

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

# Somewhere on the Water

Sandwich Marina to West Island Marina May 13, 2022 – June 3, 2022

Recap of the last update:

<https://alongsidedcreations.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/somewhere-on-the-water-April-25-2022.pdf>

- ✓ We went out bar hopping!
- ✓ Mark installed a new galley faucet
- ✓ Yet another leak!
- ✓ Cleaned out the bilge pump
- ✓ Celebrated Mother's Day in Portland

What to expect in this



1. Valkyrie is on the move!
2. We are blowing things up & cleaning areas that have never been cleaned before.
3. Celebrating the reunion of friends and Memorial Day!  
Guess who, or what went swimming recently!
4. Newly added recipe – Sweet Potato Enchilada

*Get comfortable – this is a long read!*

1. Valkyrie is on the move!

May 13, 2022 – Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>!

The four of us were home which seems to be a rather unusual occurrence, so let's add to this unusuality and go out to eat! Greek food anyone?

Mark had the octopus! He offered us a taste; Haleigh was the only one of us girls that took him up on that!



The weekend is here! Saturday and Sunday were busy for many boaters including us! <https://youtu.be/IUE-tyjXX6U>

We are wrapping things up here at Sandwich Marina and moving to West Island Marina. (WIM) We had a setback with our move date – thanks to the weather and other unforeseen circumstances WIM has pushed our arrival back a day and put a big dent in our pocketbook with a much larger than expected overnight fee at our current marina. Summer rates took effect on May 15! Plus; we lost the pick of the week cruising weather! **A DOUBLE WHAMMY!**

<https://youtu.be/wDvLZ-iC3jl>

May 16, 2022

The anticipation of today's cruise was a little stressful. Well, maybe not stressful, but there is so much to consider when moving your home when you know the winds are predicted to be high and the tide upon arrival is going to be low – super low thanks to the full moon.

This eclipse overnight tonight and early Monday (**May 15 to 16**) takes place during the so-called Flower Moon, the May full moon, named as it coincides with the spring blooming season in America. It's also a supermoon tonight, making this the Super Flower Blood Moon of May 2022. May 16, 2022 Google

It is kinda hard to tell in my photo which is the moon and which is a street lamp.



We will cruise the Cape Cod Canal and through Buzzards Bay from Sandwich Marina to West Island Marina. (WIM)

The winds are predicted to be strong and we could experience 2' + waves. We have had a lot of fog this spring and many mornings we are in a fog bank until early afternoon, if it lifts at all. Yes, we are expecting a foggy morning during our trip through the Cape Cod Canal until about 10:30 a.m. which is why we planned a 10:30 a.m. departure time.

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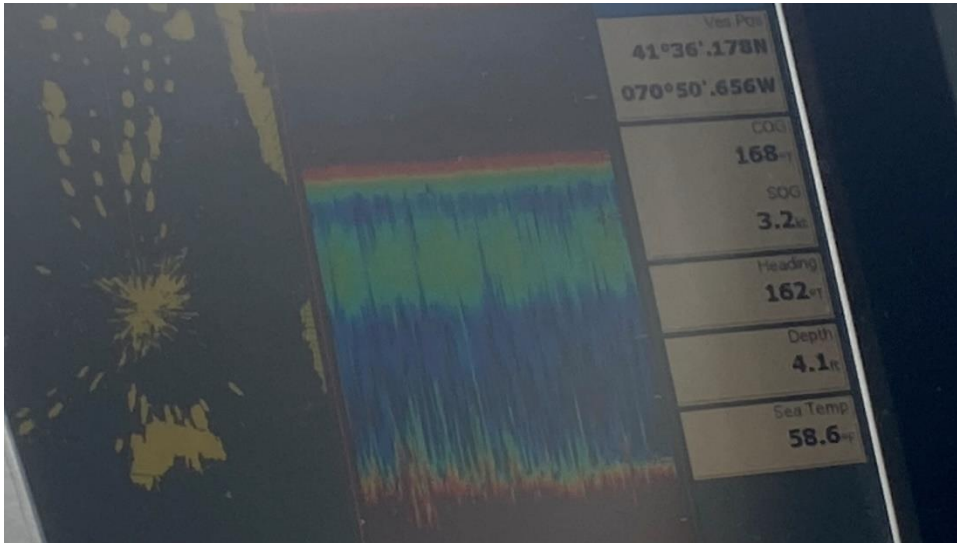
Check out the video! We were held up in the canal, and no - not because of the fog! Watch and see!

