

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

Somewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 56 – Thursday, January 25, 2024 – Buzzard Bay, NC Anchorage to Manteo Waterfront Marina, Manteo, NC

7:00 am – Started generator

8:05 am – Engines started & pulled anchor

9:32 am – Arrived & tied to dock 22 at Maneto, NC Municipal Marina

1 hour - Cruising

55 degrees and cloudy



We cruise at a very slow speed this morning. It is foggy. Mark is not nervous about cruising in the fog. He trusts his instruments, navigation apps and himself. The visibility was about ½ mile.

Today we are leaving Buzzard Bay and crusing a short distance to Shallowbay Bay. We

have reservations for a dock at the municipal marina in Manteo, NC. We have heard great things about Manteo and are excited to spend some time here.

Valkyrie cruised thourgh some very shallow water this morning. The depth sounder registered depths as shallow as 4.4 feet. We draw 4 feet. Let us not ruin that brand new paint job! Even when the depth sounder states

we are in 4.4 feet of water we actually have 6.4 feet under us because the transducer for the depth sounder is 2 feet higher than the propellers. Most people program an offset to remove that difference but Mark doesn't.

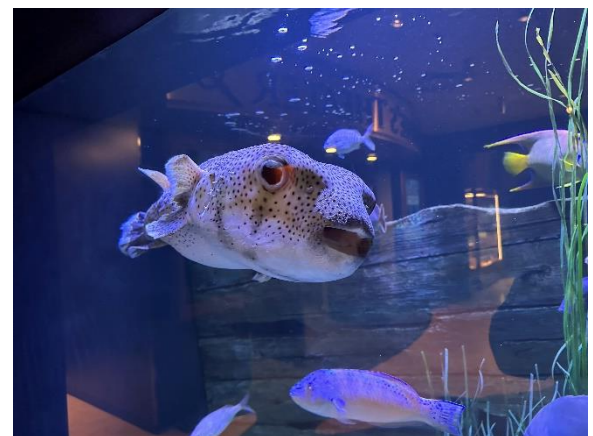
The closer we got to Manteo the fog was lifting so upon arriving at the dock it had burnt off. We were able to hook up to electricity. The water is turned on here at the dock but we did not hook up to it. The wifi disappointingly did not work. The office is under construction so no go with the wifi. The stern thruster quit working again.

We wasted no time purchasing tickets to the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island. Having little knowledge of the area, the roads, etc., we hired an Uber to take us. (Rather than try to bike) It is located 3.7 miles north of the marina. We both enjoyed the aquarium very much. We spent a couple of hours exploring each exhibit. I took a ton of photos and videos. If you have ever been to the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, SC you will see similarities between these two. Animals from across the state represent all aquatic habitats. Snakes, Alligators, Otters, Eels, fish of all shapes, sizes, and colors, sharks, and so much more. The aquarium is located on the Croatan Sound so the view was wonderful and there were outdoor exhibits, including a pier, and Maritime Forest Trail that during the warmer seasons would be a wonderful addition to the visit.

The STAR Center was closed. They had just received several stunned turtles from New England I think. Through the glass door, we could see that there were turtles everywhere inside the center being carefully monitored and cared for.

Housed at the NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island, the center rehabilitates sick and injured sea turtles year-round. Typically, we care for loggerhead, green, and Kemp's Ridley sea turtles. A portion of the rehabilitation space is open to guests and is included with your entry. **During the winter season, the public space may be periodically closed to hold sea turtles.*

<https://www.ncaquariums.com/roanoke-island>





Getting an Uber back was not as easy. It is Winter in the Outer Banks, not much open, not too many tourists so there is little demand for Uber or Lyft this time of the year. We did eventually get one, thankfully. We did get a recommendation to try Pour Richard's if we wanted to try a local watering hole. Which of course we did.

After dinner onboard we walked over to Poor Richards for a couple of cocktails. We met a couple of very friendly locals and introduced themselves one in particular was very chatty and shared a lot about himself and his career in the music business. Poor Richard's is a sandwich shop by day and a bar at night with live local music on the weekends.

*Stay
tuned!*

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/qucf3Q57qOg>

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