



**NOAA Teacher at Sea
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Onboard NOAA Ship MCARTHUR II
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Log 1

Date: July 2, 2005

Location: Seattle, WA - In port

Personal log:

Today has been a very busy and productive day. After getting up at 5:30 AM, I boarded Alaska Airlines and headed to Seattle. Upon landing in Seattle, I was greeted by a cloudy, humid day and luckily no rain. After taking a shuttle to the NOAA Headquarters I caught my first glimpse of the MCARTHUR II - I was not disappointed! The ship was larger than I expected with many decks. I met with the 3rd Mate - Donn Pratt! (No, we are not related!) He gave me the grand tour, showed me my room and helped me learn the terms starboard and port. Starboard means the right of the ship when looking towards the front and port is the left side of the ship when looking towards the front. Also starboard side is odd, with green coloring and port is even with red coloring. My first lesson of the trip! After unpacking I then met with the Chief Scientist, Karin Forney, who again toured me around and showed me the various locations of where we'll be doing observations.



In the short time I've been here, I've already been impressed with the friendliness of all on board, the organization of the ship and the equipment they have for research. I hope to learn more about the ship in the upcoming weeks, and report back some amazing whale and dolphin sightings as well as the progress of the research we're doing. I look forward to an exciting, educational and fun trip!

Kim