<https://youtu.be/pnJI03q1MOM>

While shooting the video, I had to switch cameras as we neared West Island.

It is not the best setup, unfortunately. The filming is done by placing our camera on the counter in the galley next to the helm station and left there to capture whatever is in its line of sight. We are talking in the background; getting ready for docking so no one is 'handling' the camera for maximum benefit to us viewers.

As mentioned; we had a full moon so the tides are either super high or super low and we arrived at super low. We kicked up a lot of mud during our approach to the dock but we were welcomed by the marina manager, Rick who was quick to grab a line and help us tie off.



We had left Sandwich Marina at approximately 10:30 a.m. and arrived at approximately 1:00 p.m.

After securing the lines, and getting the electricity hooked up the crew took off to go get their cars that are parked back in Sandwich.



Upon return to West Island, Mark decided we were going to use the water that is in the water tank before hooking to live water. – you will read later why I am mentioning this now 😊

May 17, 2022

By 10:30 a.m. I have seen 2-boats come in to dock. The marina here is busy finalizing its projects for the Summer season. The restaurant's entertainment stage is being rebuilt, the driveway is slowly getting cleared of the stored boats; people are milling about painting and working. I hear a lot of equipment in the background while I stand at my desk to work & write.

Jordan spent a better part of her day organizing her room and finalizing the unpacking process after just returning home from college. Several loads of laundry took care of most of the water in the tank. Unfortunately, too much, so when Mark took a shower the tank was run dry! This is not good for the water pump. With some effort, Mark had to hook us up to live water and try to reprime the water pump.

Sooner than later he got the job done and we are on live water.

May 18, 2022

The direction of the wind yesterday and today has Valkyrie in what I describe as a shaking motion. A quick back and forth. Enough to have the window blind strings in a constant swinging motion, much like they would if there was a breeze blowing on them.

Well, this unusual motion for Valkyrie, plus me getting my second shingles vaccination had me feeling less than good!



After a nap and a long walk around West Island with Haleigh, I was feeling much better!

*While trying to cook dinner:*

Haleigh: "What is wrong with the water?"  
Seriously?! What on earth could you mean? We are hooked to live water so there should be nothing wrong.

Haleigh: Lifting the galley faucet to the 'on' position, "There is no water."

Well, after a little bit of investigation we see someone on the other end of the dock with “plumbing tools” in his hand. That answers that. It is late, after hours (after 5 p.m.) what is he working on, and will he be turning the water back on before he leaves?

We ran the water tank dry yesterday so we have no water. Are we caught with our ‘pants down’ so to speak? Let's hope not!



Phew! The water has been turned back on! Mark decided that while we are at the dinner table he would set up the water to fill our tank and then reattach the live water feed after supper.

Along with the yummy food, we had some great dinner conversations. Everything from current news events, Haleigh's upcoming birthday, and much much more. 1 ½ hour later we remember that we were filling our water tank!

Well...it is full, overfull, and overflowing! No damage done! We had a good laugh about forgetting about it. It was nice to be so involved with each other during dinner that we did forget about it.



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2. We are blowing things up & Cleaning areas that have never been cleaned before!

May 20 – 22, 2022

Our first weekend here at WIM was productive. The girls volunteered to help out at their former dance studio's recital over the weekend and then Sunday night we met up at Sam Diego's for Haleigh's birthday dinner.

Mark and I did chores most of the day Saturday. We were able to say hello to a lot of fellow boaters and marina members. This is the first weekend that boaters could bring their boats to the marina and several of us used this weekend to get settled in before next weekend; the unofficial first weekend of summer – Memorial Day.

Chores included:

- ✓ Washing the mezzanine level
- ✓ Washing the top deck  
<https://youtu.be/MAYwqQbcXE4>
- ✓ Hanging bumpers on Valkyrie's portside  
<https://youtu.be/HJQm-gW-tss>
- ✓ Cleaning the rope locker  
<https://youtu.be/yi8fjQf3XxU>
- ✓ Cleaned the cockpit sinks & started the freezer locker for the first time



**WE HAVE THE BEST  
SUNSETS HERE.  
WE CAN SPEND ALL DAY  
FOGGED IN AND THEN  
BAM!**

Monday, May 23, 2022

It was an early morning wake-up, unfortunately. 5:29 a.m. Squeaky lines! The wind had picked up and changed direction and we were getting pushed around a little bit making our lines squeak.

