

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

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Anchorage Bowline Pond, Haverstraw, NY

Sunday, June 1, 2025
Day 5

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

We are not cruising today. We are staying at anchor here in Haverstraw, NY. It is cold and windy however we are hopeful that the weather will get better.

We saw 2 deer on the shoreline this morning!

Mark researched the best places to stop for fuel, water, trash removal, and possibly a marina that is affordable for us to overnight so we can do laundry, and get the propane tank filled and his scuba air tank filled. This is all as a backup plan in case there is no space for us at Waterford where the town has a free wall & floating docks for cruisers. Waterford is at the entrance to the Erie Canal. Boaters cruising the great loop can opt for the Erie Canal or the Champlain Canal. We are choosing the Erie Canal. Mostly because of bridge height restrictions, and because Mark has always wanted to do the Erie Canal. It was one of his first draws to the loop experience.



Mark dropped the tender so we could go ashore.

12:31 pm – we anchored our tender on the shoreline as there were no nearby docks. After securing our anchor line around the base of a tree, we climbed a steep grassy bank to get up to street level.

We walked a paved waterside path that brought us around to the outside of the small cove from where our boat was anchored. The path came to an end so we continued walking the sidewalks in town a couple of blocks where we found a waterside park and decided to stop at *Don Coqui on the Hudson Restaurant*. I had a frozen mango margarita and Mark had a rum punch. We ordered guac and chips to go.



To get back up to town we climbed 56 stairs and turned to see this view.

We decided to walk through town on our way back to Valkyrie because we wanted to see what the main street had to offer for shops, etc.

Our walk back through town was interesting.

A nice Sunday afternoon brought kids outside to ride their bikes, and many people were out shopping at the local stores, barber shops, etc. Mark and I are under the impression that this is not a popular tourist destination because there were no touristy knick-knack style shops.

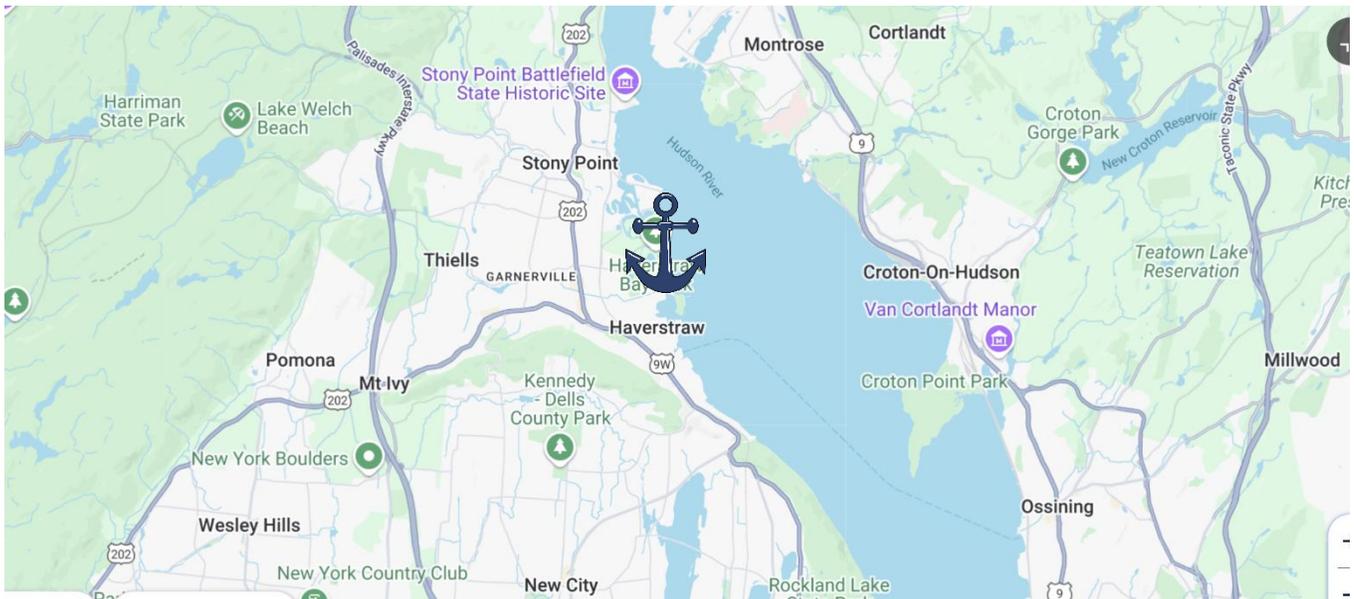
Fun Fact:

Haverstraw is a congested community that has nice views of the hillside, but because of its waterside location, and the rich clay soil found here, it was once famous for its brickmaking and soon became the Brick Capital of the World, earning its nickname Bricktown. There is a museum on Main Street dedicated to preserving the historical past of the village if you want to learn more: <https://www.haverstrawbrickmuseum.org/>

There is another looper here in this anchorage. Ebenezer from GA. We chatted with them for a few minutes on our way back to Valkyrie. Captain Randy and Anita. They came into the anchorage at 2 a.m. They

were traveling north through NYC and wanted to see the city at night all lit up. They had started the loop last year but ran aground in Beaufort NC but are happy to be starting it again this year.

Mark and I enjoyed an afternoon with cocktails out in the cockpit, played the stereo at a too-high volume, and had leftover chili for dinner.



Daily Summary:

Departed from @:

Arrived at @: pm

Hours traveled:

Nautical Miles Traveled:

Average Speed:

Weather: Cloudy and cool

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: safe, calm, deep water for anchoring, deep draft vessels should plan to arrive on an incoming mid to high tide, expect to hear the train all hours

#of locks we went through: 0

That is a wrap for this update! Join us on Day 6 for more cruising and more video!



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