

On the Island of Plenty

After our adventures on the rough ocean, we arrived on the Azores. All our adventures on these islands are recorded in this week’s edition of ‘t Swannetje by Annika, Julie, Dauphine and Tessel.

Now that all our stocks are refilled and our ship is repaired, we can set our sails to Harlingen!

In the upcoming week we will start the ship takeover. And after a small visit by the god of the seas our spirits are deemed seaworthy, so we are completely prepared to face the rough seas again. More on this next week.

Fare thee well!

-Koen



Land in Sight!

Crewmember shenanigans

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Match the crewmember to the fact

- Can read the future with a deck of cards.
- Crashed a scooter with a captain as passenger.
- Lived in Thailand for three years.

Last week, on the 5th of May, we arrived at Horta. During the morning the trainees woke up very early to look at the first land in weeks and to call home. Everyone was very excited to step on land after so many weeks, but a less exciting thing was that Jeroen and Bente said goodbye and left the boat. The first day on Horta we could get lunch ourselves and we had to do a crazy 88, but most importantly we were able to go to the supermarket, a highlight. Luckily for the trainees it was a very big supermarket, and some hungry trainees paid over 50 euros for only snacks. We got back to the boat, to put away all our snacks. In the evening everyone got dressed up together and wore cute outfits, then everybody was ready to go out for dinner. Which everybody really enjoyed, because we split up into little groups and could walk around ourselves. A lot of people went to the Peter Sport Cafe, because it is famous for sailors that come to Horta. Everyone needed to be on the ship by ten, but it got a little bit later because everyone was having so much fun that they lost track of time. Of course, some teachers were the last ones on board #baddies. The next day we needed to get up early to walk up the volcano Pico. When we got to the starting point, we heard it was not safe to go to the top, because it was very slippery and minus ten degrees at the top of the volcano.

We weren’t prepared at all, so the guide took us on an alternative route. The alternative route started easy, but we soon found out it would only become worse and worse. It was fun, but it took way too long, and it wasn’t nice weather at all. Everyone thought we were almost done, but we weren’t even at a quarter. We walked through swamps and a muddy forest. A lot of muddy shoes and wet jackets later we arrived back at the ship. On the next and last day in Horta everybody was still hoping to get their packages, because there only arrived about 6 boxes. Sadly, most of the packages did not arrive in time. There were even a few packages still arriving for the people on the Artemis that left a week ago. That afternoon we played stratego at the beach and in the evening, we did ‘cross the line’ with almost everybody, also with the crew. It was very beautiful to see how everyone was helping each other out and just being there for each other. Another highlight on Horta were the piers in the harbor, all over there were paintings on the ground. Of course, as a tradition we also made a painting, we made a painting of Billy. #belikebilly. There was a painting crew, and they did a very good job; the painting included the ship, Billy with some tattoos and the flags of all the countries we have been to during this journey. When we left the next morning, we waved our Billy goodbye.

The Wylde Swan Powercouple Award

Hidde and Floris Dekker!



Quotes of the week

Waar zijn de kanonnen?

- Dauphine

Schaamte moet weer een trend worden

- groep geel

Mijn zeilpak is duurder dan jouw toekomst

-Floris Aikema

Is het korte weer broek vandaag?- Maaike

Neptunes Request

We are looking for our own WS5 anthem.

Please report to Maaike if you want to participate and create the official Wylde Swan Song of 2025.

Riddle of the week

I’ve put some oil on my skin,
and enjoy the warmth I’m in.

I turn and turn and get a tan.

Becoming a sweet girl is my plan.

What you think I am, I’m probably not.

But honestly, don’t you think I’m hot?

What am I?