

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

Somewhere on the Water

Town of Sandwich Marina

April 25, 2022 – May 12, 2022

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

Recap of the last update:

- ✓ Mayflower goes through the canal
- ✓ Jellyfish sightings
- ✓ Master bathroom toilet repair

What to expect in this



1. Social Calendar is getting busy
2. New faucet
3. Another leak – ugh – where is it coming from?
4. Marina activity
5. Bilge Pump
6. Mother's Day

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

1. Our Social Calendar

Well, let me see where I should start? Many Spring weekends, even if the weather is warm, our idea of fun is to enjoy the flybridge with a cocktail, & good music on the stereo. We stick close to home. And do you blame us?

Our home is a boat! 😁 🍹 🚤

Lately, however, we have stepped out of our norm.

Jordan was home one weekend a while back and invited us to Fins Restaurant in Hyannis to dine and watch her friend's band play. – Club 9 Ball. They were great. It was fun to hang out with Jordan have a few beers and see her interact with her friends. A nice reminder of what it was like to be in our 20s.



<https://digboston.com/young-band-of-brothers-club-9-ball-rocks-for-all-ages/>

Here is an article about the 3-brothers who form this band. They have a Facebook page that lists their summer schedule. Plus, you can see videos on YouTube.



We followed up that weekend with another weekend of music and drinks over at the Fisherman's View; walking distance from our boat and then later that same evening over to the Pilot House; also within walking distance. The band at the Pilot House played a lot of summer-time fun music that got the very large age-varied crowd out on the dance floor. It was like a celebration of life; finally free from the constraints of home, covid, cold weather, etc.

Do you remember? That day back in February? I mentioned rollerblading! It was the first time in many years I put rollerblades on my feet. We bladed the trails at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge; after walking the 2.8 miles to get there from Valkyrie which was docked downtown.

<https://alongsidedcreations.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/somewhere-on-the-water-February-26-2022.pdf> You can read about it here.

I was not so sure why I felt the need to suggest rollerblading again after that day, but I did. I suggested we rollerblade the Cape Cod Canal – you know, like we did BC – yea, let's do that!

What was I



thinking?

The wind has been ridiculous here on the Canal and everywhere else; I have been enjoying way too many cocktails and second helpings of Haleigh's cooking so I am carrying a couple of extra pounds, and allergies this Spring are kicking my ass!

Combine all those things...



So BC (Before Children) Mark and I would rollerblade the Cape Cod Canal at least once a week. The full length of the trail. On this particular day; we turned at mile-marker 2. Putting in a 4-mile round trip attempt. The pavement was not as smooth as I remember. My head was in a constant state of vibration and with the cold wind, I was brewing a headache.

Upon return; we sat at a nearby picnic table to take off the blades and contemplate whether we should keep them. They are 27-year-old antiques.

That answers that question!

Turns out Mark's blades had a huge crack.

Dumpster they went!



Haleigh and I went to Boston!



An enjoyable, interactive evening with a full energetic crowd and live orchestra. I still have no idea what *Undertale* is all about but I do know that it is a video game with a huge following! I was thrilled to have a night out in Boston with Haleigh and experience something new to me, but a huge interest of hers!

2. New faucet

Is adulting all about getting excited over things like new kitchen faucets? It is ok with me if it is. I love my new faucet! Hopefully, we won't have to replace it anytime soon because what was supposed to be a quick project turned into a 2 ½ hour pain in Mark's ass project.

I did not take a video. Just a lot of photos.



Out with the OLD



In with the NEW





The instructions were nonexistent and we aren't sure that the old faucet isn't original to the boat – 1991. It was very difficult to remove. Many trips to Mark's work truck and a lot of trial and error with tools due to the tight squeeze, the old corroded fittings, etc.

Finally, 2 ½ hours later it is done!



3. Another leak!

It is a Thursday. I am working at the table. Mark came home around 12:30 p.m. Early day! He asked *what is exciting?*

I pointed to my workstation and said *this...this is my excitement.*

I am not sure what else is exciting out there in the world beyond my arm's reach.

We had watched a few boats get put in the water this morning here at the marina. It was originally scheduled to be a very busy day at the

marina's boat ramp getting boats out of the parking lot and into the water.

After Mark left for work I paid no attention to what is going on outside; or inside for that matter because....

...there is a leak somewhere! The bilge pump has gone off **4-times** since Mark left this morning....well...**there YOU go...there is your excitement!**

"Not the kind of excitement I want," he says...

Headlamp on; off he goes looking for leaks...

Most likely it is a water heater...

Again?!

Yes, again! Sorry, Jordan. Your room is getting torn apart for one more water heater repair.



