

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

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Cedar Island to the 1000 Islands Yacht Club

Sunday, June 29, 2025
Day 33 (20th day of cruising)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

6:39 am – Left anchorage at Cedar Island
8:36 am – Arrived at Alexandria Bay, 1000 Islands Yacht Club

After Mark secured the lines and plugged in the electric, he got rid of our 2 trash bags, then rinsed the boat. I made a smoothie for breakfast and some egg salad for later, and showered. I did not sleep at all last night, so I did not get out of bed for our cruise this morning. I was up in time to have a cup of tea and help with docking.

After Mark rinsed the 1000s of bugs that made Valkyrie their home last night, he made arrangements to get his scuba tank filled, then we headed off to Boldt Castle and downtown Alexandria Bay.

Turned out that it was a no-go on the scuba tank. The website was wrong; the company does not lease space in the location we were aiming for anymore. We will look again in a different town.

Fun Facts:

Cedar Island has a 10-acre State Park that is open for camping and fishing, and has a picnic pavilion. You can opt to bring your boat for day use if camping overnight is not your thing.

The Thousand Islands Yacht Club has 135 slips to accommodate up to 75'. It boasts many deluxe amenities: swimming pool, individual bathrooms, laundry, playground, exercise room, basketball, volleyball, tennis courts,

gazebos, dog walks, and the restaurant. The docks have good water and great electricity.

The marina is located on Wellsely Island. The island is 2,636 acres. Wellsley Island State Park is the largest camping complex in the 1000 Islands.

Our thoughts on this marina...

We had seen YouTube videos of boaters who had been to this marina and had raved about it, and had taken full advantage of many of its amenities. Giving the marina the benefit of the doubt because we were there before the 4th of July, maybe this made a difference. Maybe we arrived just before their "in-season" readiness. We were thrilled with having dockside water, and the electricity was good. We could run everything onboard Valkyrie that we wanted to. It was in the perfect location for us to take our tender to Boldt Castle and cruise across the Saint Lawrence River to Alexandria Bay. There were a lot of little inlets we could explore in the tender, which we liked. However, contrary to what we had witnessed in the videos, the rec room with the pool table, TV, and exercise room were not well kept. The code to the exercise room did not work; we could not get in. The pool was not open, nor was the restaurant. The laundry, which is located outside under cover, however exposed to the elements, was filthy. The machines were covered with debris, and inside the machines were less than desirable. I would never have used them.

Fun Facts:

Boldt Castle, located on Heart Island in the Thousand Islands, is a tragic love story turned into a testament to the power of dedication. Millionaire George Boldt built the castle as a grand gesture for his wife, Louise. Tragically, Louise passed away in 1904, causing George to halt construction, heartbroken and never returning. For over 70 years, the castle stood unfinished and abandoned, succumbing to the elements and vandalism. In 1977, the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority purchased the property and began restoration, transforming it into a popular tourist destination while preserving its poignant history. Google

In 1981, the movie Fear No Evil was filmed at several sites in and around Boldt Castle, marking the only time the castle has made an appearance in cinema.

<https://www.boldtcastle.com/visitorinfo/about>

Definitely check out the website link above for the castle. It gives you great fun facts, history, renovation plans, etc.



The original family dining room furnishings.



(Captain's quarters in the boat house)

The boathouse was cool. It had a separate admission, or you could buy the combo ticket like we did. We tendered over to the boat house, plenty of room. Back in Clayton, NY, at the Antique Boat Museum, you will find the Boldt Family Yacht.

The Boldts' family yachts and enormous houseboat were housed here in the slips, 128 feet long. <https://www.boldtcastle.com/visitorinfo/yacht-house>

The 106' houseboat *La Duchesse* brings the gracious River lifestyle of one hundred years ago to life. Built in 1903 for hotelier [George Boldt](#), manager of New York City's famed Waldorf-Astoria hotel, the houseboat was in continuous use as an elegant summer residence until she was donated to the Museum. Photo credit to the website. <https://www.abm.org/exhibits/la-duchesse/>



Alexandria Bay, A Bay, Alex Bay, all one in the same, was bustling on a Sunday. It wasn't much of a beach day, and adding in the fact that it was 'Bike Week' added to the fun vibe. With the title of "The Heart of the 1000 Islands," you can find numerous activities here, including getting a boat tour over to Boldt Castle. There are some great scuba diving locations within the 1000 Islands region, including right off the water's edge in A Bay. We saw a group of divers coming out of the water and chatted with them about their experience here and

challenged their local knowledge to find a shop to fill Mark's tank. No luck, they weren't locals.

We walked through the 3-story marine store, which seemed to have everything and anything a boater would need, strolled Main Street, the beach front, took an extended tender ride through little inlets and around a few smaller islands before returning to Valkyrie. We saw some deer and a heron. It was a long day but a fun-filled one.

Dinner was chicken mozzarella with cauliflower. If I make that again, I will pick a different side because it was more like chicken parmesan without breading the chicken.

We spent our evening on the flybridge listening to music and enjoying a cocktail.



Daily Summary:

Departed from Cedar Island @ 6:39 am

Arrived at 1000 Islands Yacht Club @ 8:36 am

Hours traveled: 1 hour 57 mins total for the day

Nautical Miles Traveled: 11.35 for the day, 567.32 total miles

Average Speed 5.8 knots

Weather: mid 70's

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Secure anchorage, quiet

#of locks we went through: 0 (30 total locks)

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That is a wrap for this update!



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