

We made the 180 miles up the ICW to Norfolk, Virginia in 4 days, anchoring at night along the way. It was quite an eventful trip, we're not used to all this stress...! More on that in my next bulletins.

We arrived here in Norfolk, Virginia on Wednesday 3rd July and anchored just in front of the Hilton hotel. Little did we know but we were in prime position for the 4 July Independence Day celebrations and especially the huge firework display. All afternoon boats kept arriving until it was choc a block all around us. The barge arrived with a police escort and anchored in the channel right near us! The display lasted a good half hour and was magnificent. They didn't quite manage to do the stars & stripes but nearly...!

Today we did the supermarket run and on the way there had a lovely walk through the 'old' part of Norfolk. It's very pretty and very well kept, lots of green & trees everywhere. The supermarket was also very posh (& too expensive !)

The pagoda used to be a naval look out tower, now in a lovely garden along the riverbank



Right next to the USS Wisconsin battleship, now a museum



The old part of Norfolk, very posh.. extremely eclectic



To everyone their own...



OMG this is a bit much!



Well, you've had a little tour of the old district of Norfolk, now to the modern waterfront -
There's a very modern Nautical Museum & exhibition area-



With the USS Virginia schooner that's just been restored -

This is our view from the anchorage



I'm preparing the Bahamas report & also the ICW (Intracoastal Waterway) because we had lots of excitement !

Will be coming shortly...well, maybe- depending on future excitement. The waterways are hard work & need concentration. We're heading up the Chesapeake bay next, stopping in Annapolis for sure & going to see my friends from Naples- dating from when Nick was at primary school at the NATO base. Marilena and George who now live in McLean, near Washington.

Lots of love and hugs

Jan xxx

Mumxxx