

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

Somewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 1 - December 1, 2023 – Sandwich Marina, Sandwich MA to Onset Bay, Onset MA.

Welcome onboard Valkyrie! This winter is our second Winter Cruise that takes us from Cape Cod South towards Virginia. Thank you for following along. You can get the lowdown on all of our preparations on the website: <https://alongsidecreations.com/>

What else can you find on our website?

- ✓ Our backstory (still in progress but worth reading what is there)
- ✓ Winter 2021-2022 cruise blog
- ✓ A little taste of what it is like to live onboard a 56' Ocean Yacht
- ✓ Links to our Facebook page; Instagram and Youtube channel

And we are off......cruising the Cape Cod Canal East towards Buzzards Bay. Mark timed us leaving this afternoon so we could ride the current.

Our original plan was to anchor in Buzzards Bay overnight. We diverted into Onset Bay and anchored in this protected harbor right near Wickets Island.

Leaving the Cape Cod Canal into Buzzards Bay with Southeast winds can create an unsavory mess of waves. Tomorrow, although it will still be windy and wavy, it should be significantly less first thing in the morning. The alarms are set for an early wakeup with about a 9-hour day of cruising ahead of us.

A little bit of trivia:

Is Onset considered Cape Cod?

And Why is it Called the Gateway to Cape Cod? Onset is technically a CDP or Census Designated Place within the town of Wareham MA. Folks here refer to Onset as a village, not to be confused with Onset Village which is a section of Onset.



Wickets Island is owned by Buzzards Bay Coalition. It is a 4.4-acre island accessible by low draft boat, kayak, paddle boards, etc.

In preparation for their new training ship arrival anticipated in January 2024, Massachusetts Maritime Academy is upgrading its pier. We could see the construction project in full swing as we cruised by. We also saw the dredging ship that has been on the east end of the canal for about a month dredging and then transferring the sand to Sandwich's Town Neck Beach as part of a huge conservation project to save the sand-starved beach. With a little googling, you can find a ton of articles about the dredging, the construction on the beach, and the new boardwalk construction.

We arrived in Onset and had our anchor set by 2:10 pm.

Cruising time for today: 1 hour 20 minutes (approximately)

I filled my afternoon with work and of course, typing this summary.

Dinner will be simple; burgers and a salad.

Thanks again for joining us on our adventure. Feel free to share the links with friends and family. We welcome all followers on board Valkyrie.

Tomorrow the current plan is to get to Thames River, CT for another night at anchor.

Today's video link for Youtube: https://youtu.be/aLU_843nl84

FYI...

1. While we are cruising we may not be able to upload the updates every day. Wifi will be limited.
2. It takes a long time, (hours) to edit a video so it may not be available on YouTube the same day as I upload an update.
In the past, I used to hold off on uploading the daily blog until I had time to produce the videos so that I could share the links. This time I may not delay the daily journal just for videos. Your best bet might be to hit that subscribe and bell button on YouTube so you will get a notification of when a new video is available. I will see how that goes as we continue along.
3. I will post daily on Facebook. (It is my preferred between Facebook and Instagram). The posts will be short so it will benefit you to read the daily blog to get all the details and inside scoop on our travels.
The Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/CynthiaWalkerCorbett/>
4. While cruising I will also be working. Mark is done work for the next 3 months (he owns his own seasonal business) which is why we can take this cruise. Thanks to modern technology I can work remotely. Balancing first-mate duties, work, taking & producing videos, and typing the daily updates will consume my days.
5. Videos & photos: I will be using a few different cameras. There are several challenges, one being that the most convenient camera (a GoPro) does not have a zoom function or a long battery life. Plus, I am trying to take videos and photos in a small space without getting in Mark's way.
6. If you have any questions, or comments or otherwise want to get ahold of us other than through social media:
alongsidecreations@gmail.com is monitored daily

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