

## Day 26 (Wednesday 10/15/08) At Sea

We spent the day at sea on our way to Phu My (pronounced Fu Me) Vietnam. The sea was calm and the weather was hot and humid. We aren't getting much use from the verandah because it is not comfortable to go outside.

At noon the Captain gave the daily navigation update and said we were about 16 miles off the coast of Vietnam and there was 390 feet of water under the keel.

We have been getting news from home that the fall colors are starting to show up in some of the trees. To provide a little touch of Tennessee Barbara decorated the door to our cabin with a photograph we took last fall.



At noon today a set of cookers were set up on the Lido Deck beside the pool and Mongolian stir-fried food was prepared. This combination of meat and vegetables is a real favorite of Amsterdam cruisers.



At 11am Dr. Jay Wolff gave another of his series of history lectures in the Queen's lounge. Today his subject was the Tet Offensive launched by North Vietnam in 1968 during the Vietnam War. He gave several examples of how the media, including Walter Cronkite, reported events in the war biased toward the negative side. In his opinion the South Vietnamese and US military were the overwhelming victors at the conclusion of the Tet Offensive.

We worked on the blog about the tour of Hue and sent it off into cyberspace.

Both of us have picked up a touch of a "kennel cough" and a little upset stomach. This day at sea was a good time to rest up and get ready for Phu My.