

**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! September 8 – October 7, 2022

Our last update covered much of the summer; July 29 – September 7, 2022, and covered many events such as:

- ✓ Portuguese Fest
- ✓ Illumination Night
- ✓ A Weekend getaway
- ✓ Welcomed a special guest

You can find the update here:

<https://alongsidedcreations.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/somewhere-on-the-water-West-Island-July-29-2022.pdf>

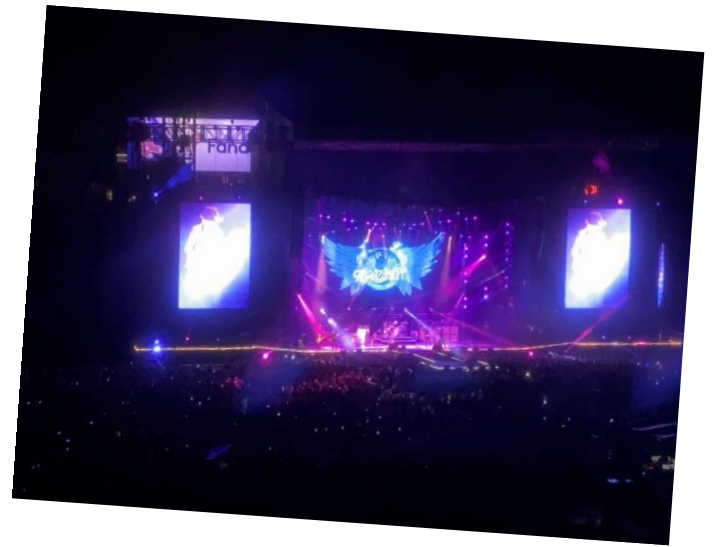
What to expect in this



- Aerosmith concert!
- More birthday celebrations!
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As always, thank you for following along! Enjoy this most recent update and feel free to comment, ask questions, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

➤ Aerosmith concert!



For Mark, Jordan, and Haleigh, this was their first trip to Fenway! Can you believe it? I remember when I was in college I used to travel from Providence, RI to Boston, MA to attend Boston Red Sox games at Fenway Park. It was very affordable and a great way to spend a day with friends!

Fenway Park as many knows is the oldest Major League Baseball park built in 1912. Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs, Illinois is just a bit younger than Fenway having been built in 1914. The only other MLB park I have been to. Every other baseball park was built after 1962.

I googled: When was the first concert in Fenway?

According to Setlist.fm (an absolute must for music diehards), the first concert at Fenway Park took place in **1959**, and featured the legendary Ray Charles. Charles would return to Fenway in 1973 when it hosted the Newport Jazz Festival. Sep 7, 2022

The Concert was amazing. Seeing this Boston-based band, one of our favorites at Fenway for their 50th-anniversary tour was epic! That is the only way I can describe it!

The opening band was Extreme. Also, a Boston-based band played Sweet Caroline; but is known for their top hits: More than Words, Get the Funk Out, Play with Me, and Hole Hearted.

Mark, Jordan, Haleigh, Vinny, and I had a great night all thanks to Jordan's amazing gift!

For history on how *Sweet Caroline* became the Red Sox's "anthem":
<https://www.mlb.com/news/sweet-caroline-red-sox-fenway-park-history>

I have no affiliation with this website.

➤ More birthday celebrations!

Last update you read about celebrating Mark's birthday with boat neighbor Bill on M/V Boss Sea Lady in the middle of a thunderstorm. This next birthday celebration was very well planned out by boat neighbor Diane from M/V Dream Weaver. She got the whole dock involved to celebrate a very special lady, Wendy from M/V Freedom. Rightfully nicknamed "mama" by several neighbors. She is always taking care of everyone, feeding us, and filling our cups with the most amazing libations like mudslides, dirty bananas, pina colodas, jello shots, etc. Wendy always has an open door policy and lends an ear when needed and advice if wanted and a funny story to keep us all laughing!



Our other September birthdays are Kelly Ann from M/V Distraction and the party planner herself, Diane.



Birthday Girl T-shirts compliments of my Cricut creativity and neighbor MJ.

