

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

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Cape Vincent, NY to Clayton, NY

Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Day 29 (16th day of cruising)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

Let's start with some....

....Fun Facts

Cape Vincent has a strong French heritage. After his brother, Joseph, established residence here in the early 1800s, the infamous Napoleon Bonaparte was to have settled in Cape Vincent, seeking refuge from the havoc he had wrought in Europe.

<https://visit1000islands.com/communities/cape-vincent-ny/>

The only auto ferry across the St. Lawrence River to Canada departs from Cape Vincent. The delightful journey to Ontario's historic City of Kingston.

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The Tibbetts Point Lighthouse is located in Cape Vincent, New York. The lighthouse is a circular tower that stands 69 feet above the water. The lighthouse was constructed in 1854 and marks the entrance into the St. Lawrence River from Lake Ontario. Wikipedia

This morning, we cruise yet another new waterway, the St. Lawrence River. We left Cape Vincent and cruised to Clayton, NY, and the land of the 1000 Islands.

On our way, we passed Carlton Island.

Fun Facts

The island itself is located on the St Lawrence River, less than a mile from the Canadian border. Originally held by the Iroquois, the first time any European settlers took notice of it was in 1721 when Frenchman Pierre Francois Xavier de Charlevoix wrote that its bays could be useful and named it Isle aux Chevreuils (Island of Roe Bucks).

The island would later be renamed Carleton Island after Major General Sir Guy Carleton, Governor of the Province of Quebec.

Nobody now lives on the island year-round; however, there are 34 homes there. In 1894, after William O. Wyckoff had amassed his fortune with the newly invented typewriter, he decided to build a vacation home in a picturesque spot on Carleton Island.

William Miller, an architect known for his work at Cornell University, was commissioned to design the villa. Construction of the property finished in 1895, however, it was never the dream home Wyckoff hoped it would be. In 1895, after spending just one night in the home, Wyckoff suffered a heart attack and died at the property. His wife had also reportedly died of a heart attack just a few months earlier. The home was therefore passed down to his son, and the property was used until around 1927. During the Great Depression, the family lost much of their fortune and General Electric took ownership of the property in the 1930s. General Electric planned to use the property as a company retreat. Bad timing struck once again, with the break out of World War II the company had to abandon its plans. <https://houseandhistory.com/carleton-island-villa/>

The villa has new owners and restoration plans are in full action!

The cruise on the Saint Lawrence River to Clayton, NY, took 2 hours.

The St. Lawrence River is a large international river in the middle latitudes of North America, connecting the Great Lakes to the North Atlantic Ocean. Its waters flow in a northeasterly direction from Lake Ontario to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, traversing Ontario and Quebec in Canada and New York in the United States.
Wikipedia

We had trouble setting the anchor. This area is all weeds/eel grass. Our anchor isn't a fan. After several minutes, he decided we had a good enough set, so he shut off the engines.

It is so hot, and not much of a breeze. Mark did drop the tender, and we went into town. Clayton is very boat-friendly. There are ample free municipal docks for tenders and small crafts to tie up, located downtown. There are also municipal marinas for overnight dockage for boaters who prefer not to anchor.



Before we could head out to town, Mark had to clean the tender. We got inundated with bugs and cobwebs overnight.





Clayton is home to some of the most unique museums in the 1000 Islands, including the renowned Antique Boat Museum. The Thousand Islands Museum, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, houses special exhibits of world-class muskies and hunting decoys from the past and present. Google

Clayton is an adorable, quaint small town with a lot to offer. Museums, galleries, restaurants, shops, public park space, and an opera house, which hosts a variety of events. After we walked through town visiting many shops, we drove the tender around exploring the Antique Boat Museum, where there are several boats on display visible from outside.



We continued our dinghy ride around a couple of nearby islands and in and around the local marinas.

We had dinner on the bow of the boat. A very underutilized area of our boat. On the menu tonight was sausage w/orzo, peppers & onion.



Daily Summary:

Departed from Cape Vincent, NY @ 7:32 am

Arrived at anchorage in Clayton, NY @ 9:30 am

Hours traveled: 1hr 58 mins

Nautical Miles Traveled: 13.24 total for the day (534.5 miles overall)

Average Speed 6.7 knots

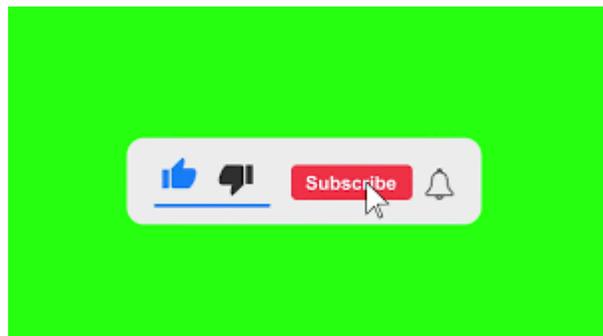
Weather: 82 sunny

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Cape Vincent Dock was secure, within walking distance of Main Street. No electric, or water.

#of locks we went through: (30 total locks)

 **YouTube** https://youtu.be/NNeQdRuiE_0

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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