

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

# *Somewhere on the Water*

Town of Sandwich Marina

March 28, 2022 – April 10, 2022

Recap of the last update:

- ✓ Fixed the watermaker
- ✓ Took on fuel & talked about algae
- ✓ Fixed the raw water pump on the starboard engine
- ✓ Jordan came home for Spring Break and HB spent time with a dear friend

What is on topic for this update?

1. Cold – ice & snow flurries
2. Hot water tank leak
3. Sandwich Marina projects (sidewalk & road repave & fixed a few boards on the dock)
4. Signs of Spring
5. Haleigh is still cooking! Check out some of her recipes!
6. Right Whales
7. Masterbath toilet tank hose

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I created a new page on our website. Now that our winter cruise is officially over I decided to create this new page for updates and as a place to begin telling our backstory. If you are reading this then you already found the link 😊

Whenever you see this  
and greatest news!

Update

then you know you are seeing the latest

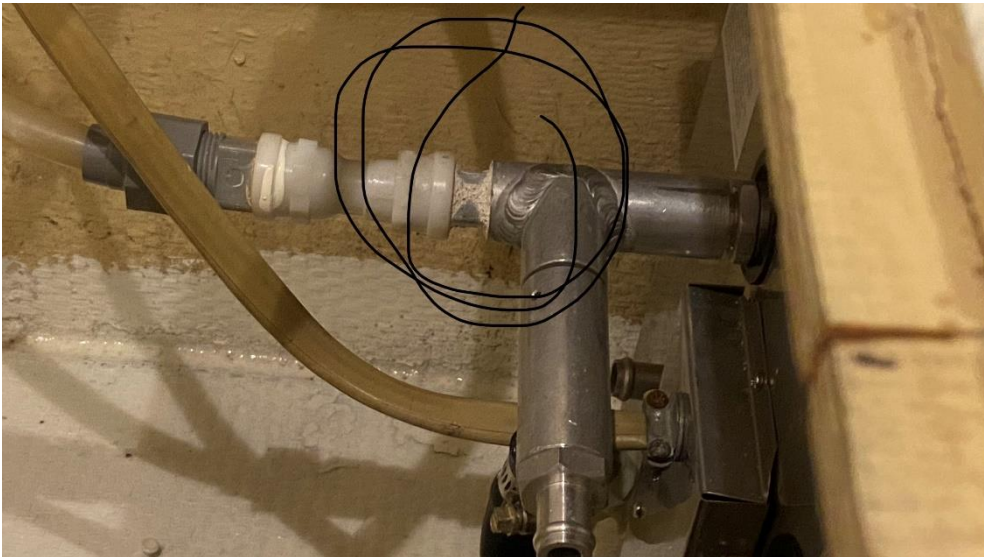
<https://alongsidedcreations.com/somewhere-on-the-water-living-on-board-valkyrie/>

Let's go through the list and get you all caught up on the happenings onboard Valkyrie!

1. Cold weather! Mark is not happy on this last day of March.

This week we had ice on the surface of the water, snow flurries, iced-over puddles of water, and today the wind is blowing us around. The ropes are a bit squeaky but not too bad. I tried capturing us moving about on video but of course, I was unsuccessful. We have had a couple of really windy days with gusts that pushed us around like a playground bully getting its kicks. It is hard to invite company over when the house is moving about; we do not want to get anyone nauseous.

2. The hot water tank sprung a leak!





The hot water tank is located under Jordan's bed. So once again Mark donned his favorite fashion accessory and changed out a valve.

FYI – Valkyrie has 2-hot water tanks on board. Both are located here under Jordan's bed.

### 3. Town of Sandwich projects

There has been a lot of activity surrounding the marina and the canal. Sidewalks got repaved, the Ed Moffit Drive has been repaved, and the parking lot at the Visitor Center has been repaved. The marina has been sprucing things up by replacing some dock boards and pressure washing the docks.

The work has been quick and rather quiet. Nothing too disturbing or inconvenient. But, who am I to say, I have been watching all of this activity from the comfort of Valkryie and not out and about maneuvering around the construction projects.



There is also a considerable amount of work taking place on the railroad tracks.

New gravel, new railroad ties, tree trimming, and brush clearing are some of what I have witnessed while walking along the canal.

The Sandwich Harbormaster got a new boat. You can read about that here: [https://www.capenews.net/sandwich/news/sandwich-harbormaster-takes-delivery-of-new-boat/article\\_cd5b002b-195a-513c-b966-2d394a3f7d6a.html](https://www.capenews.net/sandwich/news/sandwich-harbormaster-takes-delivery-of-new-boat/article_cd5b002b-195a-513c-b966-2d394a3f7d6a.html)

4. Signs of Spring are everywhere.

- ✓ Daffodils on the roadside
- ✓ What little decorating we can do is done
- ✓ Boats are getting put in
- ✓ Bunnies are everywhere
- ✓ Praise be! We have live water!!! Woo Hoo!



We have 3-  
new  
neighboring  
boats along  
our dock



Before we were able to hook up Valkyrie to live water we had been making our own. At first, it was a slow process at about 9 gallons per hour. Then he changed the membrane which brought us to 13 gallons per hour. Now, after having changed the **filters we went from** approximately 200-280 in the meter reading to 92. That there be good water y'all.

