

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

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop

Anchorage Esopus Island, Staatsburg, NY to Coxsackie, NY

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Day 7

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

9:29 am Mark left the anchorage.

He said he wanted to leave between 9 – 9:30 am, and I was ready to leave at 9:28 am (sort of).

I slept in after a horrible night's sleep the night before and I wanted to fit a workout in this morning. It was my understanding that we were having a leisurely morning because we were only cruising about an hour to an hour and a half up the river today. Things change quickly here on Valkyrie at any given time.

10:26 am we arrived at the Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston, NY

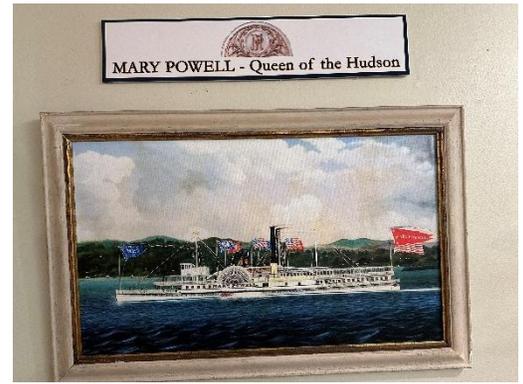
We met Jim the manager. He was great. We filled our water tank and then he gave us a private tour of the museum. The museum was closed today but he was very hospitable and showed us around. (We left a donation)

The museum showcased the Hudson River's history very nicely. Exhibits included the history of the Riverboats, brick industry, ice industry, bluestone, shipping, and more.

Jim talked about the old canal that is no longer open between New York and Pennsylvania. The growth of the railroad eventually made this canal obsolete.

There are several artifacts from the Mary Powell...

Mary Powell became an iconic symbol of "America's Rhine." Operated for most of her career by one enterprising family - the Andersons - *Mary Powell* also represented the best of Hudson River travel - the speed, elegance, safety, and attention to detail that made travel by water preferable for many throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries.



The museum's website is equally as impressive as the museum.

<https://www.hrmm.org/about.html>



Let's talk about some stuff before I go any further.

This morning after leaving ee-Soap-us Island anchorage, we passed the Esopus Lighthouse:

The **Esopus Meadows Lighthouse** is the only surviving wooden lighthouse on the Hudson River. Nicknamed "Maid of the Meadows" it is often simply referred to as the Esopus Light or Middle Hudson River Light and was built in 1871. Google.

To reach the Hudson River Maritime Museum located in Kingston, NY we leave the Hudson and turn up into Roundout Creek. When entering Roundout Creek, Roundout Lighthouse is located here at the mouth. Roundout Lighthouse is only accessible by boat and yes, you can tour it. You can get tickets through the Maritime Museum. It is a brick lighthouse and was completed in 1915.



Kingston, NY is a town that is worth visiting. Not only is the Maritime Museum worth a visit (no entrance fee, please leave a donation in the box) but Kingston has a lot to offer. It is a quaint, vibrant city with several restaurants, shops, and a fun fact; was NY's first capital.

The Hudson Maritime Museum has overnight boat docks, (for our size boat it would be \$4 per foot). Services include showers, bathrooms, potable water, wifi, electricity, nearby Walgreens, Laundromat, and nearby restaurants. Fuel and pumpout services are close by and located at the Roundout Yacht Basin.

We saw the M/V Rip Van Winkle leaving the creek on one of its 90-minute scenic cruises out of Kingston.

M/V Rip Van Winkle is a [Hudson River](#) tour boat based in [Kingston, New York](#). She was built for use in the oil industry in 1980 but has served as a passenger vessel in New York State, and as a ferry for the US Navy. Wikipedia.

It was just after noon when we said goodbye to Jim and headed out to our next destination up the river, Coxsackie, NY.

We pass by many beautiful homes along the river and another lighthouse.

The **Saugerties Lighthouse**, an 1869 landmark beacon on the Hudson River stands proudly as a Living Museum and a renowned Bed & Breakfast in Saugerties, NY.
<https://www.saugertieslighthouse.com/>



Of course, we will pass under numerous bridges, some more noteworthy than others. One worth noting is the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. And in case you were wondering...

The main connection between Rip Van Winkle and Kingston, NY, is the fictional steamboat named after the story, the M/V Rip Van Winkle. This tour boat, based in Kingston, travels along the Hudson River. Additionally, the Hudson River, which Rip Van Winkle's story is set near, passes through Kingston. The story also inspired the naming of the [Rip Van Winkle Bridge](#), which spans the Hudson River. Google

Just as we are approaching the bridge we come across Rogers Island. It is worth mentioning because...

Rogers Island is an island on the Hudson River, in Washington County, New York, that once formed part of the third largest "city" in colonial North America, and is considered the "spiritual home" of the United States Special Operations Forces, particularly the United States Army Rangers. Wikipedia

I cannot document all the towns, cities, and villages that we will be cruising by but I should not go by Hudson, NY without mentioning it because...

Hudson is a city in and the county seat of Columbia County, New York, United States. At the 2020 census, it had a population of 5,894. On the east side of the Hudson River, 120 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, it was named after the river's explorer, Henry Hudson. Google

We arrived at 4 pm at Coxsackie, NY. There are supposed to be free docks here however what few docks they had put out so far this season were occupied. Bryan, a looper that Mark was communicating with did offer to have us raft up with him but Mark decided to go just a little further and drop anchor in this tiny little spot that was a little tricky to get into. The good news is we are at low tide and the current is at its strongest right now so we should stay put and the anchor should have a chance to dig in.

We had a cocktail on the mezzanine, then moved to the flybridge to have dinner. Mark took the icenglass down and is ready to drive from the top deck. We will have to drop the radar arch to get through some of the bridges so once we put that down it will stay down for a while.

Dinner was BBQ chicken sandwiches with swiss cheese and salad.

Daily Summary:

Departed from Esopus Island anchorage @: 9:29 am

Arrived at Hudson Maritime Museum, Kingston, NY @: 10:20 am

Departed Hudson Maritime Museum, Kingston, NY @ 11:53 am

Arrived anchorage in Coxsackie: 4:00 pm

Hours traveled: 5 hrs 7 mins

Nautical Miles Traveled: 38.69 total for the day (283.75 total miles)

Average Speed: 6.45 knots

Weather: sunny, low wind, low 80's high 70's

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: thin, muddy, not great holding

Held us overnight until the current the next morning. Not a lot of room to swing

#of locks we went through: 0

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/SHKPWJXnyJ0>

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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