

## Day 18, Voyage 2, June 25, 2011

Wow! Where did June go???? Hard to believe July right around the corner.

Today was pretty uneventful for our last full day of this leg. I did a ton of writing. That is until 7 pm when Cyndi radioed down "whale ahead 12:00". The team looked at me and said "you're kidding". I said "No, I'm not. Now, get moving one more time." They all rapidly assembled and we looked and looked, but no whale. Lots and lots of dolphins and lots of tuna bait balls feeding those dolphins, but no whale. After a while, Cyndi agreed, there was no whale to find.

It was fine that we were all in place as I wanted some photos of the team place taken from the dinghy in front the boat (actually just to the starboard side of the front). Everyone remained in place and Sandy went with Captain Bob in the dinghy for some photos of us from the sea.

Then the excitement truly began for the dolphins liked the dinghy and decided to bow ride with it. We all watched as there was Sandy and Bob trying to get in place to take pictures with dolphins jumping all around them (photo attached). The dolphins were having a blast and soaking Bob and Sandy. One dolphin even leapt 6 feet in the air and did a sideways flip right in front of them. Truly spectacular! Sandy got a photo of the dolphin in midair. It is attached.

The dolphins eventually got bored with the dinghy and Sandy was able to get pictures of us in position from the near front of the boat. We took some other group photos. We practiced for the next leg. Ian will be replacing Rick as a biopsier on the next leg so I had him and Johnny shoot at a Frisbee until I was satisfied with their accuracy.

Then the day began to fade to night.

A picture of our last sunset of this leg of the voyage attached. That's Cathy on the bowsprit enjoying the last traces of the beautiful sky in front and above and her beloved dolphins below (dolphins not in picture).

We are low on food and clean clothes so we are headed into port at just the right time. Pensacola, Florida here we come.

John

p.s. Our current location is somewhere off of southern Florida in the Gulf. 29 degrees 19.1 minutes North and 86 degrees 22.4 minutes West, for those who want to track us as we go. For Google maps use (include letters and comma): 29.191 N, 86.224 W





