

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

Somewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 8 – December 8, 2023 – Chincoteague Island, VA

Boat chore day!

But first, the flybridge. We have had a couple of days where Valkyrie got tossed around a little bit by the Atlantic. Since the helm station is open to the salon, and Mark walks passed the front stateroom, and through the mid-cabin to get to the engine room, and; we both sleep in our aft cabin, we know what items inside the boat are secure, have fallen, etc., while we are rolling around the ocean. What we don't see is the flybridge. Today, Mark went up to the flybridge to see what mess, if any is up there.

What do we have up there that could get tossed around?

1. The tender
2. Large cooler
3. Propane tank for the grill

The grill is secured on a stand bolted to the boat.

Thankfully, everything is ok! Mark did move the propane tank to a more secure location and the cooler has items inside to help weigh it down so the cooler did not slide around.

If you are watching the videos, you will see that the windows get a lot of seas spray which creates a salty mess. This makes it difficult to take good videos, and of course to see. Plus salt is very corrosive so it is good to get it off the boat as soon as possible. Since we do not have water hook up here we have to be very conservative of our water usage so we will not be rinsing down the boat although Mark will use vinegar water and a shamy to clean all the windows. He keeps a bucket of vinegar & water in the lazarette (vinegar water).

Since it is a weekday, I am working. In between work calls, I clean the interior. I concentrate on the floors and dusting the salon. In addition, I decided to review the meal plan. I want to make sure I am using up what food could spoil plus I want to be sure that I have enough to get us through before we leave on Christmas vacation, but not have too much to leave behind in case we don't have a refrigerator while we are gone.

Since we were going to be here for a few days, I put our plants back in their rightful spots and gave them some much-needed attention. They have been ignored for the last seven days. We have had a couple of these plants for twenty years. Can't lose them now.

Whether it is because we are anchoring, or arriving at dusk, I haven't been able to get off this boat for a while. I am overdue to get off and stretch my legs. At home, when not cruising, I would be walking every morning. Today I took a walk. I walked Main Street for about a 3 mile trek.

Many homes have Christmas decorations and even Misty has the spirit of Christmas with a playful santa hat!





Have you read the book or heard the story of Misty?

I read it with our daughter Jordan.

This statue of Misty is on Main Street right in front of the Robert Reed Waterfront Park.

<http://www.mistyofchincoteague.org/misty-the-pony/> - This website had a lot of info on Misty and the other ponies.

Little bit of trivia:

Chincoteague Island, at the northeastern tip of Virginia's Eastern Shore, is part of Accomack County. It's known worldwide for wild ponies Marguerite Henry wrote about in the novel, "Misty of Chincoteague," later made into a film.



The annual Chincoteague Pony Roundup, Swim, and Auction will take place for the 99th year in 2024 to the delight of thousands of spectators that watch as the wild Chincoteague Ponies are roundup from their grazing grounds on Assateague Island, Virginia and swim to neighboring Chincoteague Island. The Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company's annual Pony Roundup, Swim & Auction aka Pony Penning

always takes place on the last consecutive Wednesday and Thursday in the month of July. The world famous Chincoteague Ponies swim from Assateague Island to Chincoteague Island on Wednesday at the first “slack tide”. The first foal ashore is named King or Queen Neptune and is given away in a raffle later that day at the Carnival Grounds. The Carnival opens immediately after the swim. Proceeds from this event fund the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company. Monies are used for maintenance and purchase of equipment and care of the pony herd

Since we are staying the next few days here on Chincoteague Island; what to do what to see?...maybe a movie at the theater across the street tomorrow night? Who knows? But in the meantime...cocktails on the mezzanine.

Stay
tuned!



 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/hJGr8dnyPSM>

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

