

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

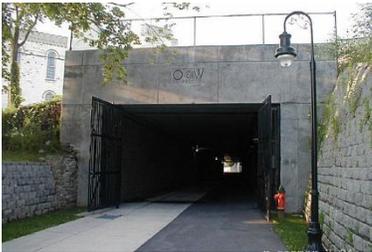
Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Owego, NY
Sunday, June 22, 2025
Day 26 (no cruising today)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

Let's talk about yesterday.

Mark and I arrived in Oswego, NY, rode our bikes to Fort Ontario, and along a portion of the railroad bridge trail.



This unique in-city trail was built on portions of the former Ontario and Western Railway Line through the City of Oswego. The Ontario and Western Railway ran its last train in March of 1957. The trail passes through a short tunnel, which was used by the now-defunct railroad. <https://www.traillink.com/trail/ow-railroad-pedestrian-promenade-and-bikeway/> (photo credited to this website)

It was a beautiful, hot afternoon. We had cocktails on the fly bridge, where there was a light breeze. At 4:00 pm, it was 87 degrees in the salon...ever so thankful for the breeze while sitting on the fly bridge.

Mark flew the drone.



We had spaghetti and meatballs for dinner, then got together with Paul and Carllene from Next Chapter and played bocce ball. It was Mark and my first time playing. We played several games until the mosquitoes found us. There is a park here at the free wall that we

are tied to, as well as a bike/walking path and a skateboard park.

The bridges are lit at night. They were absolutely beautiful and added to the appeal of the city.



Back to today!

Today we toured more of Oswego and went to the grocery store. I did not sleep well last night. It was hot, and because we opened our bedroom windows, I heard the lines squeaking. It got windy during the night, and it was pushing us around a little bit, just enough to make the lines creek. To add to the noise, there was a quick shower during the night.

Our bike ride today included passing by the Maritime Museum, a tug boat, a Derrick Boat, and the lighthouse. We then headed to Cahill Pier and over to Bridge Street. Bridge Street is where a lot of shops are located, if interested. We then went to the Big M grocery store. We stocked up on fresh fruit and vegetables. This grocery store suited our needs because it was very close to the boat, plus we only needed a few items, which we had to carry in bags on our bikes. However, if we needed to provision, Walmart was 2 miles away, as well as a Price Chopper. The Big M we went to was not the store for a big supply run.



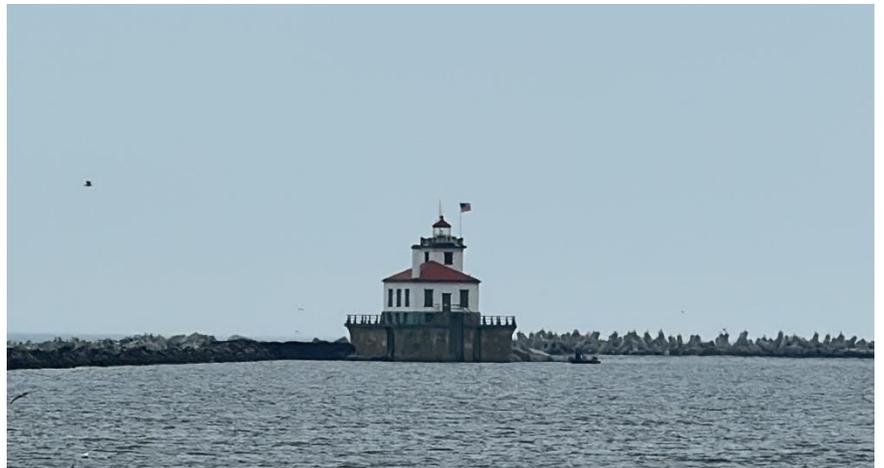
Seventy-five years ago, the 114' ocean going tugboat played a crucial role in what General Dwight Eisenhower termed the "Great Crusade" – the allied invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, colloquially known as D-Day. <https://hlwmm.org/pages/historic-vessels-on-display>



