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56' Ocean Yacht.**

Somewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 11 – Monday, December 11, 2023 – Chincoteague Island, VA

This morning the sun is out! The winds are still gusty. SE 20 mph winds with 31 mph gusts. Mark had a short night sleep due to the storm but that hasn't stopped him from having a productive morning.

The two apps that Mark uses for navigation had updates that he needed to download. Aquamaps and Navionics are the apps he uses and everytime he opens the apps they both look for chart updates and ask if you want to download them. If this is done daily it is not a significant time issues but if it is weeks then it can be a considerable amount of time to download new charts especially with a slow internet connection. It is important to keep in mind that all of these chart updates are for all the charts that mark has downloaded on the ipads which he has downloaded charts covering the whole east coast from Boston to Key West. In other words, there are always changes. Buoys change, shoals move, always something.

Mark also downloaded Bob 423 tracks for the Intracoastal to cover from Norfolk VA to Wilmington NC.

What else can Mark make up to keep busy on a day that we cannot cruise and I am working?

Charged the drone batteries

Charged the handheld radio batteries

And.....Before I go any further, you must know that when Mark is bored and gets on his ipad it usually means that the wheels are turning and he is fixated on something, much like when he got bored one day at my mom's many years ago and here we are; living onboard Valkyrie.

Being a researcher is a good thing however sometimes it is ok to do what other people do while they are bored like; nap, watch TV, or play games on their phones. But, Mark researches. Researches anything and everything. Today it is bikes. Thanks to a YouTube episode that he watched with loopers renting bikes.

So now he is researching whether or not we should be considering purchasing bikes or electric (standon) scooters for the boat.

Now here on the island, we have no car rental offices, and no Uber, and the bike rental establishments are closed for the season. We could rent pony scooters here but I said no. Maybe bikes would have come in handy but mostly no. Everything here is within walking distance, and we were told that if you want to live on an island you have to accept island life. Especially in the off-season. We are happy to embrace island life and walk where we need to go and there is no FOMO if we don't get to a few attractions here on the island that are most likely closed anyway.

But here he is researching bikes. Let's see what happens shall we...stay tuned.

It is Monday, so it is work for me, plus I am still Christmas shopping and working on video editing and catching up on typing our daily journals. I am not bored. Lol.

We went to the t-shirt shop across the street and the grocery store. We only needed a few things. Passed on the vinegar at over \$5 per gallon. Got my Dukes Mayonaise (my favorite) at a good price; tortilla chips to go with a recipe that we will have this week and cooking spray which I thought was pricey. I know that inflation has affected us all but I am sure this island has high prices due to its location so inflation on top of that must make it difficult for many to afford groceries. We did buy & donate a premade grocery bag for the local food shelter.

Stay
tuned



Today's link:

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