➤ Covid finds Valkyrie

As the birthday weekend wound down, we spent Sunday up at the marina restaurant, Off the Hook watching the Patriots attempt to play football. By that night I was in bed where I stayed for the rest of the week. Covid found me and came on strong. Fortunately, Mark was able to take care of me, and suffered only a few days of fever and aches and pains. Me, I was down and out hard. Haleigh stayed away and stayed healthy. Only two others got sick that same week I did so the rest of that gang you see in the birthday photo did not get it!



➤ Our friends get married

Praise be! Both Mark and I are out of quarantine in plenty of time to attend our friends Sean & Jenn's wedding!

A beautiful sunny, warm Autumn day for an outdoor wedding.



We wish them all the best.



➤ Miscellaneous Marina happenings

If you have been following along on our FaceBook page you may have seen a post or two regarding the fierce winds we have been experiencing and the heavy rain. We had some leaking due to remnants of Hurricane Fiona on September 22, 2022. We were getting pushed up against the docks enough to have a fender pushed out of place.

Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/CynthiaWalkerCorbett/>

I met the self-proclaimed Mayor of West Island, Terry. She was dressed and ready for her red hat society luncheon. At first, she approached me on my walk with "It's not Halloween yet, I know!" as she was pointing out her red & purple outfit. She is 88 years old and has been on West Island "forever." One of the originals. Fought tooth and nail with the Fairhaven gov't on behalf of the West Island Community and is very proud of her accomplishments. It was a pleasure meeting her. Haleigh and I walk West Island just about every morning. We must be becoming familiar faces to some locals because they are starting to chat more frequently, wave & smile more, and generally make way for us as they speed by in their cars rather than maintain their course and assume we are going to jump for our lives onto the front lawns of the homes we are passing.



Halloween decoration as you come onto the Island via the main causeway, Goulart Memorial Drive.

In the June 7, 2022 update I wrote about a boat that sank right here at the docks. Unfortunately, another boat sank. Right here at the docks.



There were a lot of responders; fire department, harbor patrol, scuba diver, tow boat us truck (not boat)

Many questions come into play when it comes to any boat sinking. Whether it is at a mooring or dock, private or marina /mooring, underway.

There are some interesting maritime laws when it comes to salvaging a boat and of course insurance. If you are a boat owner, it may serve you well to know what some of these are. You can google **LAWS OF SALVAGE** if you are interested.

➤ WE GOT KICKED OUT OF OUR MARINA!

It was Friday afternoon Oct 1. Our boat neighbor, Josh with M/V Paradise had arrived at the marina and was getting ready to put his boat out on a mooring. Why?

The weather was focused on Florida and Hurricane Ian, especially Fort Meyers, Florida. I was oblivious to the local forecast for high winds. As a crew of friends and the Marina Manager assist Paradise to a nearby mooring, I was told that Mark should have received a text message stating that we have to get off the dock.

A mooring was going to be provided for us if we chose.

Let's consider our life on a mooring even for just one week:

1. How do you get on and off Valkyrie if she is at a mooring?

Tender - good thing we have one

2. How big is our tender?

10 feet - not too big, not too small on a normal day but a very wet ride is in store if out in high winds & rain

3. What are the expected winds?

Sustained 30 mph with 45 mph gusts

Valkyrie is a pretty big boat, but in those winds, we would be swinging & swaying a lot on a mooring. It could be uncomfortable for us. 🙄

4. Mark and Haleigh have to work. What are their schedules?

Haleigh leaves the boat 6-days per week. As early as 7:30 am departure and as late as 10 pm return. Mark has a little bit more flexibility but leaves at 7:00 am and returns around 5:00 pm

5. Wifi and electricity.

I work on board the boat, Valkyrie has a generator and some pretty good batteries but I am not running the generator while the Captain is not on board. Just not gonna do it.

We will be out of reach of the marina's wifi.

6. Can we get multiple days with 150 gallons of fresh water?

Probably but we would have to be very conservative.

7. What size is the mooring?

4,000lb block. That should safely hold a boat up to 40' in length (?)
(Please correct me if I am wrong on that!)

Valkyrie is 56'

Does any of this sound good to you? Us either!

