

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

Somewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 60 – Monday, January 29, 2024 Manteo, NC

It's a Monday which means a work day for me. Mark has a few things on his to-do list for today and apparently I inadvertently added a time consuming item to his list. It was another "can of worms" scenerio. After discovering that my bedside flashlight wasn't working due to corroded batteries it was decided to check all the flashlights. Well, would you have guessed that there is a storage container labeled "flashlights" within a larger storage bucket of electronic supplies that is filled with 20 or so flashlights? Guess who decides to to check each and everyone of those in addition to the 6 flashlights that are spread throughout the boat for safety reasons. Several of the lights had corroded batteries and many are not waterproof so Mark decided to toss out the the ones that are not waterproof. We replaced all the flashlights in each of the staterooms. These flashlights are 'emergency' flashlights that should be checked regularly just like everyother emergency kit onboard. Almost and 1 ½ hours later we finished!

Today is cold and cloudy with a north wind. We were feeling a little spoiled with the 60 degrees we have been experiencing since we arrived in Manteo. We'd like that weather to come back!

I took a walk today. I was gone about an hour. I did not track my mileage. I ended up on the same road we biked on our way back from Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and then walked then continued on to the boardwalk over the bridge at the Roanoke Island Festival Park.

Day 61 - Tuesday, January 30, 2024 Manteo, NC

It is a brighter, less windy day today but we are back in the 40's like yesterday. Mark vacuumed the sump pumps today. Not a fun job.

What is a sump pump?

It is used to pump gray water out of the boat when the shower or sink is near or below the water line.

We have 2. One in our aft cabin and one in the mid-cabin. The sump pump in the mid-cabin is for both showers & sinks for the forward & mid-cabin heads.

Why is the bathroom on a boat called a head?

"Head" in a nautical sense referring to the bow or fore part of a ship dates to 1485. The ship's toilet was typically placed at the head of the ship near the base of the bowsprit, where splashing water served to naturally clean the toilet area.

Why is a kitchen on a boat called a galley?

The practice of calling a ship's kitchen a galley comes from the fact that there was a stove with baffles in it called a gallery furnace in many ships. It was there for the purpose of heating the interior of the ship originally. People very quickly figured out you could cook on the surface of it.

Mark also vacuumed all the bilges and HVAC intake screens plus the lazaret area. The lazaret is in the cockpit. It is a storage area that houses the fuel polishing system, raw water washdown pump, provides access to the back of the fuel tank, a pair of batteries, and the stern thruster, trim tab pump. As far as what we store there: we store scuba gear, cleaning supplies, and drinking water hoses.



Day 62 – Wednesday, January 31, 2024 Manteo, NC

Mark is starting a project early this morning. He is taking the shower doors off the master shower. He said that there was a leak. I haven't seen a leak from the shower in a long time. He has had to silicone where the sliding door meets its edge but typically as long as the door is latched there is no leak. We keep the doors latched all the time. Obviously, while we are cruising we need to but even when we aren't cruising when the fuel and water tanks are full the boat lists to one side causing the doors to creep open. If the shower door is not latched while the shower is in use then even the slightest gap will cause water to escape and puddle on the floor.



This was a several-hour project and if you count the time the silicone needs to dry and set, it is a multi-day project.

We are leaving Manteo tomorrow and cruising south towards Ocracoke, NC. We will cruise for a few hours, spend the night at anchorage, and then complete the journey the following day.

Manteo has been great. We were able to visit a few attractions and enjoy a couple of nights out. We stayed a little longer than we needed to. For one most things were closed so we got a little bored and secondly, we had to wait out some windy conditions before we could start cruising again.

We never saw the otters again nor did we run into the two couples we met at Poor Richards and again the next night at Strippers. We will put this

on our list of places to return to. Much like Chincoteague, Manteo gives off a great comfortable welcoming vibe.

Manteo is pronounced: Man e o
I was mispronouncing it on the videos.

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