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56' Ocean Yacht.**

# *Somewhere on the Water*

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 3 – December 3, 2023 –Thames River, New London, CT to Norwalk, CT

Departure time: 7:00 am

Arrival time: 2:30 pm

Total hours cruised: 7.5 hours

Average speed: 9 knots with following seas

Weather was rainy, cloudy, cold with sustained winds at 22 mph

## *About Last night:*

Coits Cove was a good anchorage spot. There was plenty of room, the water was calm and there was stuff to look at outside the windows. If it wasn't a foggy night. However, we were next to the city pier where the ferry terminal is. From what I can tell, this time of the year, there is the Cross Sound Ferry that transports passengers and vehicles from New London to Orient Point, Long Island. A 160-foot catamaran passenger ferry to Block Island, and the Viking Fleet from New London to Montauk, NY, (twice per week). There is a metro train stop near the city pier.

Do you know what trains and boats have in common?

Loud horns. Horns that they have to blow for the safety of everyone around them. During rush hour there are a lot of people movers blowing their loud whistles. So for this reason, this anchorage is good, not great.

6:30 am the alarm went off. Mark started the generator, started the engines, made his coffee, pulled the anchor all before I got out of bed at 7:00 am. Today we are hoping to make it to Norwalk, CT to a marina. We are anticipating bad weather for the next couple of days and we want to be warm and safe.



*Little bit of trivia:*

This is the Coast Guard Barque Eagle. It returned here to New London, CT after a 4-month deployment. 16,000 nautical miles traveling to the Azores, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden as part of their annual training cruise.

We have easterly winds today which is causing larger waves to push us as we cruise west. It is raining so the visibility is not great but the salt from yesterday is getting rinsed off by Mother Nature so we appreciate that.

My goal today; edit video from yesterday, work on the summer updates, and try to upload them when we get wifi;

Today we are trying something we have never done before. Make water while underway.

9:40 am – I learned that if it wasn't stored properly yesterday it definitely is now! Yesterday we were hitting the waves head-on, today we are getting pushed which means we are doing a lot of side-to-side pitching & rolling.



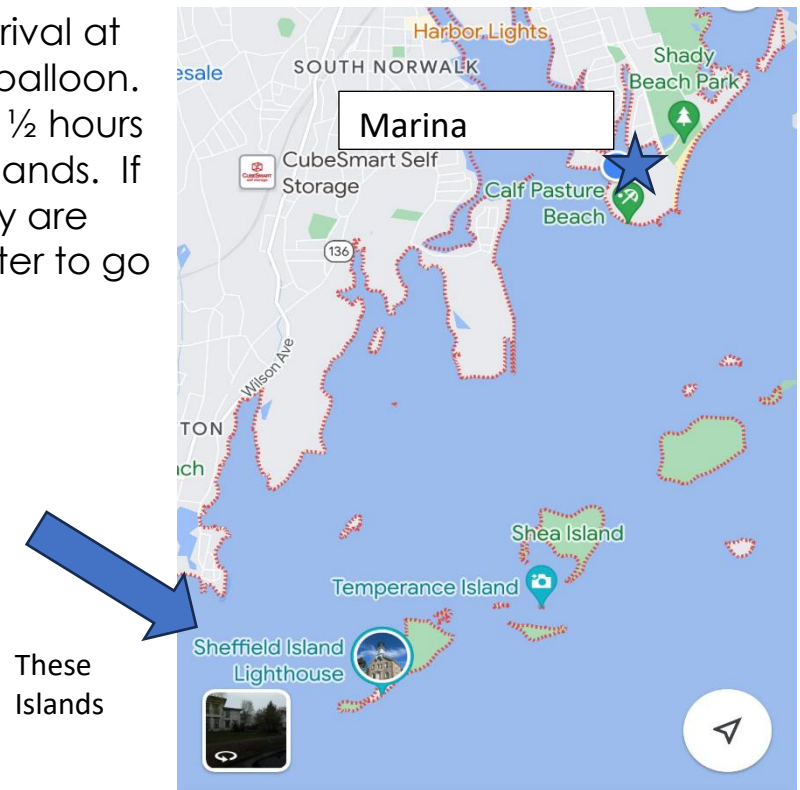
Plant down! (The plants are on the floor on a rag towel but still, one toppled over and left a pile of dirt)

Coffee table slid across the floor! (Anyone who has been on board knows this is a heavy table, so rather remarkable that it moved)

Thank goodness the kitchen cart that is on wheels is bungy corded! We got some huge rollers pitching us!

Weeee!

I am looking forward to our 2:30 pm arrival at the marina but Mark just deflated my balloon. As a safety precaution, he may add 1 ½ hours to our trip today to go around some islands. If the waves we have been riding all day are breaking at the inlet then it will be better to go around



1:30 pm: It has gotten down to 59 degrees inside the salon. Mark offered to turn the generator on so we could turn the heat on but since we only have about an hour (hopefully) left I can stick it out. I got blankets.

3:00 pm. We arrived and docked at the Norwalk Cove Marina, Norwalk, CT. (Yay, no detour around the islands)  
It is 48 degrees and raining. Mark maneuvered us into slip 6W, tied us off, and plugged us into the electric. Heat is running, a cocktail is poured and he just decided to inform me that the bilge counter went off today 7 times. He is now in the front stateroom, in the hole as we call it to check things out. We also have a bilge that is accessed under the front bed so he will look into that one as well.

The theory for the bilge counter going off: rain, seaspray on the boat, normal leaks during the rain plus the rudder packing; because it is not supposed to be 100% watertight and they did get a workout today.

4:00 pm. Now that Mark has sat down for the first time today he will start planning the next few days.

The plan might be to leave early tomorrow morning towards NYC. We will have a favorable current early in the morning and by the time we get to Hell Gate, NYC there shouldn't be too much of a current, although

we have done Hell Gate in a strong current before, it is best to have a favorable current going through here. We will try to anchor on the NJ side of NYC harbor on the west side of the Statue of Liberty

How did we spend our Sunday evening at Norwalk Cove Marina?

- ✓ Dinner – meatloaf, quinoa, carrots
- ✓ Laundry - \$1.50 per load
- ✓ Dumpster run
- ✓ Dropped a 2-liter bottle of soda on my toes.  
Things in the cupboard got jostled around a bit and even though I was trying to be careful opening the door, out it came with full fury and landed on 3 of my toes on my left foot then it bounced down the stairs and landed with a thud on the floor in the mid-cabin.  
I am so happy it did not explode.
- ✓ Watched the Patriots lose, again.
- ✓ Watched (slept through 😊) The Santa Clause Movie



Link for today's video:

<https://youtu.be/qbcFjepaQhk>



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