5. Haleigh is back to work but is still taking good care of us.

As a matter of fact, she is doing her job too well, I am unfortunately not containing myself and going back for seconds and my belt loop is well... let's just say, I am not wearing my belt anymore... full-time elastic-waisted pants for me...lol...



For fun, she has been practicing her cake decorating skills and for fun, I have been eating her work!

She also made an amazing oreo cake the other day with cream, marzipan cheese, and whatever all – else goodness there is in it; and, well, I ate some of that too!

Did I mention we are a very short stone's throw away from The Shipwreck Icecream shop? Yea, I think we are considered frequent customers.



Good thing I have been walking the canal. 4-miles takes me to the Sagamore Bridge & back to the marina.

<https://alongsidecreations.com/health-wellbeing/> This link will take you to her page "Cooking Encounters with HB" Together we are updating as quickly as we can with recipes, cooking tips, etc. We just introduced a new kid-friendly series that has recipes that are healthy and easy enough to make with the kids. Or, they can try them on their own – with supervision.



Stepping out of our norm-  
Mark and I cooked dinner  
together one evening.  
Shrimp from RE Mayo  
And scallops fresh from our  
neighboring boat's catch.

## 6. The Right Whales are off Cape Cod Canal

We saw this R/V (Research Vessel) loading and offloading here at the marina. Lucky enough to run into them the other day (on our way back from getting icecream 😊) and they said the Right Whales are right at the end of the canal. The canal was closed to shipping traffic for a few days for protection and the Environmental Police are out patrolling every day.

We invited some friends to join us for a Sunday morning cruise to see if we could see them. After a friendly reminder from the Environmental Police that we are to keep our speed under 10 knots and to stay 500 yards away, off we went. We cruise along the coast towards Sandy Neck Beach. We were



anticipated to be in 2' waves but of course, that was not the case. Closer to 3-4'. Luckily our friends were able to enjoy the cruise however we did not see any whales.

While having cocktails in the cockpit at the dock we saw the EP and they said they did not see any today either.

There are only approximately 336 Right Whales left and here in our local waters, can have close to 170 of them this time of year.

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/endangered-species-conservation/north-atlantic-right-whale-calving-season-2022>

NOAA follows these whales...if interested the link above has info!

To wrap up this update we have our final topic:

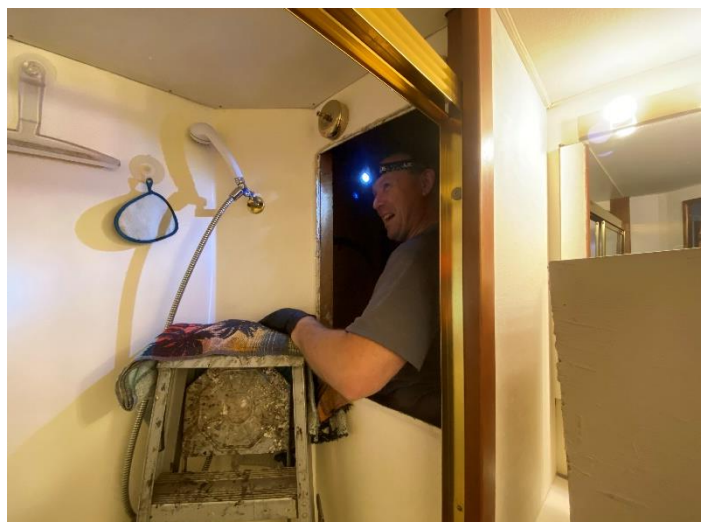
#### 7. The master bath toilet tank hose.

WeIIIII....actually...I am going to hold off on updating you on that project. It involves a lot of photos, and a few videos that need to be spliced together...so stay tuned on that one!

It involved emptying my closet the bathroom cabinet and a vicarious position or two on Mark's part!

Here is a sneak peek:

Once again..thanks for following along.





Thank you to all those who have been following along and continue to support us. As I work on typing our “back-story” and bring you up to date on how & why we decided to sell everything and buy a boat to live and cruise full time for the next several years; your support means everything. For those who have contributed to our cup a special thanks!

If you would like to contribute see the link below. Another way to support us is to Like & Subscribe to our YouTube page.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRoO6w8JLnITrWcZdPDJY0Q>

One last thing...if you know of anyone interested in our story, feel free to share it with your friends and family. We aren't shy and happy to have everyone on board with us sharing our adventures.

For those of you who have asked: What is a Contribution Cup?

Have you ever seen a “Buy me a Coffee” link on your favorite creator's website when browsing Pinterest or on your favorite bloggers' page? It is exactly like “buy me a coffee” but we chose to call it our “contribution cup.”

Much like you would tip your favorite waiter, buy a newly released book from a well-liked author, or throw your loose change into a street performer's hat; the Contribution Cup is our “tip jar.” It is customizable to any amount. \$1, \$5, or more. It is just one way to show support. No pressure or obligation. Unlike a Patreon account, it is not a monthly obligation but still a way to show patronage towards a creator that you enjoy following.

If you have enjoyed our journey and would like to contribute to our *contribution cup* feel free to do so. Just click **Contribution Cup** on this link: <https://alongsidecreations.com/somewhereonthewater/>

There is no obligation to contribute. Our content will continue to be created and updated and shared with our friends and family. Thank you again for sharing in our life's adventures. Stay tuned for more.