Built in 1927 at Syracuse, NY, *Derrick Boat no 8* had a nearly 60 year history of serving the New York State Barge Canal as a workboat. Duties often consisted of dredging, moving heavy objects, placing buoys, and performing the various tasks associated with ensuring the entire canal system functioned. <https://hlwmm.org/pages/historic-vessels-on-display>

Oswego Harbor West Pierhead Lighthouse

is an active aid to navigation located off the coast of Oswego, New York.^{[2][3]} It was built in 1934 to replace an earlier light constructed in 1880. It stands at the end of a 2,000-foot-long (610 m) breakwater at mouth of Oswego River, extending one-half mile (0.80 km) out onto Lake Ontario. It is accessible by boat or from land over the abutting breakwater. Wikipeda.



For a detailed history of the lighthouse, visit <https://www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=308>

We could have walked out to the lighthouse on the breakwater; however, it was extremely windy on this day, and the water was crashing over the breakwater, which would have made the walk a bit treacherous.



William S. Cahill, Jr Pier in the City of Oswego. The \$10 million construction project transforms an old abandoned coal trestle into a new, modern, waterfront park, allowing for public access from land, boating access from Lake Ontario, and additional fishing opportunities for visitors and residents. The pier also features a walking path down the middle, a boardwalk style path around the perimeter, and a decorative fountain towards the end. In addition, the

city installed two more fire pit seating areas, unique statues, and electrical services to allow large boats and yachts to dock along the pier.

<https://www.oswegony.org/city-news-releases/news-story/mayor-barlow-announces-grand-opening-of-10-million-william-s-cahill-pier>

Now that the bikes are assembled, we will leave them in the cockpit and hope we use them again soon.

It was very humid today. Once we returned to Valkyrie and put away our groceries, we had cocktails on the fly bridge, where there was a light breeze.

Tonight we were invited to dinner on board Next Chapter. Chicken, salted potatoes (it's a thing in these parts), and our contribution, asparagus.



Salt potatoes, a regional specialty of Syracuse, New York, originated in the 19th century among salt workers who boiled potatoes in the brine from the area's salt springs. Google

Our Great Loop
Owego, NY to Cape Vincent
Monday, June 23, 2025
Day 27 (15th day of cruising)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

7:30 am Engines started
8:00 am, we completed the Oswego Canal lock 8

Into Lake Ontario, we go!!!

Passing the Oswego Harbor West Pier Lighthouse



12:55 pm – engines off
We are at a free dock in Cape Vincent. Not the one we were originally aiming for, nevertheless, we have a secure spot. There are no services here, meaning no electricity or water. Upon exploring, we may or may not find a place to dispose of our trash.

Lake Ontario is one of the five Great Lakes of North America. It is bounded on the north, west, and southwest by the Canadian province of Ontario, and on the south and east by the U.S. state of New York. The Canada–United States border spans the centre of the lake.

The last in the Great Lakes chain, Lake Ontario serves as the outlet to the Atlantic Ocean via the Saint Lawrence River, comprising the western end of the Saint Lawrence Seaway. Its primary inlet is the Niagara River from Lake Erie.

None of the five Great Lakes are exclusively within Canada; they are shared between Canada and the United States. Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake entirely within the United States. The other four (Superior, Huron, Erie, and Ontario) border both Canada and the US, with the international border running through them. Wikipedia

Lake Ontario

Lake in North America ⓘ



The ride this morning was beautiful. The lake was like glass, so calm and smooth. When cruising a large lake, like Lake Ontario, the winds can create big waves, just like in the ocean. Lakes are nothing to take for granted, and no one should assume that navigating them is easy. 8 waves were reported in Lake Ontario this past weekend. When talking about weather and navigation, you may hear the term Fetch. Simply put:

