, a couple of ships heading south, and two identical Coast Guard boats cruising at high speed hugging the shoreline. We cross several ferry lanes that lead in and out of Block Island and service surrounding points such as Montauk, NY; Point Judith, RI; Fishers Island, NY. Montauk is the last town on the tip of Long Island, NY.

Once we cruise out of Long Island Sound we will be cruising Block Island Sound until we pass Point Judith. Then we will be on Rhode Island Sound.

Point Judith Lighthouse has an interesting history – you can read about it by clicking the link.

<https://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=400>



11:34 a.m. we are passing by the ever so impressive Newport Mansions, Cliff Walk and through binoculars have a little bit of fun identifying each one. The cathedral on the hill is also very visible and impressive. (Saint Mary's Romain Catholic Church?)

Much like yesterday we are in a very wide body of water and traveling a few miles offshore so anything in view needs the aid of the binoculars.

12:45 p.m. We are officially in Buzzards Bay, MA, and I have spent too much time during today's cruise working on writing the blog so I am going to enjoy the HOME STRETCH with Mark at the helm.

We are just passing Cutty Hunk and I am so excited to be seeing all the old familiar places and cannot wait to see all the old familiar faces!!!

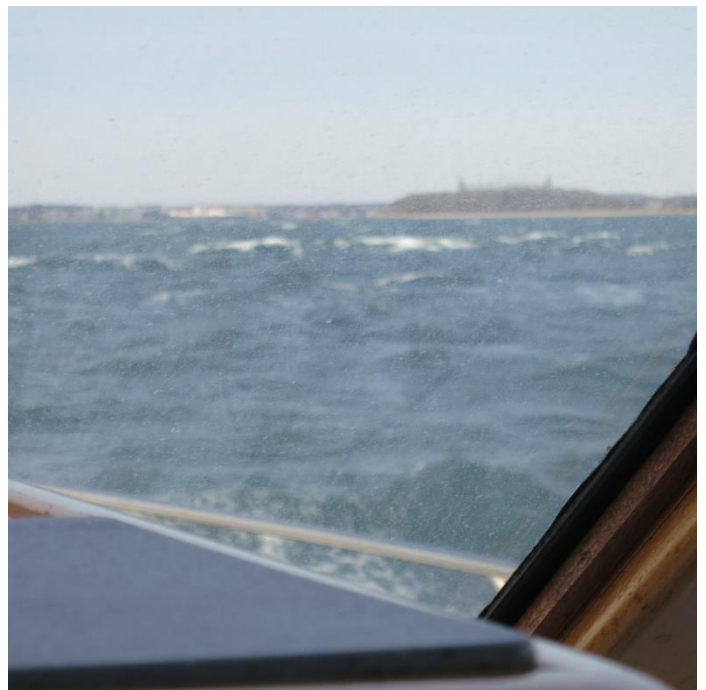


Once the home to the “Witch of Wall Street” even from far away it is an impressive sight. Check out the link for some history. This is located in Dartmouth, MA

<http://thegildedageera.blogspot.com/2013/06/round-hill-residence-of-col-ed-green.html>

2:32 p.m. We are still cruising Buzzards Bay with one more hour to go. We can see Cleveland Ledge, Bird Island, the Cap Cod Canal Train Bridge. It is all getting closer with every nautical mile.

The calm waters of this morning are not so calm anymore.



The Cape Cod Canal made things difficult for Mark and Valkyrie. We had current and wind fighting each other causing large swells that tossed us around. If we had gotten sideways in this mess it would not have gone well. A challenge to say the very least for Mark as he has our home in his hands and the Cape Cod Canal was in its normal fury with the wind blowing in its usual SouthWest direction against an outgoing current. We have been in these swells several times with Second Nature but this is the first time with Valkyrie.

<https://youtu.be/7dsgdoY-45g> Watch Valkyrie surf the canal here!



3:45 p.m.

The winds made our docking a little tricky but with good teamwork, we tied up and hooked up and settled in.

Plot Twist: Plans are ever-changing!

