

Our Great Loop Mooring, New Bedford Harbor, MA

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Day 1

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

Yesterday, Tuesday, May 27 we topped off our water tank at Fairhaven Shipyard, Fairhaven, and then topped off fuel at Sea Fuels, New Bedford.

\$181.84 58.2 gallons \$3.12 per gallon diesel fuel Did not tip the fuel attendant but we did tip the water boy \$10

## Fun Fact:

We arranged to have our boat name on the annual AGLCA t-shirt. There are 463 other boat names on this shirt which means they are all planning a 2025 loop adventure and are a member of AGLCA Fleet 2025.

Mark and I have done a lot of prep and research before departing. We have documented a lot of it on our website and our social media. Both of us are excited that this day has finally arrived.

Because we have been living & cruising onboard Valkyrie for over 4 years a lot of the boat maintenance and preparation is a normal routine for Mark. Other than the additional supplies that he has in stock onboard the boat there was not much prep. What consumed his time was the actual planning of the route. Having had done a couple of long trips onboard Valkyrie there was a comfort level involved when planning provisions and the menus. I have it all laid out on a spreadsheet including menus, recipes, costs, household supplies, cleaning supplies, etc. While we had our car I planned several shopping trips to stock the pantry, but once we sold the car I had to rely on others. Thank you so much to our daughter Jordan who spent the last Saturday afternoon before our departure to take me shopping.

A big thank you to all our friends and family for their well wishes, the party, the dinners out, and your kind words and support. We appreciate you!

## 6:50 am – Departed New Bedford Harbor

It was an easy day of cruising. From the time we leave New Bedford to the time we arrive in NYC, it will be the 5<sup>th</sup> time we have made this trip onboard Valkyrie. We documented each of them on YouTube and the website if you are interested.

https://alongsidecreations.com/somewhereonthewater-winter-cruise-2021-2022/

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The links to the YouTube videos are inside each daily journal.

The windfarm off Newport, RI was visible as we cruised by.

According to Google:

There are currently 599 wind turbines off Newport, RI. according to

<u>rinewstoday.com</u>. This includes the 5 turbines of the Block Island Wind Farm, and an additional 594 turbines that are part of the proposed Revolution Wind project and other wind farms. The Revolution Wind project alone will have 100 turbines.

We are far enough offshore that there is not a whole lot to look at while cruising today. The main focus was making sure Valkyrie was running well and that we were vigilant watching out for debris, buoys, fishing boats, etc. There were even several huge logs floating in our path.

We anchored off Fishers Island. Fishers Island is 9 miles long and 1 mile wide. It is truly an exclusive place where no visitors are welcome unless you are guests of a homeowner or a service worker. When arriving by ferry you are greeted by a police officer to verify you belong there. At one point in learning about Fishers Island, I read that the most expensive house on the island is worth over \$55 million.

The anchorage is peaceful. There was one other boat at anchor here but there is plenty of room in this cove so they were a distance away from us.

For dinner, we had an easy skillet recipe with ground sausage and veggies.

Mark and I did a shot to toast our 1<sup>st</sup> day on the loop, watched a few minutes of TV, and went to bed early. Tomorrow is up and out at 6:30 am.

## Daily Summary:

Departed from New Bedford Harbor, MA: @ 6:50 am Arrived at anchorage off Fishers Island, NY @: 2:20 pm Hours traveled: 7 hrs 30 minutes Nautical Miles Traveled: 56.08 Average Speed: 6.9 knots Weather: Partly cloudy, smooth seas, mid to low 60's, SW winds 7-12 mph Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Anchorage was very peaceful easy in, easy out #of locks we went through: 0

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