

NOAA Teacher at Sea Amy Pearson Onboard NOAA Ship DELAWARE II August 13-30, 2007

NOAA Teacher at Sea: Amy Pearson

NOAA Ship: DELAWARE II

Mission: Ecosystems Monitoring Survey

Date: Thursday, August 16, 2007

Location: North Atlantic

Weather Data from the Bridge

Time: 10:00 a.m. Air temp: 20.0 Water temp: 20.1 Wind direction: 215 Wind speed: 11 kts. Sea wave height: 2ft. Visibility 10+ nm

Science and Technology Log

Woke up after a good night's sleep. Slept from about 3:00-10 a.m. Meals are served at certain hours so I had missed

breakfast, but was able to get some cereal and coffee cake. I worked on my logs. Lunch



Data collection station for scientists on the DELAWARE II



Scientist Jerry Prezioso and teacher Amy Pearson in the wet lab of DELAWARE II

is pictured below, amazing food! As the seas were reasonably calm, I decided to video-tape Chief Scientist Jerry Prezioso and teacher Kim Pratt going through their duties during a bongo net drop. This went well, and then I showed it to them. With seas rolling, and staring at the small camera screen, I began feeling ill. Yes, I did become seasick, feeling really awful. I took a Bonine at about 3 p.m., then tried wrist bands about an hour later, and then went to my cabin to lie down. It got worse and yes, I lost lunch. This does make one feel a little better, though not much. I thought I'd feel better out on deck in the fresh air, which is where I stayed.

I felt quite weak and unsteady on my feet. About 6:45 p.m. I had a little water and some crackers, which tasted good. I decided I had to try a patch of scopolamine that I had

brought just in case....good thing. I put it on and remained on deck, feeling weak and drowsy until the captain suggested I'd be better off in my cabin. Scientist Joe Kane was very understanding and he took over the whole task of sampling this evening. A good sleep ensued and I woke up feeling much better.



My cabin aboard the DELAWARE II



Ensign Claire Surrey and Scientist Jerry Prezioso enjoying a delicious lunch aboard DELAWARE II. Bravo to chefs Jonathan Rockwell and Terence Harris.