

March 7, 2022 – Onset, MA to Town of Sandwich Marina Day 90 – Monday

Last day!



We survived 90 days of travel and adventure onboard Valkyrie.

We left Cape Cod on December 8, 2021, with Jordan, Diane, Mark, Haleigh, and myself. Jordan and Diane cruised with us until we arrived in NYC. They departed on December 11 and returned to the Cape. The remainder of the cruise was Mark, Haleigh, and me! A lot of people are asking how we made out? How'd you get along? Are you going to do the loop after this?

Stay tuned....we will answer these questions and more in the very near future!

This morning's cruise will take us through the Cape Cod Canal. Many of you know the history of the Cape Cod Canal, its bridges, and its recreational offerings. For those who don't know here are a few facts:

- The Cape Cod Canal is a manmade waterway.
- It is 17.4 miles long
- The canal and its bridges are operated and maintained by the US Amry Corps of Engineers
- There is a visitor center open seasonally @ 60 Ed Moffitt Drive, Sandwich – if you are in the area it is worth a visit!
- There are paved paths on both sides of the canal open to the public at no cost for biking, walking, rollerblading, etc. And, it is pet friendly.
- Fishing from the canal banks is permitted but make sure you educate yourself on required licensing.
- 3 bridges span the canal. The Sagamore Bridge, the Bourne Bridge, and the RailRoad Bridge.
- The RR bridge was completed in 1935 (I think)
- The Bourne and Sagamore bridges were opened to traffic in 1935
- For more information & to double-check my facts: https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation/cape-cod-canal/

In addition to cruising by the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, we also pass by the Buzzards Bay Park which was revitalized with the addition of a splash pad and playground in 2018. In one of my videos, I mention the Cape Cod Baseball League's Spillane Field but that is **not** what we are looking at in the video. The home field for the Wareham Gatemen team is at the Wareham high school.

In the video of us going under the Sagamore Bridge we mention the Cape Flyer:

Welcome aboard the CapeFLYER, a summer weekend passenger train that runs **from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day** from South Station to Hyannis, with stops in Braintree, Brockton, Middleborough/Lakeville, Wareham Village, Buzzards Bay, and Bourne.

https://capeflyer.com/

We were very fortunate that we were able to cruise the canal with the flow of the current and not against it. It can reach up to 6knots so we are not interested in trying to push against it.

Slow! OMG even with the current, cruising the canal can be very slow. If you REALLY want to know what it is like to cruise the canal...check these out. Un-Edited...slow, did I mention that the canal is slow for boat traffic. If you are a boater cruising fast through the canal, you are breaking the rules! Are there rules??

https://www.kingmanyachtcenter.com/tips-on-boating-through-thecape-cod-canal/

However it is that you interpret the CC Canal speed limit the key is to watch your wake.

1st Video: https://youtu.be/vsKMmwYqgeY Leaving Onset, MA

2nd Video: <u>https://youtu.be/TQxuBKsfZXk</u> Bourne Bridge

3rd Video: <u>https://youtu.be/1kCiREFtiSQ</u> Sagamore Bridge

4th Video: <u>https://youtu.be/jzCbznYyXCs</u> East End, Sandwich Marina

Mass Maritime Academy & the Railroad Bridge





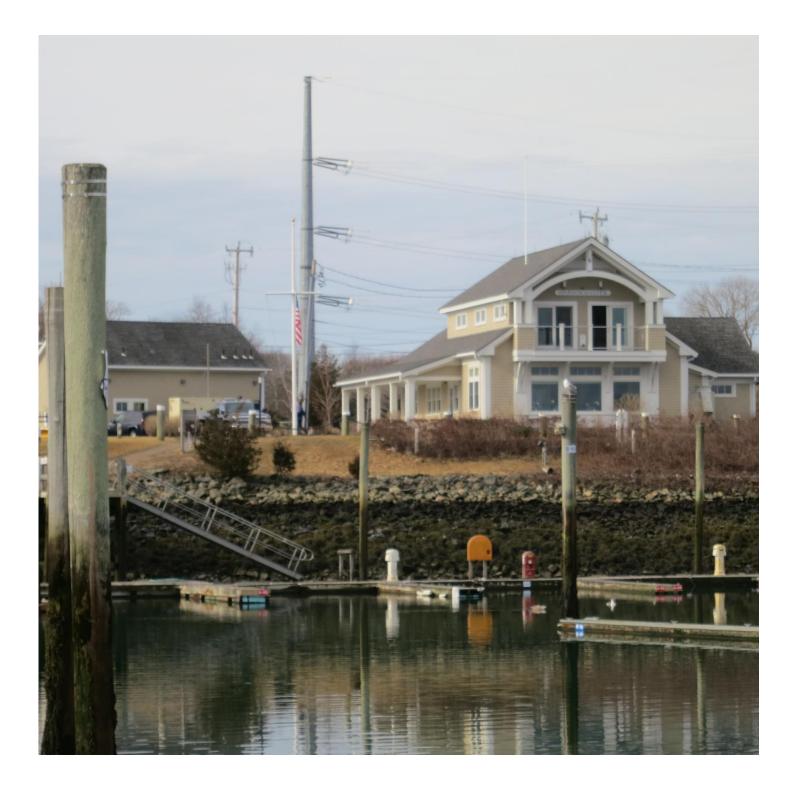
Bourne Bridge





Approaching Town of Sandwich Marina





We were tied up by 9:30 a.m. and had a nice welcome from Diane (Mark's mom) who brought muffins.

She stayed and chatted a while and as the day progressed we were able to start figuring out how we were going to transition back into a more normal routine. We will continue to update you on how life onboard Valkyrie is and we had a few fun things we thought we would like to do to help wrap things up.

For example:

- Rate our marina experiences.
- Go through and share our expenses
- Share some of our favorite moments
- Cooking Encounters with HB will continue so watch for her recipes!

PLUS, something I am excited about. We are going to go **Back in Time** and share with you the story of how we found Valkyrie, sold the house, etc.

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