

Tracy Edwards Log Book

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Today was Sally's Birthday. Up on deck looked very different – more settled. We were trucking along but still waiting for the wind to come back and stay. Sally was up at 0800 so I called the office and they all sang Happy Birthday to her! I had a hell of a time getting through to Portishead but they are so helpful going up and down the frequencies till we find a good one. Sally did an interview with Scottish TV and went back to her bunk.

I was on duty for the chat show. I really do enjoy this job and the guys are so sweet – when they are in front of course.

When Sally got up for her for her evening watch we all gathered outside the galley and Tanja had the camera. Kristin lit the candles on the cake and we got Sally down to sing Happy Birthday to her. She seemed really pleased. We gave her her present which was a Batman T-shirt (obviously!) and her card and a poem Claire had written. Things got raucous and we moved the party onto the deck where the talk turned mostly to men!



It is funny sitting in the Nav Station watching the comings and goings. I feel that we are all really fond of each other and I feel totally in love with life – even if we are third from last! There was a beautiful sunset and it was then that I was overcome by this absolute togetherness, something which had been coming but which had not yet quite arrived.

Now we are a team – even the wind went aft as if in celebration!

Miles to go: 1,670

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