So here is the scoop. When Hurricane Ian was first broadcasted on the weather channels and apps it was uncertain what its tracks were so we had originally made plans to leave West Island and go to Popes Island knowing that we would be safer inside the hurricane barrier in New Bedford Harbor. Not to mention our marina sent an email saying that boat owners were responsible for making arrangements for their boats if a hurricane did indeed come north. Unfortunately for Florida the hurricane hit and caused a massive amount of damage. It is heartbreaking to see and we wish everyone a quick, safe recovery. Fortunately for us, we were not expecting the hurricane so we canceled our reservation.

Here it is Friday afternoon; with a falling tide, Mark is an hour away and we have no reservations to go anywhere.

We cannot leave West Island Marina during low tide and low tide is creeping up on us. Adrenaline overload....long story short....we made it to Popes Island with the assistance of Josh as our onboard temporary first mate and Colleen our chauffeur to get us all back to get our cars. We did end our evening with a drink at Off the Hook with our friends and back to Popes Island in time to meet up with Haleigh.

Glad we left: https://youtu.be/cViv7NhT_0

Popes Island Marina, New Bedford is a city-owned marina. It has laundry, a semi-decent bath house, and a picnic area with grills, it is across the street from a huge True Value Hardware & Marine store that is convenient and a popular restaurant called Fathoms. One very nice amenity of this marina is its launch boat. It will take you around the harbor to the historic downtown, attractions, and restaurants. The wifi is a little slow. We are tied to an end dock that has a 4' tide so we had to tie the lines to accommodate the tide difference. I am not a huge fan of the latter but if we were to stay longer, Mark would have fixed the lines to make the embarking and disembarking easier.



It stopped raining long enough on Wednesday to take a walk around the marina and nearby playground and explore a few stores across the street.



Prince Henry the Navigator
Erected on Pope's Island in 1994 as a gift to the city from the Prince Henry Society of New Bedford and the Portuguese government, this granite and bronze statue is homage to 'the father of modern celestial navigation'.

<https://www.budowle.pl/place/prince-henry-the-navigator-statue/20929>

New Bedford is America's #1 Fishing Port. In the 19th Century New Bedford gained worldwide reputation as the greatest whaling port and the richest city per capita in the world.-Wikipedia



