

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

Somewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 63 – Thursday, February 1, 2024 – Manteo, NC to Anchorage between Old House Channel Islands

We are getting ready to leave Manteo this morning. Mark is in the engine room. Amongst other things, he is tightening some loose nuts & bolts. Inconveniently enough, we are missing a nut so I am trekking to the hardware store to get a replacement. Mark had found a nut back when we were in Chesapeake, VA at the Atlantic Yacht Basin. Not realizing that we were missing one he threw it out. Today, he found out where that bolt went 😊

The prep list for leaving today:

- ✓ Fill the fresh water tank
- ✓ Empty trash
- ✓ Disconnect electric cord
- ✓ Set up Ipads with navigation apps & plotted course
- ✓ Take care of the lines & bumpers
- ✓ Make sure cabinets & doors are secured
- ✓ Open salon blinds

Typically I would put our plants on the floor however, we are not going far today so I am hoping the ride will be smooth enough not to have to. I will keep an eye on them.

11:16 am – left the dock
49 degrees with a full sun and no clouds

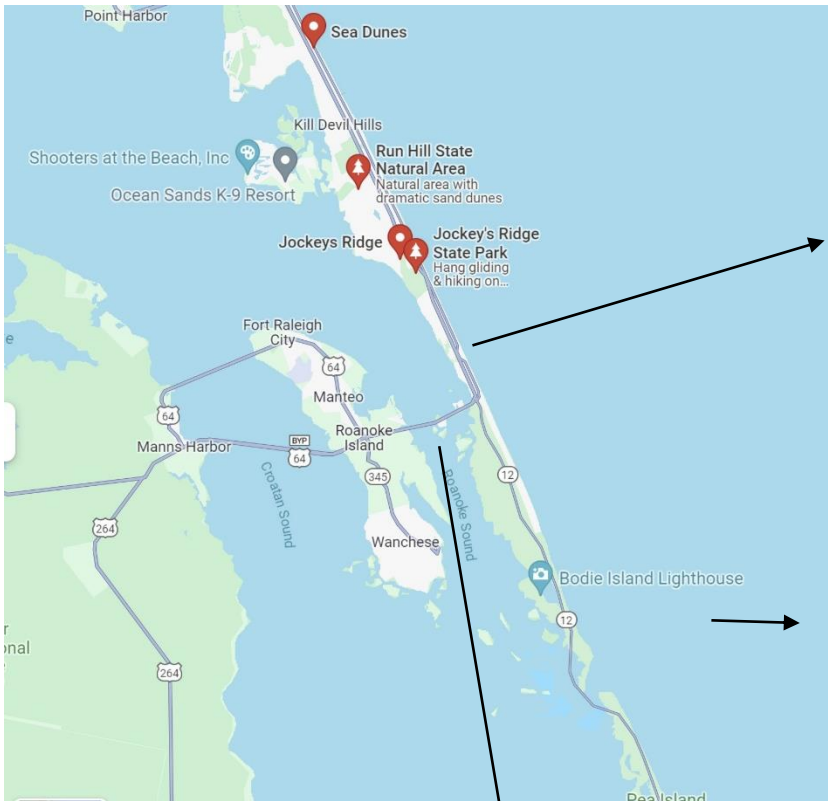
Remembering how shallow this channel is, Mark will take it slow and keep his eye on the depth.



Leaving Manteo behind.

Pronounced: Man e o
I was pronouncing that wrong in our videos.

Jockey's Ridge State Park, located in Nags Head along the Outer Banks, is the largest natural standing sand dune in the Eastern United States. As high as 80-100' - google



Mark saw a dolphin just after passing under the Washington Baum Bridge. I did not.

Little Bit of Trivia:

The current Bodie Island Lighthouse is the third that has stood in this vicinity of Bodie Island on the Outer Banks in North Carolina and was built in 1872. It stands 156 feet tall and is located on the Roanoke Sound side of a portion of a peninsula that is the first part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. It was renovated from August 2009 to March 2013, and was made climbable by the public. There are 214 steps that spiral to the top. The 170-foot structure is one of only a dozen remaining tall, brick tower lighthouses in the United States — and one of the few with an original first-order Fresnel lens to cast its light. Wikipedia

We cruise by Wanchese, a town on Roanoke Island, NC.

The Village of Wanchese is at the southernmost end of [Roanoke Island](#), opposite the town of [Manteo](#) to the north. Wanchese is a charming fishing village that retains its old-world charm and sense of identity. Far removed from the hustle and bustle of the beach. Here, at the mid-point of the East Coast of the United States, is a major fishing hub. Shrimp trawlers, flounder boats, huge vessels go out for weeks at a time gathering fresh seafood from waters up and down the Eastern Seaboard and the coastal and inland waterways of North Carolina. <https://www.outerbanks.org/plan-your-trip/towns-and-villages/wanchese/>

1:05 pm – Anchor is set

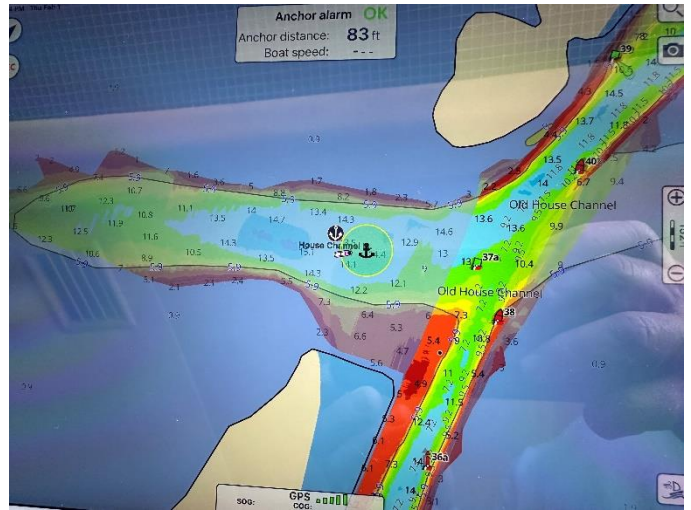
We are nestled in between two small islands with the Marc Basnight Bridge in the distance. This bridge connects the Outerbanks islands of Bodie and Hatteras.



The new bridge, now named for former State Senator Marc Basnight, carries North Carolina Highway 12 across the Oregon Inlet between Bodie Island and Hatteras Island. It replaces the previous Herbert C. Bonner Bridge, 2.8-mile, \$254 million. <https://www.hdrinc.com/portfolio/marc-basnight-bridge-bonner-bridge-replacement>

We cruised at 7 knots with 13 mph winds from the north

The anchor alarm has gone off a couple of times this afternoon. That can be excused away by our swing. The winds and current changed so we are a little out of our preset circle but we are not dragging.



It was nice enough to sit on the fly bridge this afternoon. Lots of conversation and a relaxing afternoon.

Stay
tuned

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/NjhThV615Oc>

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