

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

# *Somewhere on the Water*

We are at our summer home! West Island Marina  
Welcome to our newest update! June 22, 2022 – July 28, 2022

Recap of the last update:

- ✓ Mark and Jordan go scuba diving
- ✓ A neighbor's Boat sunk
- ✓ Father's Day
- ✓ The first volume of OUR BACKSTORY was released. Find it here:  
<https://alongsidecreations.com/about/>

What to expect in this



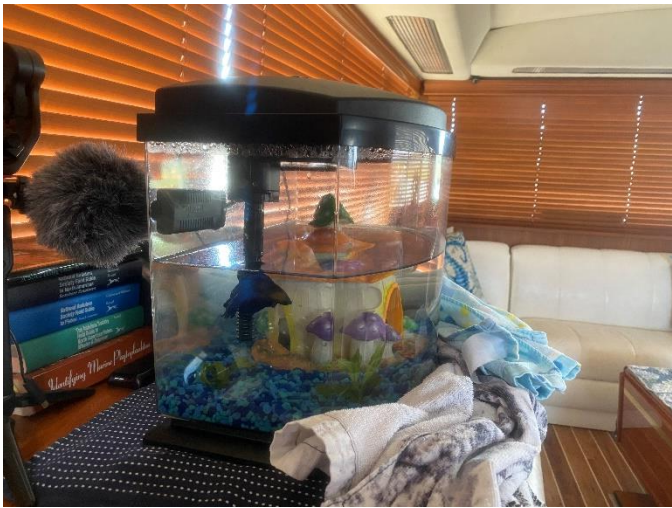
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1. Valkyrie is on the move

We left the dock and headed to our favorite anchorage; Bassetts Island. Cruising across Buzzards Bay from West Island to the anchorage is an easy 2-hour journey.

A weekend away to enjoy the boat – as a boat and not a house – other than a few trips on the tender back and forth to the nearby marina (where we had permission to park a car) to accommodate Haleigh's work schedule it was a boating weekend at its best.

We had so much fun swimming; relaxing on our floats; fishing; enjoying the view from the swing chair on the top deck and on one of our tender rides to get HB, we stopped in at the Chart Room and had a mudslide.



Elvis started the trip in his tank, but it was a little rough for him with the 2-3 footers we encountered so he ended up in his "travel cup" for most of the ride!

This photo just about sums up how we all felt this weekend – **relaxed!**



An amazing sunset – time for a selfie!

Haleigh's turn in the chair – she is quick to try to avoid the camera.





The weather wasn't perfect – Mark and Haleigh had a couple of wet commutes in the tender. But that did not dampen our spirits!

## 2. Unwelcome early wakeup call

Our home base marina needed to have a damaged piling replaced.

Did they have to do it at 7 a.m.?  
Yes, I guess they did!  
This photo was taken at 7:01 a.m.

The sound of this particular pile driving operation was a rat.a.tat.tat.ta.....click the video link.  
<https://youtu.be/6Y2O-kyacmA>



## 3. Jordan and Mark volunteer

Mark and Jordan donate their time & talent to help our favorite summer camp get ready for the kids!

Setting up the swimming area and anchoring the trampoline and rafts.



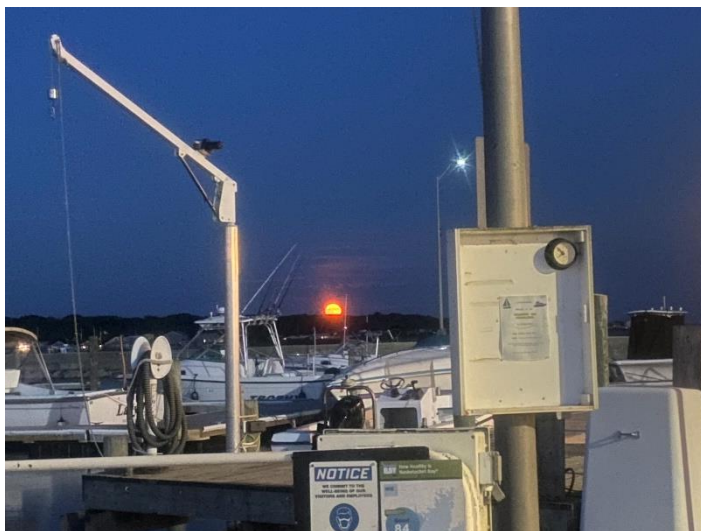
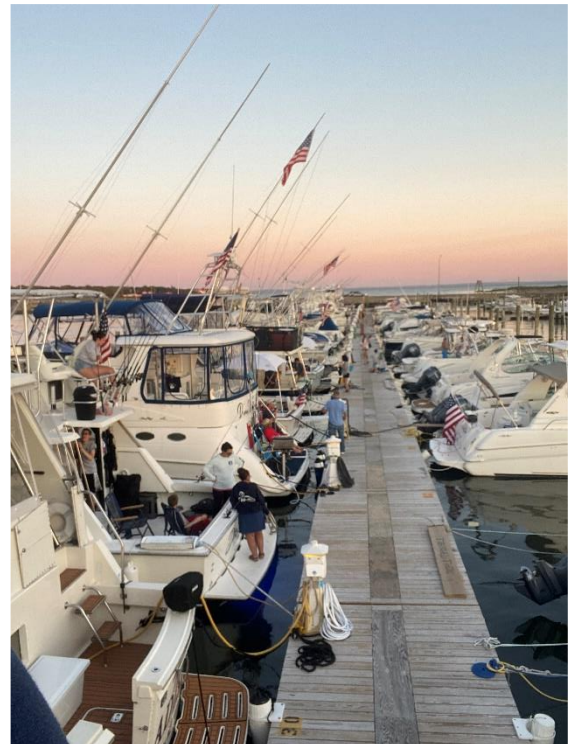


