

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

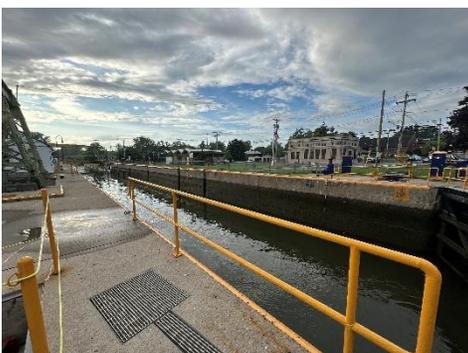
Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Phoenix, NY

Thursday, June 19, 2025
Day 23 (no cruising today)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

Yesterday afternoon, after docking here in Phoenix, we left to go exploring. We coincidentally ran into our boat buddy, who was also out for a walk. The 4 of us, plus their dog, Ocean, walked across the lock bridge and took some pictures, chatted with Mike, who is a local who watches over the docking area and waterfront. He is a wealth of information and a great storyteller. We had intentions of going to watch a band at the Lock 1 Distillery, but when we arrived, we ordered drinks, we got to chatting, and never went to the outside venue where the band was playing.



Did you know? No, you didn't because we didn't either! There is one space along the wall that has a place to connect your boat to electricity, and we, by happenstance, got that spot! Yay for us. We hooked up to electricity. There are also water spigots available, so we were able to fill our water tank, and Mark washed the boat.



It was a 30-amp, so we used 2 30-amp plugs.

This morning we went for a long walk around town. The intent was for exercise, not browsing Main Street and the shops. We did some chores upon our return, and I worked. We held out here in Phoenix today to avoid strong winds.

Fun Facts:

Phoenix is home to the *Bridge House Brats*, a non-profit group of local volunteer kids who help the community and provide services to boaters. Examples include: clean boat, trash removal, walk your dog, take food orders for local restaurants, as well as pick-up & delivery. They also maintain the Bridge House Museum and offer tours.



Built in 1917 during the construction of the Barge Canal, the building still contains the original levers and controls used to lift and lower a nearby drawbridge which was removed in the 1980's. There's a small museum in the bridge and buoy houses, where visitors can see the original levers and controls and also learn more about the history of Phoenix. There is also a model of the Day Peckinpaugh in the museum. The small informal museum is maintained and staffed by the Bridge House Brats, a group of young people who welcome boaters to Phoenix

<https://visitoswegocounty.com/directory/phoenix-bridge-house/>

Phoenix is a small village located in the Lake Ontario lake-effect snowbelt with snow accumulation averaging 200". In 1916, it was nearly devastated by a fire that burned overnight into the next day, destroying most businesses.

Currently, you can find restaurants, a laundromat, hair salons, gift shops, and today we saw a vendor selling fresh fruits, vegetables, and plants roadside.

It is also the location of lock #1 of the Oswego Canal. This lock has a 10.2' lift and a heel trunnion single-leaf bascule bridge. (lift bridge and/or drawbridge).

A **trunnion** (from [Old French *trognon*](#) 'trunk')[ⓘ] is a [cylindrical protrusion](#) used as a mounting or pivoting point. First associated with cannons. wikipedia

The Oswego Canal is part of the New York Canal System. It is 23.7 miles long and connects the Erie Canal to Lake Ontario and has 7 locks.

Mark had to work on the main salon a/c system today. It was not working. As the afternoon progressed, we had a rainstorm, which gifted us with a beautiful rainbow. For dinner, we had salmon burgers and salad.



For this evening's entertainment, 6 of us got together for a game night. We were introduced to marbles and jokers. It is a lot like the board game Sorry.

Funny story about the laundromat. Our boat buddy did a few loads of laundry today. Went in, filled a washer, set a timer, returned and put everything into a dryer, started another load, you know how it goes, she did laundry, but in between each cycle, she would go back to the boat. Unfortunately, and curiously, one of her loads of clothes went missing, never to be found. All sorts of hypotheses were created regarding what could have happened, but the truth will never be found.

Our Great Loop
Phoenix, NY to Fulton, NY

Friday, June 20, 2025
Day 24 (13th cruising day)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

We left Phoenix this morning and immediately went through the first lock, Oswego Canal Lock 1 w/lift bridge.

We were through it by 10:38 am.

Tim was the lock attendant and was very nice and jolly.

We are cruising north on the canal to Fulton, NY, with our boat buddy, Next Chapter. There are 9.33 miles between lock 1 and lock 2. It was a peaceful, beautiful cruise. I spent most of the time experimenting with the camera gimbal and microphone. I haven't got it quite right yet. It was very frustrating. Finally, it was decided that the connection piece that attaches my phone to the gimbal itself needed to be changed out.

Arriving at our 2nd lock, we planned starboard, but the wind and water were pushing us port side, so we glided onto the wall port side. It was an easy drop. Once we cleared the lock and went under 2 bridges, we arrived at the free wall where we planned to tie up for the night.

I got off the boat as we eased up to the wall. I grabbed a bow line and wrapped it around a bollard, then Mark used the stern thruster to keep us against the wall and threw me a stern line. I wrapped it around a second bollard. Once we turned the engines off, Mark went back out and fixed the lines the way he likes them best. He added a second line to each bollard and secured the lines added a spring line. There have been reports of people coming along these walls and letting boaters' lines free and sending the boat adrift in the middle of the night, which is so horrible. Mark is doing what he thinks is best to keep us safe.

Engines off today by 12:15 pm. There are no services here. Meaning no electricity, water, or wifi.

Within walking distance: Price Chopper, Aldis, post office, Walgreens, Church, several restaurants.



Fulton is a nice community that has a rich industrial history. Companies like Nestle, American Woolen Mills, and the Miller Brewing Company have all at one time called Fulton home.

Daily Summary:

Departed from Phoenix, NY @: 10:20 am

Arrived Fulton, NY @ 12:15 pm

Hours traveled: 1 hour 44 mins

Nautical Miles Traveled: 8.57 total for the day 470.07 total miles

Average Speed 4.9 knots

Weather: Windy, cloudy and cool

Anchorage/mooring/marina review:

#of locks we went through: 2 25 total locks

 **YouTube** https://youtu.be/uML3_p98oJ0

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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