

Goodies in Guadeloupe

After a strong start and 10 days at sea, we arrived in Guadeloupe. The island of plenty offered all that the trainees and crew could hope for. Trainees entertained themselves on sandy beaches, a climb to Napoleons Fortress and buying every snack on the island.

After this feast, we have set sail again, moving towards Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. In the meantime, the Internships have started, training the trainees for their advanced roles during the ship takeover!

Catch of the week

Yesterday I had my afternoon watch as usual and steered the ship. You will know that Sven, Maarten, Koen and Johan have prepared a fishing line a few days ago. The fish line has been hanging by the ship for a few days now with nothing happening.

As said I was standing behind the wheel and all of a sudden, the indicator made a big noise. Coming closer to the ship, you could see a marvelous creature with all kinds of blue colors, large fins and sharp mouth (note: later we saw the mouth was about 50 cms). Getting the fish in and killing it, is something I rather do not describe. The next day we had sashimi and diner was fish, fries and vegetables. Very nice indeed! --Rene



All Hands on deck!

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This week, after eleven days at sea, we finally arrived at our first island. We lowered the anchor at Les Saintes, one of the smaller islands near Guadeloupe. Yesterday (the 25th of February) we were finally allowed to set foot on land and explore the island. Because it was our lazy day, we were allowed to roam the island by ourselves and experience the small village and all its small shops and restaurants. In the afternoon we all met on a small beach where we snorkeled and played volleyball.

Today we explored the island a bit more, by hiking across the island to visit Napoleons Fort. This fort was used as watchtower during multiple French wars. The most important thing was that, because it was high up a hill, we had a pretty view over the bay and the Wylde Swan. The fort itself was a museum with a nice garden, so we learned all about its history and surrounding nature. One of the fishes to learn about was the Blue Marlin, which the crew caught last week. (editors note; I think it was a swordfish).

After a successful salsa lesson last week, we continued our training with Jeroen and Koen to learn all about this Caribbean dance. Next to all the dancing, we also took time to celebrate Nika's birthday. Nika is one of the three trainees who can celebrate their birthday on the Swan, making her sweet sixteen a special one. There were presents, a song and chocolate cake. 😊

Next to all the island activities, we were at sea a lot. The trainees have focused on sail training to prepare for their internships by exploring all different positions on the ship. The internships will start when we start sailing again. During these internships, all trainees will choose a position to focus on for the ship-takeover. The first round will take 3 days, until we reach Saint Vincent. The second, and last, round will be after visiting the island. All preparations are in full effect for the ship takeover!

Thanks for reading my blog and see you next week!



Quotes of the week

Everyone keeps spelling my name wrong, its
G-O-D- Alv
Laughing is free- Pien
Wat is een bultrug, wie heeft dat?- Stijn

Did you know?

Salsa can be danced in multiple ways. Cuba and Los Angeles all have their own styles and techniques.

Riddle of the week

I have forests without trees, cities without houses and seas without water; what am I?

Answer last week: A Poststamp