

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

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Fulton, NY to Oswego, NY

Saturday, June 21, 2025
Day 25 (14th day of cruising)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

8:00 am - Departed for Oswego, NY.

We go through Oswego Canal Lock 3 immediately after leaving the free wall in Fulton, NY, but not before Mark walked back to Auto Zone to drop his second 5-gallon pail of waste oil off. I wrote about the trouble Mark was having disposing of waste oil in the last blog. He dropped a 5-gallon pail off yesterday at Fulton's Auto Zone, and dropped a second this morning due to their 5-gallon per day restriction.

I saw a bald eagle swoop out of the sky and scoop up a meal out of the river. That was cool!

Lock 3 is a 27' drop, and there are 6.43 miles to the next lock, Lock 5.

By 9:15 am, we had gone through locks 3 and 5. What about #4, you ask?

Well, there is no lock 4. The canal was redesigned, eliminating a lock, and instead of renumbering the canal, they just omitted #4.

I had trouble in lock 5 keeping the stern against the wall. Lock 5 is an 18' drop, and there are 3.29 miles to lock 6.

Once we were done with the these 2 locks, I went down to our bedroom to put my hair up and thought...huh, we opened our windows last night, but I don't remember hearing Mark close them like he did the last time we slept with them open...mine was open, his was closed...good thing I checked. We make it a rule to never cruise with those windows open.



We did locks 6 & 7, which are close together, and then tied up just past lock 7 on the free wall. Lock 8 is in our view.

Lock 6 proved to be interesting because the lines were spaced so oddly, Mark had to use the boat hook to hold onto a ladder as we descended. But that is not it. The doors opened, we all let go of our lines, and then nobody moved! What was the holdup? Who knows, but after a short delay, the front boat finally started to move.

Whoever the lead boat was, they were slower than slow. They took their sweet time entering lock 7, which was directly after 6.

Lock 6 had a 20' drop.
Lock 7 had a 14.5' drop.

Engines off at 10:20 am.

We got the bikes out, did some light maintenance on them since we have not used them in over a year, and then took off for Fort Ontario. It took us longer than it should have to get to the fort. We knew the general direction we needed to go, but we never referenced a map. Haha...my advice is to use a map when in a strange city!



It was the 250th anniversary of the Commemoration of the 1775 British-Haudenosaunee Conference, so lucky us, it was free admission.

Upon leaving the fort, we continued to ride our bikes along the railroad bridge trail. This area is very bike-friendly.

Fort Ontario is a historic fort located in Oswego, New York, overlooking Lake Ontario. It's a state historic site and museum, known for its role in various conflicts, including the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, and World War II. From 1944 to 1946, it served as the only refugee shelter in the United States for Jewish refugees fleeing the Holocaust. google

Visitors to Fort Ontario State Historic Site today will see the star-shaped fort dating to the early 1840's with 1863 to 1872 improvements. There are two guardhouses, a powder magazine, a storehouse, enlisted men's barracks, an Army office building, an unfurnished officer's quarters, videos, exhibits and windswept ramparts featuring magnificent views of Lake Ontario and underground stone casemates and galleries to tour.

The fourth and current Fort Ontario is built on the ruins of three earlier fortifications which were the site of three French and Indian War and two War of 1812 battles. It was occupied by the U.S. Army through World War II. From 1944 to 1946 the fort served as the only refugee camp in the United States for mostly Jewish victims of the Nazi Holocaust under an Executive Order from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. A post cemetery containing the graves of 77 officers, soldiers, women, and children who served at Fort Ontario in war and peace is situated on the grounds which are open year-round from dawn to dusk.

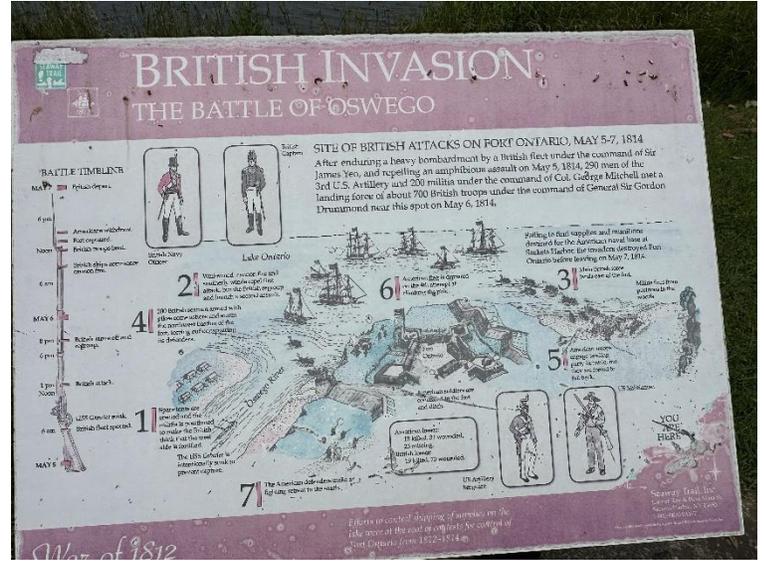
In 1946 Fort Ontario was transferred to the State of New York and housed World War II veterans and their families until 1953. It opened as a state historic site in 1949.

<https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/fortontario/details.aspx>

Saturday, June 21, was the 250th Commemoration of the 1775 British-Haudenosaunee Conference. There was free admission with the bonus of costumed historical interpreters, demonstrations on the fur trade at Oswego, 18th-century foodways, Haudenosaunee wampum making, and a corn husk doll activity.

Notice anything funny about this flag?





Daily Summary:

Departed from Fulton, NY @ 8:00 am

Arrived at Oswego, NY @ 10:20 am

Hours traveled: 2 hours 20 mins

Nautical Miles Traveled: 8.86 total for the day (478.93 total miles)

Average Speed 3.4 knots

Weather: Sunny, low 80's

Anchorage/mooring/marina review:

#of locks we went through: 4 29 total locks

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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