

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 6 – December 6, 2023 - Point Pleasant Beach, NJ to Cape May, NJ

Departure time: 6:30 am Arrival time: 3:30 pm Total hours cruised: 9 hours Average speed: 9 knots with following seas Weather: Cloudy, partly sunny, cold @ 34 degrees, winds 18 mph

About last night:

We ran the generator so I could make a stove top dinner of rice with kalbeisa. We dumped our trash in the bin and then spent the evening watching tv by candlelight after shutting down the generator.

Up and out of bed before the sunrise. Generator started 6;15 am, engines running, untied from the dock and headed into the Atlantic Ocean by 6:30 am.

We have following seas this morning that are rolling us. Mark is running Valkyrie at about 10 knots to match the speed of the waves to ease the pitching & rolling. It s about 8:15 am and we have about an hour more of these waves before we can turn inland a little bit more which should give us a smoother ride.

Crusing along the Jersey shore this morning with party cloudy skies, we have great visibility. There are a lot of fisherman fishing from the shore and

a few boats scattered here and there. We have seen a lot of birds "working" and we were on a close lookout for whales.

We passed by Jersey Shore towns like Seaside Heights, Surft City, Atlantic City, Ocean City, and Wildwood.



Seaside Heights Boardwalk is home to Casino Pier & Breakwater Beach, popular tourist destinations.

Established in the 1800s as a health resort, construction on Atlantic City's worldfamous Boardwalk began in 1870, and from then on it has become an American icon.



We were 8 ½ hours into our otherwise uneventful day when the weather started to turn. We can see rain in the direction we are headed. We have some seaspray hitting the windows. Mark turned on the running lights and our radar because when you are running between sunset and sunrise you have to have them on, plus in periods of reduced visibility, which is our case now. Once we set anchor, Mark had some work to do on his computer and needed to plan out tomorrow's cruise. I continued to work and edit the Dec. 4 video, which I had already spent hours on. It took us 3 hours to cruise against the current in the East River coming into NYC from the Long Island Sound. That is a lot of hours of video.





The generator is running we are charging batteries and have the heat on. Tonight's dinner will be leftovers which will be reheated in the microwave. I know, not very fancy and I know a lot of people don't like leftovers, but we do and after a long day I don't feel like cooking. So there, hahaha.

We are anchored just outside the channel right next to the US Coast Guard Training Center.

Little bit of trivia:

United States Coast Guard Training Center Cape May is the home of the Coast Guard enlisted corps and is the Coast Guard's only enlisted accession point and recruit training center.







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