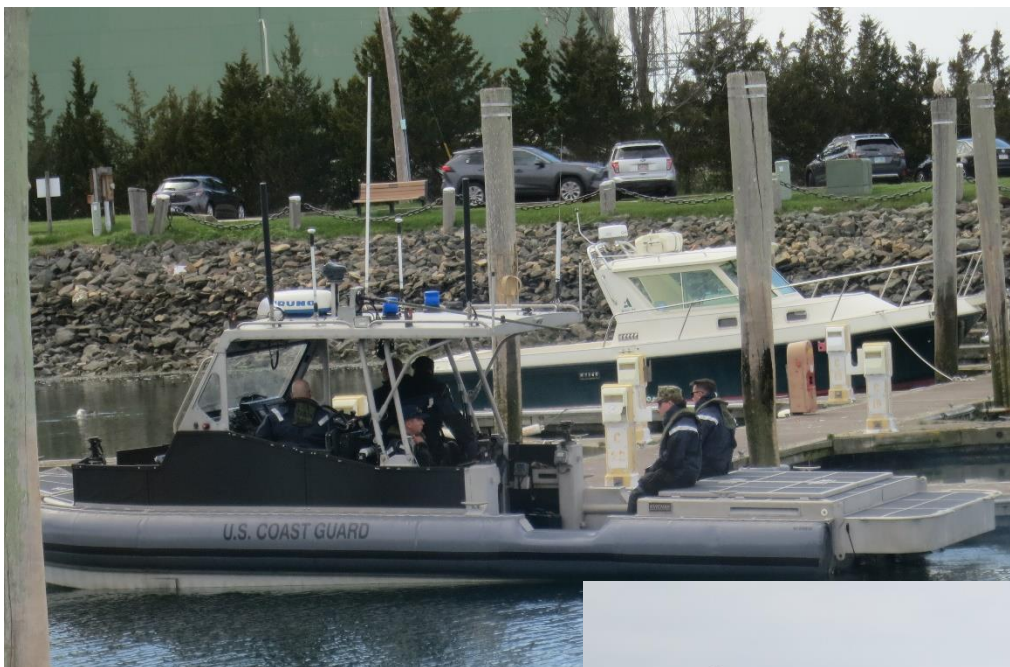
Put an expansion tank on the water heater...

<https://youtu.be/Xop8uroDldQ>

4. Marina Activity

Since our arrival, we have witnessed a lot of different boats come and go. This includes:

- research Vessels (R/V)
- patrol boats
- commercial
- charter
- pleasure boats of all makes & models
- enforcement
- pilot





How many different enforcement organizations/agencies can you name?

Here in this marina, I have seen:

1. Fire
2. Environmental
3. US Coast Guard
4. Harbor Master
5. State Police
6. Cape Cod Canal Patrol

That should wrap it up in all the types of enforcement agencies there are except for our armed forces.





This boat's name is my favorite!

The boats that are in winter storage here in the Sandwich Marina's parking lot have until the weekend of May 13-15 to move their boats.

Marina management has been busy with managing the trailers, launching, shrink wrap disposal with extra dumpsters, sprucing up the area with mulch, painting, signage, etc. Boaters are anxious to get back on the water and it is fun to watch the marina come alive with activity.

Valkyrie did have a couple of near-misses. Mark had watched over the bow one morning before work and had to push off a boat from clipping us and then of course in this video you see me taking over "watch duty."

<https://youtu.be/z2vCFKAwnT0>

5. Bilge clean up

As often as needed, but not regularly Mark vacuums the sump pumps and bilge. Typically after a long cruise or a lot of rain or whenever he deems necessary. Valkyrie has a bilge pump counter. As you have read in

our blogs if there is an occasion that the counter indicator changes from 0 to any other number Mark starts looking for water; water is coming into the boat from somewhere.

Using the dry/vac he goes into all those spaces that are a tight squeeze with nicknames like "the hole" and sucks up all the standing water. It is a boat chore that takes time and over the 1-1/2 years we have been onboard he has done it enough to have created an efficient procedure to get it done. It is better than raking leaves he says!

<https://youtu.be/FPuTmrDZ3mM>

6. Mother's Day!

Isn't every day Mother's Day? I am blessed to have a family that makes me feel loved and valued every day. This year it looked a little different because instead of spending it with both my girls it was just one. Jordan.

Haleigh had to work a double shift. Mark, Diane (Mark's mom) and I drove to Maine, grabbed Jordan from school, and spent a windy, but sunny day in Portland. It has been over 25 years since I walked downtown Portland. Mark's first trip to Portland. We enjoyed a tasty lunch at the Portland Lobster House with live music, treated ourselves to Maine Potatoe Donuts, and ducked in and out of many shops. (too many 😊)



Of course, we missed Haleigh, but Jordan is due home this week at the end of her Junior year at school and we have all summer to be together.

It was a long but wonderful day.



Before I let you go....

BONUS VIDEO! <https://youtu.be/BEQxnSzCrcw>

A very windy sunset walk along First Beach, Sandwich, MA.

The long-awaited Marina Ratings have been loaded onto the webpage. It is best viewed in Excel Spreadsheet format however I did put a pdf on the site as well.

The marinas we rated are from the winter cruise including the Sandwich Marina! Click this link and scroll down the page you will find it!

[https://alongsidcreations.com/somewhere-on-the-water-living-on-board-Valkyrie/](https://alongsidcreations.com/somewhere-on-the-water-living-on-board- Valkyrie/)

That is a wrap for this update!



What to expect next:

- Wrapping things up here in Sandwich
- Moving to West Island
- Cooking Encounters with HB = yummy recipes to include 2 sweet potato recipes.
- The release of Volume 1 of our backstory!

Time is unrenewable and tomorrow is never promised so do it before you can't!

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<https://alongsidecreations.com/somewhereonthewater/>

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<https://alongsidecreations.com/somewhereonthewater/>

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