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56' Ocean Yacht.**

Someewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 48 - Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – Heated shed at Atlantic Yacht Basin, Chesapeake, VA

The workers started arriving at 7:30 am.

It is a little hard to have a morning routine, any routine when you have workers coming and going all day. Everyone of them are polite, curious, and cogniscent that I am working onboard and that Mark and I are living onboard while Valkyrie is on the hard. The fact that the shed is heated is a saving grace. Other than the shed keeping us warm, we are relyng on one space heater. Today we woke to 20 degree outside temps. We are holding strong at 65 degrees inside the salan without turning the space heater on. It is still early at 10:30 am as I write this so we will see how the day goes.

Mark fixed the rollers on the salon slider door. Unfortunately It is pretty hard to open now that it is “fixed”. If needed he will have to replace the new door rollers with the old ones. I want the ability to open the door one-handed and right now I cannot do that with this “fix.” Our side doors are definitely not one-handed open. Unfortunately these two doors are not able to come off like the salon door so that fix is not easy but Mark took a crack at the galley side (portside) door.

We had to spend some time today working on our computer storage. We use Microsoft One Drive and we are almost at cpacity. I deleted several duplicate files and several files from our last cruise in 2021/2022. The photo files have been something that has needed maintenance for a long time. It is such a daunting task that I am just not up for with so many other priorities.

The new nuts for the propellers were installed.
The workers break at 10 am, and 2 pm with lunch at noon. I have been trying to take video updates during their break times.



New props, new zincs, and primed.

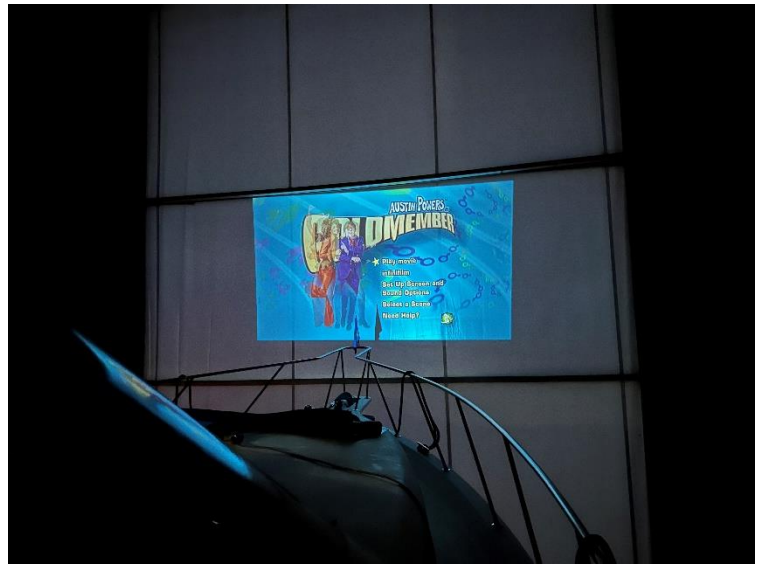


I spent the afternoon working and per usual, editing video and typing. Mark did not work much this afternoon on the boat so we had a lot of conversations about what has happened so far and what might be. The weather is not looking good for this weekend so even though we are on target to be back in the water Friday we may not want to leave because anchoring could be dangerous in the winds and cold. We have limited options; Coinjock Marina, Coinjock, NC, or stay here.

Day 49 – Thursday, January 18, 2024, Atlantic Yacht Basin Heated Shed, Chesapeake, VA

About last night:

We had BBQ chicken with zucchini and salad while watching *Austin Powers Goldmember* using the projector. We sat on the bow sofa using the shed door as our screen.



The portside line cutter has arrived. We are now waiting for the stabilizer bushings which can be installed while we are floating. So possibly back in the water tomorrow.

Mark checked out the bonding system and it looks great.

What is a bonding system?

Boat bonding systems are a network of electrically connected metallic parts and components. They provide a path for ground-fault currents, prevent touch-voltages on metal surfaces, and provide a path for stray currents.

In the photos & videos of Valkyrie's running gear, you will see that the starboard propeller is extremely pitted which leads Mark to believe that one of the marinas that we stay at could possibly have a stray electrical current. Hopefully, the bonding system including the new zinc, and painting the props will slow down / ease the corrosion. The pitting you see on the propeller should not be happening.

Other than that, he watched a movie while I worked.

Day 50 – Friday, January 19, 2024 – Docked at Atlantic Yacht Basin, Chesapeake, VA

Rainy, 39 degrees

We are 50 days into our winter vacation cruise.

10 days cruised

14 days Holiday trip back to New England

8 days holding out for weather in Chincoteague

14 days holding out for haul out in Chesapeake

4 days on the hard for repairs and maintenance



Shed doors opened at 7:48 am

Valkryie was back in the water by 8:15 am

We went to the fuel dock and took on 345 gallons of diesel @

\$3.90/gallon. \$1,346 total after Boat US .5 cent discount per gallon.

Atlantic Yacht Basin also discounts 5 cents per gallon after 200 gallons. (It is an either-or discount, not to be combined)

Mark washed the port side of the boat
the cockpit and the swim platform.



10:45 am – The mechanic arrived to finish up the last of our repairs in the engine room.

Final list of work completed on Valkyrie during this haul-out

Powerwash the bottom

Scrapped & Painted the bottom including props, trim tabs, thruster Blades (all the running gear)

Replace & paint the props (replace broken nuts)

Both the starboard & portside Spurs line cutters replaced

Replace 2 broken intake screens

Portside stabilizer bushings needed to be replaced

All new zincs were put on.

The marina let us stay at the fuel dock for the night. We will watch the weather and try to take off in the morning.

*Stay
tuned*



https://youtu.be/Jj_PCBsJA14 Life is hard on the hard!

<https://youtu.be/WRZNpR4bals> The before! A tour of Valkyrie's bottom.

<https://youtu.be/YPdMBs11sFU> Progress Report

<https://youtu.be/b0PiCF5KGDU> Valkyrie is finished

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