

2/1/07 Day 18 – At Sea – For the last four nights we have set the clock back one hour to keep in the correct time zone. As a result we are waking up earlier and earlier. We force ourselves to stay in bed until at least 5:30 am then we get up and have a cup of coffee. At least it is daylight by 6 am here. This morning there was no breeze. We noticed that the sea was very flat. We took a picture and hoped that it could adequately show how flat the ocean was.



Only the wake of the ship's bow going through the water disturbs the surface of the ocean. Shortly after taking this picture the breeze picked up and ripples and waves appeared.

Barbara had a persistent dry hacking cough yesterday and over the night so we went down to the medical department for some aid. The medical department is on the first deck (Dolphin Deck) all the way forward.



We found the medical department and the medical person on duty gave her some cough medicine to use.

We are hoping this will ease the condition which Barbara has referred to a kennel cough.

We had a luncheon invitation from Marvin and Marilyn Onstott, the American Automobile Association (AAA) and Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) representatives on board. Eight of us AAA and CAA customers joined Marvin and Marilyn at noon in the main dining room. We had a nice lunch and enjoyed chatting with other passengers who booked their cruise through AAA or CAA. Functions such as these on a long cruise help a person make new friends so that soon you are no longer cruising with strangers.

2/2/07 Day 19 – At Sea - The sea was smooth, as usual, this morning with rain squalls here and there on the horizon. At one point a beautiful rainbow appeared and Barbara was able to get a picture of it. A rainbow in the morning and sailors take warning about oncoming weather in the northern hemisphere. We were hoping that in the southern hemisphere a morning rainbow might actually be good news about the weather.



We helped our neighbor, Trudy, organize her computer files for the photographs she was accumulating. After that we went to lunch with Trudy, Carl and Joan in the main dining room. In the afternoon we attended Stephen Bauer's last lecture which was on the subject of Presidential Trivia. We didn't know any answers to the trivia questions but it was still fun.

In the afternoon, about 4pm, friends from the www.cruise critic.com message board came to our stateroom. We (TENNcruisers) had a good time with George and Dorothy (Bluewhale) and Paul and Maria (Paul123).

We took this self portrait of our happy group. Left to right Barbara, Maria, Orlin, Paul, Dorothy and George.



There was never a lack of subjects to discuss. Cruising experiences and world problems were hashed over and put to rest.

Suddenly it was time to go to the early dinner seating and we had to break up the party. The theme of the day had been Mutiny on the Bounty. This had been loosely translated into a pirate theme with the stewards in the dining room and some of the passengers dressed up in pirate costumes or portions thereof. Here are Yudan and Denny in full pirate dress.



We retired early to get ready for a big day in Bora Bora tomorrow.