

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

Somewhere on the Water

Update Winter Cruise 2023-2024

Day 89 – Tuesday, February 27, 2024 Fishers Island, NY to Newport, RI

6:40 am – started generator

6:45 am – started engines

7:05 am – hauled the anchor and departed.

It is foggy this morning. We are headed to a dock in Newport RI to avoid some heavy winds and rain coming in tomorrow and Thursday.

Friday we are expected to make our last cruise of this Winter's excursion to Cape Cod. Still not sure what marina we will be at.

Mark replaced a lightbulb in our starboard running light first thing this morning before departing.

7:42 am - It is foggy, 40 degrees, we are pushing against the current in Block Island Sound, the fog horn is on and Mark is running the AIS on his phone along with having the radar on and of course the running lights. Valkyrie's fog horn sounds every 2 minutes.

What is AIS?

Automatic Identification System transmits a vessel's position so that other vessels' are aware of its position by using their position and movements via the GPS system or the AIS unit's builtin sensor.





Beavertail Lighthouse.

Beavertail Lighthouse was built in 1856 and is the premier lighthouse in Rhode Island, marking the entrance to Narragansett Bay. [Wikipedia](#)

Clingstone House

Clingstone is a house built in 1905, perched atop a small, rocky island in an island group called "The Dumplings" in Narragansett Bay, near Jamestown, Rhode Island. [Wikipedia](#)



Fort Adams

Fort Adams is a former United States Army post in Newport, Rhode Island, that was established on July 4, 1799, as a First System coastal fortification, named for President John Adams, who was in office at the time. [Wikipedia](#)

We arrived at Newport, RI harbor and were met by the harbor master who talked Mark through maneuvering through the harbor to find our assigned dock. The transient docks here are first come first serve in the boating season, with no reservations through Dockwa or the harbor master. There are also moorings in the harbor that are first come first serve transient moorings. We did pay a fee to be here and there is no electricity or water.

Shortly after arriving we took off by foot and enjoyed downtown Newport. We went into a few shops and then found ourselves at Benjamin's for a

couple of beers and Mark had oysters. Oysters Casino and Oysters Rockefeller and then a few oysters on the ½ shell.



Walking down America's Cup Ave towards Bowen's Wharf



Day 90 – Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – Docked at a town transient dock next to Perody Park, Newport, RI

About last night

Last night Mark decided he had a hankering for pizza so after a couple of attempts to order online and then 2 phone calls he was finally successful in getting a delivery of pizza to Valkyrie.

As of 11 am today, we have had an inch of rain and winds gusting up to 45 mph. This is the weather we were hiding from and why we are here at a dock. The lines are a bit noisy but we are safe and comfortable.

The day continued to be windy, wet, and cold. We stayed onboard. I had some work calls and continued with editing videos and blogs.

We made chili for dinner. We like to top off our chili with cheddar cheese, sour cream, and Fritos.



Day 91 – Thursday, February 29, 2024 – Newport, RI

About last night

Oh boy was last night crazy. The wind was insane. Gusting every few seconds at 45 mph. Valkrie was getting pushed off the dock and the lines were so loud. It was anything but peaceful.

This morning the winds died down but continue to gust. The feels like temp outside is in the teens.



The harbor where we are docked.



Keeping in mind that we were walking, and it was very cold out during our short stay in Newport we did not venture out too far but there is so much to see and do here. It has so much to offer. It is a short drive from our home on Cape Cod so we have visited many times. If you have not had the chance to, you should. <https://www.discovernewport.org/>

Things that a lot of people would suggest as the must-do while in Newport:

1. Mansions
2. Cliff Walk
3. International Tennis Hall of Fame
4. Shops at Brick Marketplace & along America's Cup Drive
5. Drive along Ocean Drive
6. Fort Adams
7. Beaches
8. Food & Drink – local breweries & wineries, multiple pubs
9. Lighthouses



Dinner out at Malt on Broadway after having drinks at the Fastnet Pub on the corner of Broadway and Court. We both had their house burger, the Malt Burger at the suggestion of a person we met at the Fastnet Pub.



This was the temperature on the boat when we returned from our outing tonight. 49.2!

It is so hard to believe that we have just one more day of cruising and our Winter Cruise 2023/2024 will be over. Thank you all for following along on our adventure. We hope you will stick around. We will be updating our summer fun on our YouTube channel and of course we have the biggest adventure yet to come...the Great Loop 2025!

Stay
tuned

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/plDymZCu8Q0>

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