Once that issue was taken care of Mark decided to put the tender back up on top of our flybridge so it would not bang into the back of the boat all day. The winch wasn't too loud but loud enough. Did I mention it was 5:29 A.M.!!

At what point does one decide to stay awake after an unusually early morning disturbance vs. trying to go back to sleep until your normal alarm clock alert? For me, it usually **backfires** to try to close my eyes and squeeze in a little bit more snooze time.

Haleigh had to work a double shift today, on her birthday!

The bakery we ordered her cake from is here in Fairhaven called Flour Girls. We had ordered last summer from them and were looking forward to another one of their cakes. It is a new baker this year so critiques will be in order.



If you like sweet, buttercream frosting you will love this cake. It was good, but worth \$50-questionable. For the next family celebration, we will be ordering our cake from Haleigh.

We did get macaroons while placing the order – yum!. We are fans of the Flour Girls Bakery here in Fairhaven. Super friendly and they have a nice breakfast and lunch menu that is unique as well as their café décor.



### 3. Celebrating the reunion of friends and Memorial Day! Guess who, or what went swimming!

Slowly but surely, as the week progresses boats move in.



The weekend arrives – but not just any weekend, the unofficial start of summer & boating season weekend. Not to overshadow the importance of Memorial Day, we recognize and honor all that it stands for.

Off the Hook, the restaurant here at the marina opened Saturday, May 28. Infamous mudslides are being poured as fast as possible, bands are playing and although it was not the best weather, we had a great 'reunion' with our boater friends, enjoyed what sun there was to start building that tan.

Mark and I like to sit on the top deck when it is nice out. Mark hangs his chair off the tender davit. It is a birds-eye view of the marina, the marsh, and far off across Vineyard Sound towards the Elizabeth Islands. It is a great spot – until –

Until your phone takes a flying leap out of the chair and into the water!

I believe there was a plan to go diving anyway – right?! Jordan has just purchased herself diving equipment and her and Mark had made some

tentative plans to get in the water. Well, even though Jordan is missing in action; Mark has to gear up and get wet! <https://youtu.be/J4lUmFbovOU>

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*This dive is more than just a phone recovery mission;*

*It is also a reconnaissance mission!*

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When we were docking Valkyrie here at the marina it was a super-full-moon low tide. Evidenced by the dirt we kicked up we knew we were scrapping the bottom with our propellers. At one point we got 'caught up' on something and then when we broke free there was a bloom of black.

Can you guess what it was?

Visual evidence concludes we were right. We have an 'en-tire garden' of tires along side our boat.



Successful mission! iPhone was recovered and unharmed!!

Black smudge from a tire.





Mark checking for damage.

Mark wanted to make sure that there was no damage to the propellers, running gear, etc. He used a measuring stick and manually rotated the blades to make sure that they were still all evenly aligned and not bent. You can see in the video just how close to the bottom Valkyrie sits while we are at the dock. You can see a few tires and a piling that sits at the bottom of the water just off our stern.

After a lot of inspecting, spinning, and measuring, thankfully everything looks fine.

<https://youtu.be/h4l764zrIDQ>

#### 4. Newly added recipe – Sweet Potato Enchilada

As you can imagine we are on a whole new schedule now that our home is in a new location, Jordan is home, and Haleigh has started her second job. With a whole lot of traveling back and forth to the Cape and nighttime work schedules, I am back on cooking duty.

Haleigh still does the leg work. Meal planning, shopping list, and then hands it off to me to do the cooking. On the occasions, she is home she cooks. Most recently; Sweet potato enchiladas!

Here is where you can find that recipe and her others:

<https://alongsidecreations.com/health-wellbeing/>

I think that is a wrap for now. I hope you enjoyed it. As always we are grateful for your support. We love your feedback and comments so please keep it coming!

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

Just joining us and need the link to our **Winter Cruise Adventure**, here it is:  
<https://alongsidecreations.com/somewhereonthewater/>

### Want the marina ranking from our winter cruise?

- It is in both Excel and in a downloadable pdf.
- <https://alongsidecreations.com/somewhere-on-the-water-living-on-board-valkyrie/>



- The summer shannagins have begun! We may not tell all, but we will share some.
- Find out if Mark caught anything while fishing off the back of the boat..other than the dock that is....lol
- Our backstory Voume 1, and many more to come is here!  
<https://alongsidecreations.com/about/>

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