Popes Island Marina

Looking towards
Fleet Marina



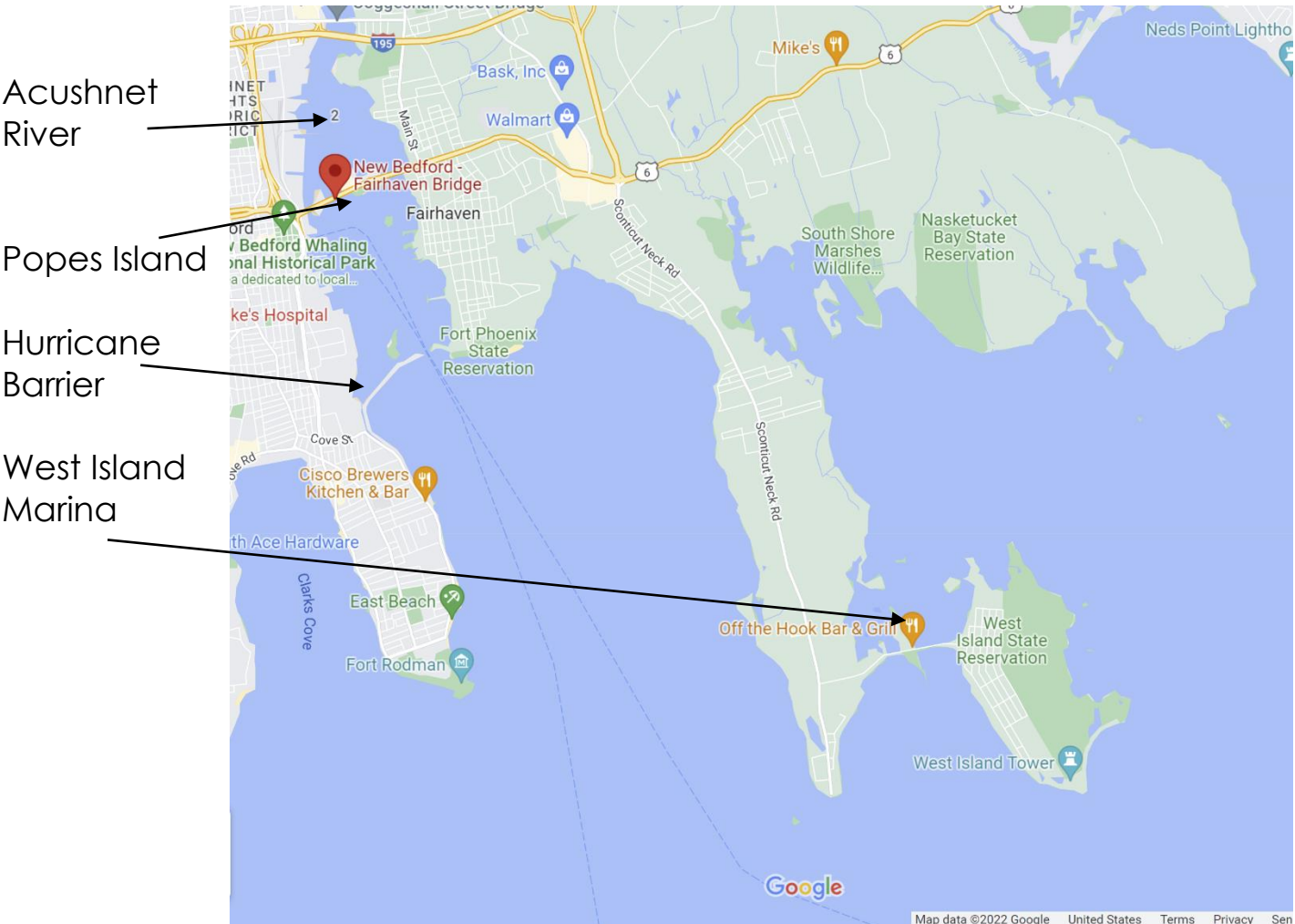
Hurricane Barrier <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Flood-Risk-Management/Massachusetts/New-Bedford/>

Click the link for information on the barrier operated and maintained by the US Army Corps of Engineers.





We did not have to go through this bridge. This bridge is slated to be demolished and replaced very soon. Dating back to 1897/98 this is a swing truss bridge that spans the Acushnet River.





<https://www.maritime.edu/our-fleet>

T/V Ranger

Coastal Training Vessel

Built 1981, the coastal training vessel T/V Ranger is 71.3 feet long, 24 feet beam width and 108 gross tons. She is designed as 24 person capacity with twin screws for enhanced maneuverability and a powerful 700 horsepower engine for towing. The Ranger conducts daily training exercises where cadets practice their ship handling and coastal navigation skills. The Academy's Center for Renewable and Responsible Energy (CRRE) utilizes the Ranger to support marine hydrokinetic research.

Docked on the same dock as us at Popes Island Marina is the T/V Ranger. Mark trained on this vessel when he attended Massachusetts Maritime Academy. We were able to witness a few cadets during their docking training.

Thursday, October 6. For the first time since we arrived the sun is shining and it has stopped raining. Valkyrie will move back to West Island. Waiting for the high tide around 3 p.m.

Then we are off on a different adventure involving a car!

As always, thanks for joining in and following along on our adventure.

Newly Released! Find it here:

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

OUR STORY

Volume 2 – What happened to Second Nature

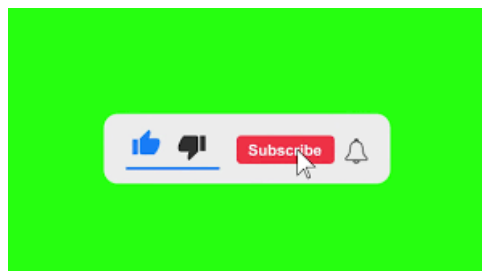


- Volume 3 – of our back story is on its way soon
- We are still waiting for a contract for our summer slip!!!
Will we be homeless?
- Moving to our Winter home

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

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