

## Day 22: August 7, 2010

Our first day of searching on the second leg. Nothing. Nothing at all but a couple of flying fish. Johnny ascended the mast first followed by Greer and then Cathy. Ryan has found the rigging not to be supportive enough of his recent ankle after ankle surgery so he is manning the lower station and working with me on making some videos. The sun was hot, but the students were diligent in their scanning, but we found nothing on the acoustic array and nothing visually, this makes for a frustrating day. Cathy thinks the dolphins are ignoring us because we are going too slow making their bow riding less fun. Indeed, with the Gulf Stream against us, we are only doing 3 knots.

We were rewarded for a hard day's work, however, with a brilliant and beautiful sunset - magnificent in its colors (especially the brilliant orange). There was a rainstorm moving between us and that sunset, which gave an image of a curtain falling over a brilliant production. The clouds formed different characters including one that looked like a diving sperm whale about to feed and another that looked like someone about to biopsy that whale. Really an intriguing design. Plus there was lightning dancing across that curtain giving us lots of oohs and ahs as we watched this performance. Not sure I have seen anything quite like it. It was a visual treat on an otherwise uneventful day.

John