

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

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop

Haverstraw, NY anchorage to Esopus Island, Staatsburg, NY anchorage

Monday, June 2, 2025

Day 6

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

6:15 am - started the generator & engines & hauled the anchor

6:30 am - left Haverstraw and started cruising north on the Hudson River

It is absolutely beautiful on this stretch of the Hudson. Surrounded by mountains with beautiful homes tucked on the hillside. The water has a schene of pollen and there is a lot of debris that Mark is on the constant lookout for.

In brief:

- We passed Stony Point Lighthouse
- Bear Mountain
- Fort Montgomery
- West Point
- Saw an eagle
- Historic Hotel Thayer
- Saw a couple of commuter trains and a couple of freight trains
- Bannerman Castle

All this before 8:30 am

Fun Facts About the Sights We Saw Today:

The Stony Point Light is the oldest lighthouse on the Hudson River. It is located at the Stony Point Battlefield in Stony Point, New York. The lighthouse was built in 1826

Bear Mountain is one of the best-known peaks of New York's Hudson Highlands. It is a popular destination for hiking, boating, picnicking, and other outdoor activities, drawing millions of visitors annually. The park also features a zoo, trailside museums, and a historic inn, further enhancing its appeal.

Fort Montgomery was the scene of a fierce Revolutionary War battle for control of the Hudson River. On October 6, 1777, British, Loyalist and Hessian forces attacked Fort Montgomery and nearby Fort Clinton. More than half of the Patriot forces were killed, wounded or captured.

West Point is the popular name for the United States Military Academy (USMA), a four-year coeducational federal service academy located in West Point, New York. It is known for training future officers for the U.S. Army.



Hotel Thayer is a gothic-style hotel was built in 1926 and extensively renovated in 1996. Located on the campus of West Point.

Bannerman Castle is an abandoned military surplus warehouse located on Bannerman Island (aka [Pollepel Island](#)), originally built by Francis Bannerman VI in the early 20th Century. On the island, you will experience beautifully restored gardens, the Bannerman Summer Residence which hosts a small museum, and incredible views of the Hudson River Fjord and the arsenal ruins.
<https://bannermancastle.org/>



As the day progresses we pass by:

- Culinary Institute
- Vanderbilt Mansion

The culinary institute is a first-class culinary school that is known as the #1 culinary school in the US.

Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site is a historic house museum in Hyde Park, New York. Hyde Park was a seasonal residence, one of a portfolio of homes the Vanderbilts owned in New York City, Bar Harbor, Newport, and the Adirondacks. The house designed for Frederick and Louise Vanderbilt by McKim, Mead, & White is a masterpiece of American architecture. Though modest compared to the grand houses of Vanderbilt's siblings, the Hyde Park interiors spared no expense and are richly appointed with exotic wood paneling, imported marble, lush velvets, French tapestries, and, as was the custom, antique building components salvaged from the great houses of Europe.

<https://www.nps.gov/vama/learn/historyculture/the-mansion.htm>

(Thank you Google & Wikipedia)

There is a considerable amount of debris in the water and unfortunately, we did hit one log, thankfully on the smaller side. Some are as large as 20'

We anchored at 11:45 am and as soon as Mark shut off the engines a train with its loud whistle went by. Let's hope there are not too many of those overnight.

We have been at anchor for less than an hour and there have been 3 trains all blowing their whistle but we see workers on the tracks so we are hoping they are blowing their whistle at them and once the workers leave there will be no need for a whistle....fingers crossed.

Fun Fact:

There is a 5' tide in the Hudson until you reach the first lock in Troy, NY then there is no more tide.

Today we anchored in 40' of water and put out 200+' of anchor line. This is the deepest water Valkyrie has anchored in the 4 ½ years we have had her.

This afternoon I worked and continued editing videos, and when it came to 5:00 pm I started cooking dinner. Keeping with the theme, of easy peasy meal prep, I am cooking a Zataran's Dirty Rice. It is a one-pot recipe I cook on the stovetop. M/V Ebenezer anchored nearby. Not too nearby, I think our loud music from yesterday scared them a little.

Daily Summary:

Departed from anchorage at Haverstraw, NY @: 6:30 am

Arrived at anchorage at Esopus Island, Staatsburg, NY @: 11:45 am

Hours traveled: 5 hrs 15 minutes

Nautical Miles Traveled: 41.26 Total traveled so far days 1-6: 245.06

Average Speed: 7.2 knots

Weather: sunny & cool, mid to low 60's wind gusts up to 11 mph

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: right next to the train tracks

We heard trains during the afternoon and early evening but not

Overnight. It was quiet, peaceful, safe.

#of locks we went through: 0



<https://youtu.be/YBdnYRNm0cw>

That is a wrap for this update!



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

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