

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

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop

Anchorage Northport Harbor, NY to Liberty Park, Jersey City, NJ

Friday, May 30, 2025

Day 3

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

This morning we stayed at anchor in Northport, NY, and got some chores done.

1. Mark changed the oil filter in the generator.
2. Mark went diving under Valkyrie to check the zinc, scrape any growth, and repair (if necessary) the line cutters.

But what he actually accomplished was:

He cleaned the intakes, and the propellers, changed the running gear zincs, and shaft zincs, cleaned rudders and replaced rudder zincs, checked the zincs on the thrusters and cleaned thruster propellers, and cleaned off underwater lights. Inspected the bottom, it is a little slimy but he ran out of air so we will worry about the line cutters later.

Mark said that there were huge oysters on top of the stabilizer fins!

3. I did a workout (much needed) vacuumed and offered Mark support as needed during his dive. It's only Friday, so I was also working.

10:40 am – started engines

Anchor is coming up slowly, it is a little muddy. Mark leaves the anchor hanging just under the surface of the water to wash it off as we idle speed ahead.

I took the helm! While Mark was stowing the anchor I drove. It was a little scary because we had to make some tight turns to avoid the beach that

jets out. I drove from Northport Harbor, into Huntington Bay into Long Island Sound (LIS) Of course, Mark was standing next to me giving me instructions the entire time.

We stayed in the sound which brings us into the East River. We will pass by Kings Point, go under Throgs Neck Bridge and pass by SUNY Maritime College, under Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, pass Rikers Island, LaGuardia through Hell Gate, pass by Roosevelt Island, eventually the Brooklyn Bridge, Governors Island, and into NY Harbor where we will see the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

1:25 pm we entered the East River with the current and passed by SUNY Maritime College.

Mark had a friend who was boarding the 3 pm ferry from Wall Street to City Island so we slowed down so that he could take a photo of us. We went slower than slow, the closer we got to the harbor the more congested it got with boat traffic including ferries, barges, personal crafts, tour boats, etc. This is intense for Mark but he did great. I sat in the cockpit so I could take photos. My camera battery was almost dead so I shot what I could.



Recent news reported:

On May 17, 2025, a Mexican Navy ship, the Cuauhtémoc, struck the Brooklyn Bridge while departing New York City. The ship's masts collided with the bridge, causing damage and injuries. The incident resulted in two deaths and multiple injuries on board the vessel.

It felt rather eerie passing by.

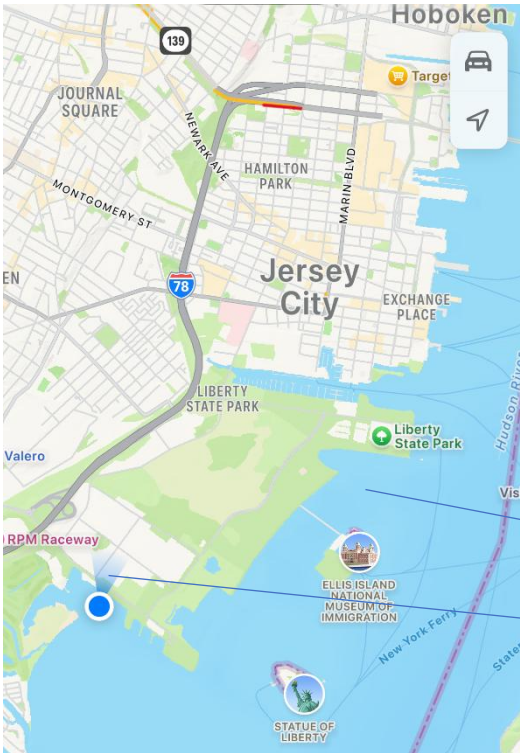


3:06 pm we reach NYC Harbor. We could have made it sooner but as I mentioned, we were trying to get the shot of the century of Valkyrie going through the East River.



3:35 Valkyrie's engines were shut down for the day. The anchorage has 10 sailboats anchored and/or moored here at Liberty Park. We have set the anchor and will cross our fingers we don't have to move. The last 3 times we anchored here there were only 2 sailboats anchored in this small space.

The weather forecasted high winds overnight and into tomorrow. All through dinner (burgers & salad) the anchor alarm was going off because we were pulling on the anchor. The winds haven't even kicked in yet! What does all this mean? It means that after a long day, we are moving!



We moved from Liberty Park, behind the Statue of Liberty, north next to Ellis Island. It was the safest thing for Valkyrie. This area is not sheltered from the many wakes of the numerous ferries that will be passing by us but in the end, it is worth it.

Second anchorage

First anchorage

Daily Summary:

Departed from Northport Harbor, NY @ 10:40 am

Arrived at Liberty Park anchorage @ 3:35 pm

Hours traveled: 4 hrs 55 mins

Nautical Miles Traveled: 39.39

Average Speed: 7.3 knots

Weather: Sunny with a little haze around 68°

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Overnight anchorage is wavy due to high volume of traffic. Amazing view of Manhattan.

#of locks we went through: 0

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/KXj59ix6jms>

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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