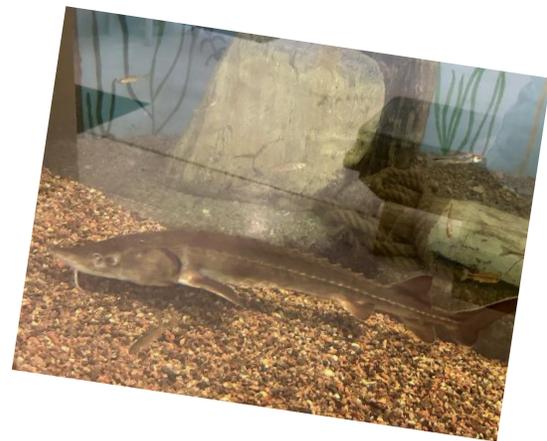
- Waves are primarily formed by wind transferring its energy to the water's surface.
- The fetch provides the wind with the space to build up wave energy. The longer the fetch, the more time and distance the wind has to exert its force, leading to larger waves.

We took a bike ride around Cape Vincent; we did the whole town in about 45 minutes, including going into the market. Main Street has the

Market, a winery, a gift shop, a gallery, a museum, and the fisheries aquarium. The Cape Vincent Fisheries Research Station is part of the DEC Lake Ontario Fisheries Unit and the base for the R/V Seth Green.



The dock that Valkyrie is tied to is part of their facility and is first-come first-served basis to the public, provided it is not needed for official use. There is a 48-hour time limit. R/V Seth Green's primary function is to conduct annual assessments of Lake Ontario's fish stocks to provide information necessary to manage the lake's resources.



The aquarium is free and open daily 9 – 4.



Burgers and salad for dinner.



Daily Summary:

Departed from Oswego, NY @: 7:45 am

Arrived Cape Vincent, NY @ 12:42 pm

Hours traveled: 4 hours 57 mins

Nautical Miles Traveled: 42.33 total for the day 521.26 total miles

Average Speed 8.5 knots

Weather:

Anchorage/mooring/marina review:

#of locks we went through: 1 30 total locks

Our Great Loop
Cape Vincent
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Day 28 (no cruising today)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

Cape Vincent had a farmers' market this morning. Some of the vendors here also participate in the farmers' market in Clayton on Thursdays. We bought fresh veggies and fruit from one vendor.

Mark is working on the water tank. We knew it leaked and was the cause of the bilge to go off. It was decided that when filling the tank, if it was overfilled, water would leak and go into the bilge. Mark has had to fix this tank a few times already. This is a new crack, I think.

Mark also tried to center the rudder. A continuing saga for Valkyrie. He has tried this before. The ruder angle indicator sensor was never perfectly centered, but now he thinks he went too far in the other direction; time will tell.

Last on his chore list today was to rip out the engine air intake screens on the port side, hoping that this would help the engines breathe better. The vents were quite restrictive, and if the engines ran at high rpms, the engines would suck so much air that they could not get enough through the existing vent screens. This would cause a suction, most notably on the engine room door when doing an engine room check during a cruise.





Notice anything different?

The radar arch is back up!



Photo of Cape Vincent downtown and the museum. Worth noting is that there is another boat-friendly dock here in Cape Vincent that has electricity and water. Our buddy boat, Next Chapter, got the last space there.

I took a nice, long walk today. The humidity fell enough to make walking bearable.

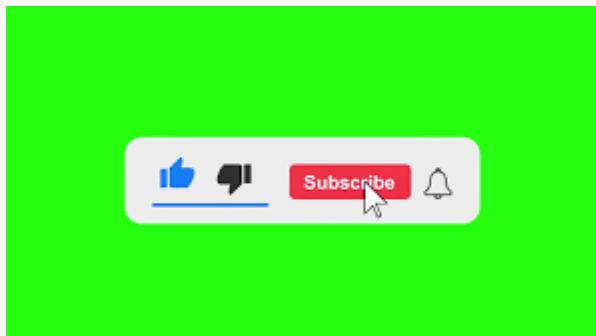
We had Tacos/taco salad for dinner.

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/xDZMzTy2afk>

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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