We will be here until **Monday** morning with winds forecasted to be kicking up even stronger Sunday.

No need to invite chaos by trying to move since we are already back here, home on Buzzards Bay.



Snow and ice were greeting us as we turned into Onset Harbor. Not a very welcomed sight. I believe I said something along the lines of:

What the hell is this white crap! 😊

A seal is hanging out on a big rock next to Wickets Island. We used to come here with our Chris Craft, *Second Nature*, and anchor next to Wickets Island. We used to call it *Island for Sale* because there used to be a big for sale sign on it. The kids were little and we would make up ghost stories about the island, come here for July 4th fireworks, great memories to reminisce over.





Our view of the
Cape Cod Canal
from our dock at
Safe Harbor, Onset.

Sunset over Wickets Island, Onset



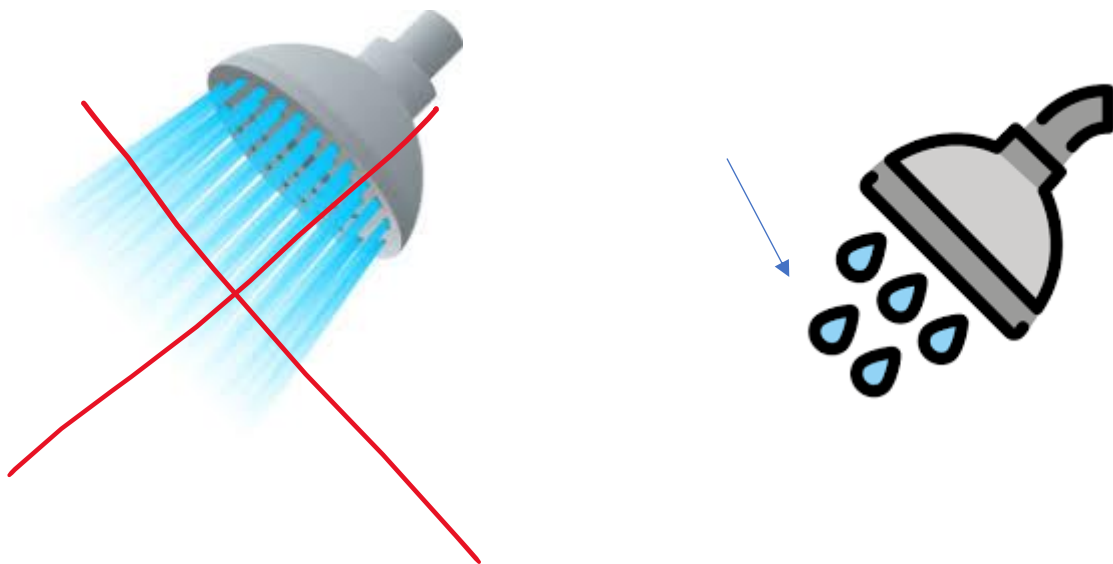
So happy to be here at a marina with open Bath Houses!
We left Chincoteague, VA with a full tank of water. 150 gallons.
Between Chincoteague and here we have not been able to fill our water tank so we have had to be very conservative with our water. The 150 gallons needed to be used for cooking, dishes, showers, cleaning, etc.

You know...all the things you use water for, except we only have 150 gallons and we did not know when we were going to be able to fill up again.

1. We went from Chincoteague to Cape May, NJ – anchored. Took a quick, conservative shower.
2. Cape May, NJ to Manasquan, NJ – tied up to fuel dock, no bathhouse, water shut off for the season.
3. Manasquan to New London, CT – no bathhouse, water off for the season.
4. New London, CT to Onset, MA – water off for the season, open bathhouse! Showers with unlimited water!!!

What is a quick, conservative shower?

- ✓ Water on, get wet.
- ✓ Water off, soap up/shampoo hair.
- ✓ Water on, rinse.
- ✓ Water off.



Thanks to an open, [clean](#) bathhouse, we took very long, hot showers, which was very lovely. Then had a very peaceful night's sleep which was even lovelier.