

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

Somewhere on the Water

Friday, August 29, 2025

Muskegon, MI, anchorage to Grand Haven Municipal Marina, MI

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

The fishermen had us up early this morning. I can't say bright and early because the sun had not come up yet. These devoted fishermen were very determined to get to their favorite fishing spot this morning as fast as they could, with no care that their wake was rolling us and the other boat at anchor. We are not in a "no wake" zone, so all is fair. The popular fishing hole is at the entrance to the channel that we and every other boat that wants to come into Muskegon has to go through. All in the name of catching the big one. I hope they do catch a big one. Fishing takes a lot of patience and skill; "rip a lip," as the saying goes.

After 7-nights in Muskegon (5 at anchor and 2 at a marina), it is time to continue. We are leaving Muskegon and cruising to Grand Haven.

10:00 am – Mark started the engines and hauled the anchor. There were plenty of fishermen between Lake Michigan and us, so once we made our way through the channel and passed the fishing boats, we set our autopilot "Hooper," synced the engines, and headed south.

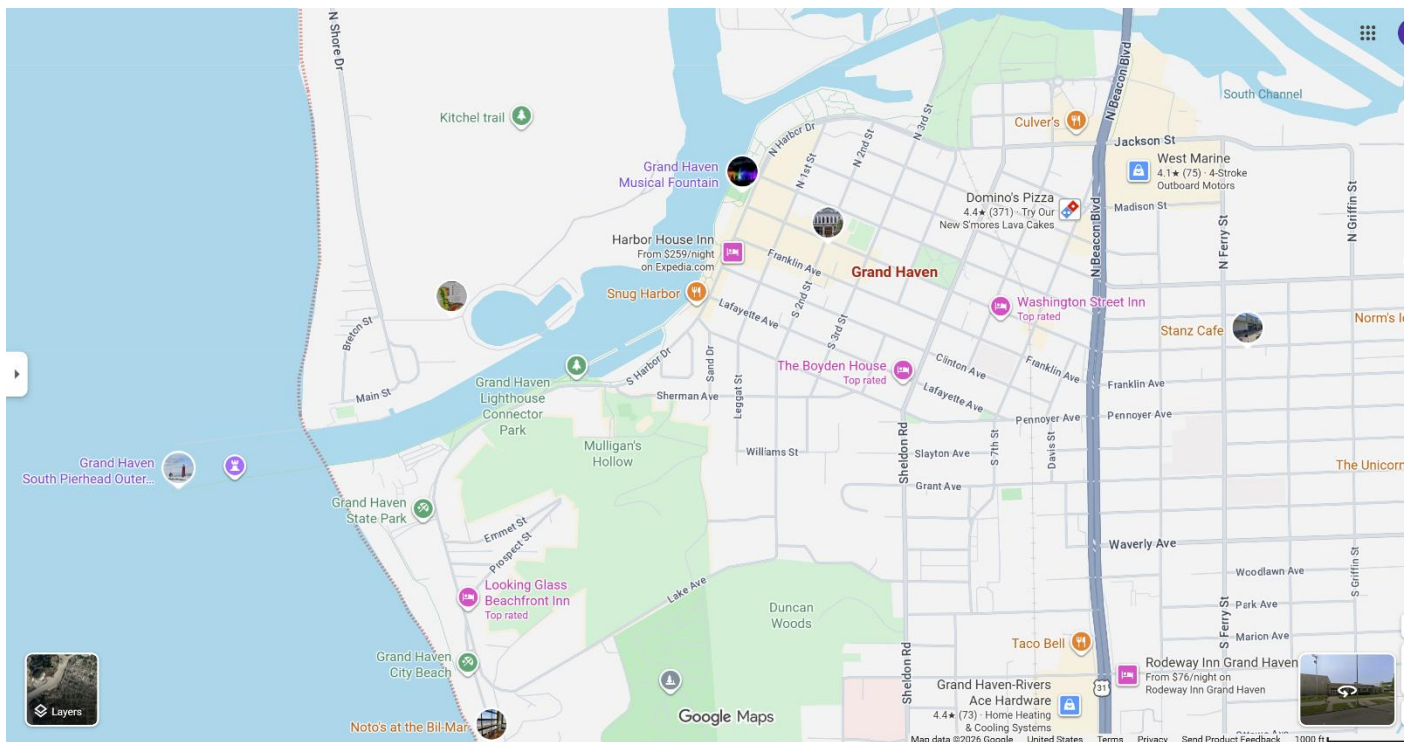
It had been very chilly these past few mornings. Fall comes early to the Midwest. I am thankful that today the sun warmed Valkyrie's salon to 77 degrees. In the summer, when it was close to 90 degrees inside, I did not feel so thankful that the salon is like a greenhouse.

The cruise south to Grand Haven was smooth and beautiful. It seems repetitive to say that we are in awe of Michigan's coastline and, of course, the lake. We have yet to be disappointed with this leg of the loop.

12:05 pm – The engines are off, and we arrived at Grand Haven Municipal Marina.

Right away we could tell that Grand Haven was a lively waterside community. There was a volleyball tournament taking place next to the marina; boats were cruising along the Grand River (Michigan's longest river), and we were just one street away from the main strip that is loaded with eclectic shops, eateries, breweries, and more.

Since we arrived so early, we decided to sit on the bow of Valkyrie and watch the volleyball tournament before exploring. We walked along the river's edge on the riverwalk and circled to Washington Street, which is the main strip.



Once the Volleyball tournament was over, the streets did not seem too busy. The social district area covers a couple of blocks with several establishments participating. Mark and I tried some local Grand Haven brews, walked the social district perimeter, and stopped in to enjoy entertainment at two different bars. It was a fun-filled, successful Friday night.

We had dinner onboard: burgers & macaroni salad.

Our view of the musical fountain show was perfect. We did record it; however, it was easy to forget that the microphone was so close, so we did have to edit parts out to keep it family-friendly. My voice can be heard as I sang along to some of my favorite Motown songs. Wow, I really do sound awful. LOL.

The Grand Haven Musical Fountain is a synchronized display of water and lights. Each night is a different theme. Tonight's was Motown. It is a free public event.



Grand Haven South Pier Light
Outer Foghouse Structure



The next update will fill you in on all the antics that occurred in Grand Haven and some history on the Coast Guard City.

Daily Summary:

Departed from Muskegon, MI @ 9:57 am

Arrived at Grand Haven, MI Municipal Marina @ 12:05 pm

Days cruised: 65 Days on the loop: 94

Hours traveled: 2 hrs 8 mins

Nautical Miles Traveled: 13.81 (1,523.85 total miles)

Average Speed: 6.4 knots

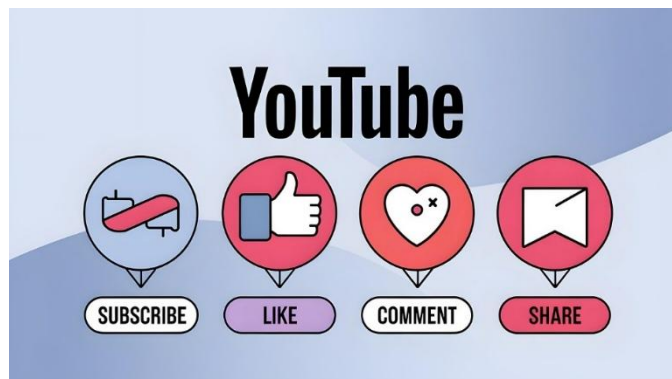
Weather: cool, light breeze, sunny

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Good hold, protection & Location

#of locks we went through: (73 total locks)



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Time is unrenewable and tomorrow is never promised so do it before you can't!