

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

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Anchorage Liberty Park, Jersey City, NJ to anchorage Bowline Pond,
Haverstraw, NY

Saturday, May 31, 2025
Day 4

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

8:45 am – Started Engines

About last night:

Last night we moved anchorages. The anchorage at Liberty Park did not afford us much space and the winds were predicted to get strong. We moved over to the other side of the Statue of Liberty to an anchorage next to Ellis Island. This anchorage offers an amazing view of lower Manhattan, Jersey City, and Brooklyn. It is not sheltered so we roll with every wake. The harbor is filled with a variety of vessels including ferries that run late into the night and early in the morning.

Near us are the Honorable William Hall and the S/V Arabella.

The Honorable William Hall considers itself the ultimate summer destination. You can buy tickets, or rent it for private groups. Simply put, it is a fancy party barge.

S/V Arabella is a 157' luxury sailing vessel available for charter for a mere \$60,000/week.



We intended to have a leisurely morning and wait for the tide before leaving up the Hudson however we did not have a good anchor hold so we left earlier than planned.

After Mark hauled the anchor, which was not easy. The wind and current were carrying us into the river so it took several back-and-forth trips to the anchor and the helm to keep us from drifting too far until it was up.

We cruised Valkyrie in front of the Statue of Liberty to take a selfie using the live web camera.

We look so little!!

9:30 am we cruised by the Empty Sky, 9/11 Memorial. It honors the 749 people who lived in or had ties to NJ that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The twin walls are 210 feet long, the width of each side of the World Trade Center Towers.

Located right next to this memorial is the Colgate Clock...



It's Official!!! Mark stated that since we have never been north of the Colgate Clock on the Hudson our great loop has officially begun. It is all brand new for us from here on out until we circle to Charleston, SC which is the furthest south we have ever been onboard Valkyrie. However, we were not looping when we cruised the ICW from MA to SC so we won't cross our loop tracks until we reach NYC Harbor again.

By 10:45 am we had cruised by Manhattan and went under the George Washington Bridge which provided drastically different views.

We saw several Manhattan landmarks like the Empire State Building, One World Trade Center, the Intrepid Museum, the Whitney Museum of Modern Art, 30 Hudson Yards (the tall building with a deck on top).

Fun Fact:

30 Hudson Yards is the 2nd highest outdoor observation deck containing optically transparent flooring in the world after Skywalk in Madeira. It is called The Edge and you can purchase tickets at edgenyc.com. If you are adventurous you can also scale the outside of a skyscraper more than 1200 feet above the ground, situated above the Edge.

We passed by Water's Soul, a sculpture on the Jersey City side of the Hudson. It depicts a woman with closed eyes holding a finger to her lips in a state of silent reflection. The sculpture's message is to "keep silent and to listen to the profound noise of the water talking to us" (wikipedia.org)



The Gene Chaser Yacht: Represents the pinnacle of luxury exploration. This vessel is a platform for adventure, boasting a unique onboard research laboratory. 182' long. (Info from yachtsupport.com)



We passed the T/S Kennedy which is Texas A&M's training vessel. Parked next to the Intrepid Museum. This T/S was transferred to them from Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Mark's alma mater. We saw the Kennedy in January 2022 when we were docked in Charleston, SC. We welcomed a crew member, a former classmate of Mark's onboard Valkyrie for a short visit.



11:00 am we pass by where the Harlem River meets the Hudson. The Harlem River is 8 miles long and joins the East River at Hell Gate.



We crossed under the Governor Mario Cuomo Bridge where the former Tapeenzee bridge used to be and passed by Lyndhurst.

This mansion sits on 67 acres and has been the site of a few movies.

We saw our first looper boat today, Wastin Away. We passed them just before we arrived at our anchorage.

We crept slower than slow into the Bowline Pond anchorage site in Haverstraw, NY. Haverstraw at one time in history was the brick-making capital of the world. While I type and work on videos and Mark takes a much-needed nap, I hear train whistles and catch a glimpse of the ferry that services Haverstraw to Ossining, NY, and coincides with Metro-North trains to and from Grand Central.



Daily Summary:

Departed from Ellis Island Anchorage @: 8:50 am

Arrived at Bowline Pond, Haverstraw anchorage @ 1:40 pm

Hours traveled: 5 hrs 10 mins

Nautical Miles Traveled: 35.31

Average Speed: 7.3 knots

Weather: cloudy, light rain at times 17 mph winds w/gusts up to 40 mph

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: see day 5 for review

#of locks we went through: 0

States Travelled: So far this trip: 4 MA, RI, NY, NJ

Today: 2: NJ & NY

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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