

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

Somewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 72 – Saturday, February 10, 2024 – Anchorage in Currituck Sound, NC
to Chesapeake, VA

4:30 am – Random wake up, can not fall back to sleep

6:30 am – Random hunters shooting their guns at flying animals

8:30 am – My phone rings

9:00 am – Started generator

I guess I will get out of bed now! Lol.

9:50 am – Started engines

2:05 pm – Docked at the Chesapeake Great Bridge, VA

Today we are cruising north to Chesapeake, VA. I know! Right! Say it isn't so! I am not happy about returning to Chesapeake after having been there for for 37 days. Granted we left for 14 days to travel for Christmas but at the time I felt like we were never going to get out of there. But... we need fuel and Atlantic Yacht Basin has cheap fuel and fresh water. We will take on fuel, rinse off Valkyrie, dock at the free dock across the canal at the Great Bridge Museum & Visitor Center and then do a grocery run to Kroger. Stay or not to stay the night here, that is the question that is at this time unanswered. We want to be somewhere we can watch the Super Bowl on Sunday which means we have to have WiFi access or be able to watch at a bar/restaurant.

10:00 am – Pull up the anchor and try to time the first of 2 bridge openings.

10:10 am – The anchor had a good set and was pretty dirty when it came up so we dragged it for a little bit to clean it off. Mark thought it might be one of the hardest sets we have had so far. We do like our anchor.

Pretty quickly we came up behind a sailboat that Mark hailed on the radio asking for a starboard to port passing, and then shortly after that, we passed an Army Corp of Engineers barge along their starboard our port.

Little bit of trivia:

When hailing, follow these three steps:

1. Say the name of the vessel you are trying to contact three times.
2. Give them the name of your boat.
3. Invite them to reply.

The weather today was amazing. It was in the low 60's and the sun felt warm and inviting. I sat on the mezzanine for a bit during today's cruise watching the fighter jets fly by. There were touch-and-go exercises today. The jets were loud!



We had a short wait at the North Landing Swing Bridge. Two boats were travelling southbound also waiting for the bridge to open. The bridge tender gave Valkyrie (northbound) the first right of passage. Much to our

surprise and delight, the second swing bridge operator, The Centerville Turnpike Swing Bridge had the bridge open for us upon our approach so we did not have to wait. How nice! It is a short distance from that bridge to the Atlantic Yacht Basin.

1:45 pm – We have taken on 297.9 gallons of fuel @ \$1,162.05 = \$3.90 per gallon. The price here at AYB is \$3.95 per gallon of diesel fuel. There is a 5-cent discount for Boat Us members or with a 200-gallon purchase.

The dock master is a super friendly guy. He follows along with our YouTube videos. He asked why we were back since the last video I put out was of us leaving AYB to travel south. “Out of time” Mark answers. We have got to get back north for work. He chatted a little bit about the videos and I appreciate that he said he is following our channel.

Mark is rinsing down Valkyrie with fresh water. We have a full fresh water tank so no need to take on water here. I am making a grocery list and had a nice conversation with my sister during the cruise.

There was some debris in the water between the Centerville Turnpike Swing Bridge and the Atlantic Yacht Basin (AYB) one particularly large log, but otherwise small in size.

It was a nice day to be on the water and we were not the only ones to think that. We saw a few small boats and even a jet skier out today who had fun jumping our wake.



We took the time to enjoy a cocktail on the mezzanine this afternoon. It was a gorgeous day, one not to take for granted.



Stay
tuned

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/V1SNB4LOD1M>

Marking the anchor chain video: <https://youtu.be/CQA2xUTHINI>

This morning Mark had to replace some anchor chain markers. Check out the video on how we 'marked' our anchor chain.

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