

Day 24 (Monday 10/13/08) At Sea

We are sailing in the South China Sea on our way to Da Nang, Vietnam. A couple days ago I found out about a website that could be used to track the location of the Amsterdam and posted it on the blog. Steve has sent me another website that provides for zooming in. That website is as follows: <http://www.sailwx.info/shiptrack/shipposition.phtml?call=PBAD>

We set the clocks back one hour last night after getting underway from Hong Kong. We are now 13 hours ahead of the time in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. When it is 8:00 pm Monday evening here it is 9:00 am Monday morning in Oak Ridge.

At daybreak today the temperature was 80 degrees F with high humidity and rather rough sea. We had rain on and off during the day. At noon when Captain van Zaane gave the navigation report he said we had a rather shallow 360 feet of water under the keel of the ship.

We got the second day in Hong Kong written up and posted on the blog. We tried to go to a lecture by Dr. Wolff on the history of French involvement in Vietnam and particularly the fighting with Vietnamese resistance forces at Dien Bien Phu. With all the new passengers we picked up in Hong Kong the Queen's Lounge was completely filled when we got there so we gave up on that. We will have to start going to events sooner in order to get a seat now.

There is no land in sight but we are just off the coast of China and there are sea birds flying around the ship. These are frigate birds which range far out to sea. Barbara took a picture of some of them flying outside our cabin.



We don't have much to report today. Tomorrow we arrive in Da Nang, Vietnam about 6am. We will be taking an all day tour to the city of Hue.