Mashpee-Wakeby Lake  
in June – yes the water  
was **cold!**

The process took several  
hours and was more  
complicated than  
expected but teamwork  
got the job done!

#### 4. Summer is in full swing!

The marina seems full and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was fun. Fireworks filled the night sky each night. Cocktails were cold, the music was loud and the sunsets here at West Island never disappoint!



We have had some pretty  
amazing summer-full moons!

With full moons come very high tides!



The marsh all but disappears during a super-moon high tide.



When time allows – we plan a dive for Mark & Jordan. We stay local. Using the tender for transportation. As a recently certified scuba diver It is important to get her under the water as much as possible.

Jordan has also recently earned a Boaters Safety certificate and is going for her CPR certificate soon.



## 5. Dinner & a Show



Sometimes we get dinner & and then a show!

Mean girls have got nothing on these mean terns!

<https://youtu.be/wB8auetv1EU>

This grey heron is not the only one that got bullied – The terns went after an egret on a separate evening. These birds are much bigger than the terns, but whatever they were hunting was worth the taunting from the terns. Typically the herons are very quick to fly off when humans are around. With many tenders going by, people on the docks talking, etc. this heron stuck it out for a long time. Eventually, it did fly off – unfortunately with no prize for his patience.

## 6. Stuff is breaking!!

What has broken you ask? Well for starters; Haleigh's car! The power steering and a.b.s wheel sensor. 2-days in the shop.

What else broke?

Well, unfortunately; Jordan's car. Broke is not the correct description...repaired is more like it; after a minor rear-end accident Jordan's car is in the shop getting repaired. This is 2-weeks of inconvenience with our family of 4 now relying on one car again!

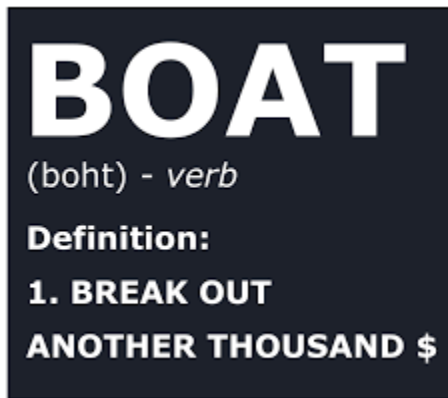
The list continues...



- Mark had to replace the macerator pump.
- We are waiting for a part for Haleigh's toilet to be shipped; in the meantime no go!
- The anchor chain foot switch had to be replaced
- The engine cooling thermostat on the starboard engine had to be replaced
- Had to get a new grill
- Replaced the engine starting batteries

AND....

The main drain got clogged with algae & slim and backed up and flooded Jordan's closet...not once, but twice in a matter of a few days.



Despite all that – we have had some wonderful boating & beach days with friends and enjoyed our time with dock neighbors and of course mudslides, strawberry daiquiris, pina colada, and great food. I will have to loosen another notch on my belt!



Newsflash! Both Haleigh and I each won at BINGO!

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# DID YOU KNOW?

The first installment of our backstory is out!

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## OUR STORY

**Volume 1 – Where did the idea come from?**

Find out where the idea of Valkyrie came from & what it took to get her!



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That is a wrap for this update!

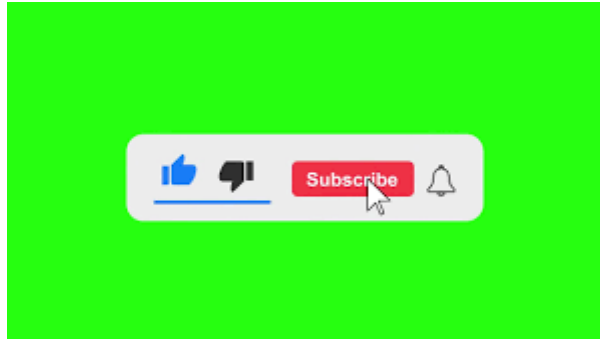
Time is unrenewable and tomorrow is never promised so do it before you can't!





- Valkyrie left the dock - again
- Putting the finishing touches on some boat projects
- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Illumination night is fast approaching

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