

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

Somewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 55 – Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – Anchorage, North River, NC to
Anchorage, Buzzard Bay, near Kill Devil Hills, Bodie Island, NC

7:00 am – Generator

8:10 am – Engines started

11:15 am – Anchor set & Engines off

3 hrs 5 mins Cruising time

3 mph winds, cloudy at 48 degrees

9 knots cruising speed at 1 gallon per mile.

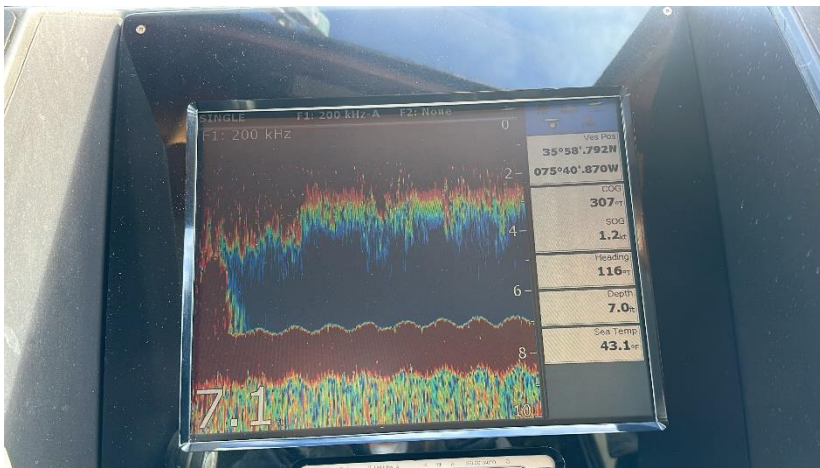
About last night

It was quiet. So quiet. No wind, no squeaky lines, no anchor alarm, no
boats cruising by us, no people, no one nowhere. Is that tranquil or
spooky? You can decide. For us, it meant a good night's sleep.

We had Mediterranean Chicken for dinner. Mark had a nice nap on the
couch while I watched TV before we went to bed at 9:30 pm.



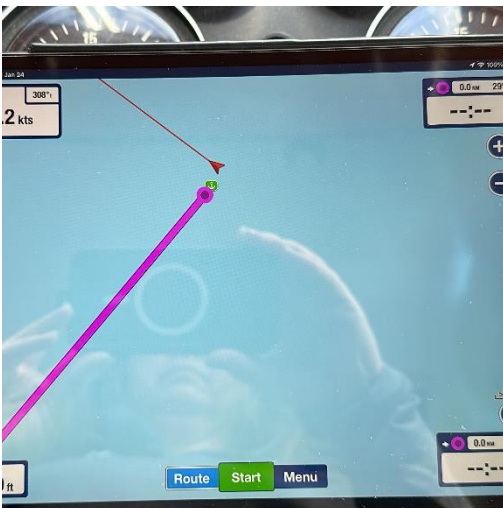
Nice cruise this morning. The water
was calm and besides the 3 boats we
saw this morning upon our departure
we were solo out there.



Shortly after setting anchor near Kill Devil Hills, NC we lowered the tender and went to shore to visit the Wright Brothers Memorial.

Once we found a dock to tie the tender up to we walked through a townhouse development

that neighbored the memorial. Finding the dock was not easy. Mark had been researching spots to anchor so that we could visit the memorial.



Mark saw that Active Captain listed two places in Buzzard Bay. Active Captain is an online community board. You can connect directly online or there is a link in the Navionics App & Aquamaps App directly to Active Captain. Mariners use this as a source to gain information about an area that is not on a chart. Using Active Captain as a resource to gain knowledge about a specific area, like fuel prices, stores, etc., in addition,

The Waterway Guide is also a popular resource to get information beyond charts.

Active Captain had a couple of anchor icons for Buzzard Bay so when you click on the icon you can get a summary, if there is one. The summary provides reviews that were left by people who used that anchorage. One anchor point named *Kitty Hawk Access* said :

Anchor here and take your dingy in to see the Wright Brothers Memorial. There is a private dingy dock onshore "no complaints known about it" It is well worth the mile or so walk to see.

The actual Kitty Hawk Harbor seems too shallow for use. This is the south side of Collington Island "not Kitty Hawk"

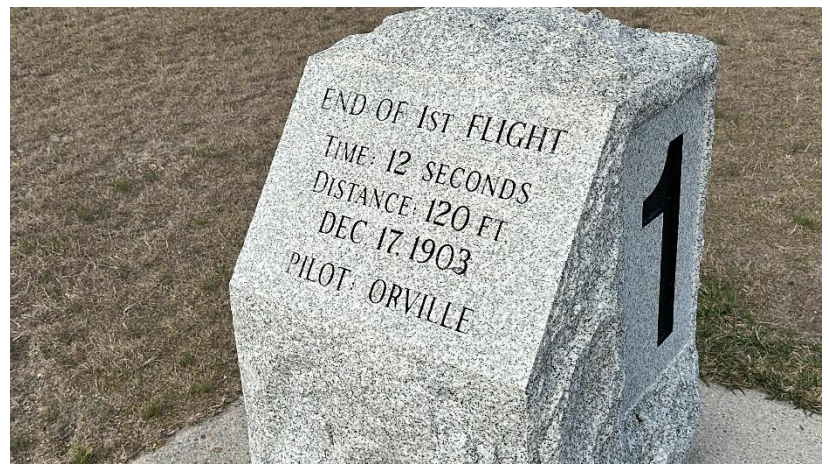
When he was on the chart application there was no additional info so he looked at satellite images on Google Earth and found what appeared to be a public dock at the back side of a condominium complex. We aimed for that. Have I ever mentioned that life with Mark is an adventure?



It is a very impressive Memorial high on top of what at the time of their flight was a sand dune.

There are replicas of their living quarters and hangar. The first in-flight launch rail & dolly (the runway) is in place with 4 markers indicating the 4 successful controlled flights.





From high upon the memorial's hill, we could see Valkyrie. The visitor center details the Wright Brother's challenges and successes along with their convicted goal of achieving controlled flight. There is a replica of the plane inside the visitor center. It is a great place to visit. Wear your walking shoes because once you are on the grounds, it is at least a mile walk to visit each site within the park. Once we returned to the tender we had walked 4 miles.



Now, let me tell you that getting the tender to the dock was sketchy. The 1-foot tide was out and we were in brown silted water that made seeing the bottom which was less than a foot under us impossible. The tender's propellers kicked up some black muck and Mark had to use our emergency paddle to paddle us the last 2 feet to the dock itself. We tied the tender off and then realized that the dock had a locked gate. If we

left, how would we get back in? This dock was rather secluded from the nearest townhouse which allowed us to finagle a fix. We broke a few twigs and stuffed them into the handle so it would not lock behind us. Mark assured me he could climb over the 9' door frame, with no problem. 😁 Thankfully the twigs did their job and kept Mark from having to show off his Superman powers. The totally great thing that we saw on our way back to the dock that I had not seen before was a sign that warned us of venomous snakes in the area! As I have said before, life with Mark is always an adventure.



There are several hunting blinds along the shoreline here. We could hear gunshots all afternoon. We are not close enough to be concerned about getting hit.

We had dinner & watched a couple of episodes of *Suites*. We are on season 9 which is not on Netflix, it is on Amazon Prime.

Dinner was a skillet meal made with ground sausage, zucchini, tomatoes, pepper, onion, and rice.

Stay
tuned

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/J-bM-9iQypg>

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