

12/15/2009 The Liberty Eagle is approaching the Suez Canal from the west. They have been at sea almost a month sailing the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. A little different scenary for a Coloradoan.

11/23/09

From Julie Rohloff - an update on Kacey (2012) -

Kacey and her sea partner, Anna Simons arrived in Texas on Nov. 18th. There were tentatively scheduled to ship out next week, but Russ just received a call from her & they are sailing tomorrow!

She and Anna are having a good time, already. Kacey was very impressed with the engine room & said that the Chief Engineer & other crew members were great. She has her own room, (berth), with her own personal bathroom & a porthole window too. (Poor thing is roughing it.) Though the berth is small, she said she has more room than at the Academy since she doesn't have roommates. She said the food is better than Delano. (No surprise there.) They are sailing to Djibouti, Africa, which is between Somalia & Eritrea. It also borders Ethiopia. Russ found out that there is a Navy NX in Djibouti, so we'll definitely let Kacey know when she calls tonight.



Kacey Rohloff, 2012 (engine), will meet her sea partner, Anna Simons (2012), in Houston to board their ship the Liberty Eagle (WHIA). The Liberty Eagle is a dry bulk container ship headed for Africa.



The Liberty Eagle

These websites have some information on the Liberty Eagle:

www.libertymar.com

www.libertygl.com

12/15/09: Sarah & Spencer have worked every day since November 16 when they boarded the ship. They were in dry dock in Bahrain for almost 3 weeks. They left dry dock about a week ago and are now headed for Aqaba Jordan and then the Suez Canal. Sarah was able to phone home several times from the Navy Base in Bahrain, buying an inexpensive phone card there. Sarah and a few others had a 24-hour stomach upset around Thanksgiving. There were workers from all over the world at the dry dock. Most didn't know what to do with a woman working in the engine room. A new crew boarded for the next voyage and the 3rd Engineer is a woman. Email seems to be available even when they are sailing - YEAH!!!!

11/21/09: One week on the ship and she is taking out the Fuel Oil heaters as part of the maintenance work in dry dock.

11/17/09 First report - Boat & food are great, sand storm in Umm Qasr, private room w/bath

In 9 days Sarah has been in Denver, NYC, Washington DC, Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi, United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain



Jim says good bye & good luck to Sarah at DIA



Less than 7 days later Sarah in Umm Qasr, Iraq

Sarah Smith (2012, engine) and her sea partner Spencer Grinnell (2011, engine, Virginia) have arrived in Kuwait to board the Alliance New York (KDUE), a RO-RO. They will spend time in the Persian Gulf, including dry dock in Bahrain.



The Alliance New York with a variety of "car equivalent units".

Websites of interest are:

www.alliancenaavigation.com/Home/tabid/53/Default.aspx

www.libertymar.com

www.libertygl.com

These are some photos I got off Sarah's FaceBook - when they had WIFI available it was easier & faster to put photos there rather than emailing them home. But they are small.



She will hurt you for Blue Bell Ice Cream



12/02/09 from Christine Neil:

Just a quick update on Glenn. He has emailed, sent text and phoned home since heading to sea and to this point is thoroughly enjoying it. He found being in the middle of the ocean where 'all you can see is water, there aren't even any birds' amazing. He reports that he is getting to do many work things on board. I would repeat them to you but I didn't understand most of it well enough to remember! He's thrilled he took coveralls and predicts they will go directly to the trash bin at the end of the four months.

He was excited to find his phone worked both in Honolulu and Guam. Honolulu it works the same as here, from Guam phone calls were unchanged but text cost more which is exactly the opposite of what AT&T said would happen. He purchased a chip and inexpensive phone cards in China and was able to phone from there. To this point he has not sent home any pictures but he is expected back in Long Beach on Dec 3 so I will suggest taking some phone pics the next time through so that he can transfer to his computer and I can send on to you.

Speaking of his computer, it died shortly after they left Long Beach and he is expecting a replacement upon his arrival. He said he had been working on his homework anyway and was using the officers lounge computer to email home.

10/27/09

Glenn S. Neil class of 2012 (engine), will begin sea duty on the 2nd of November joining the M/V Maunawili (WGEB), a container ship belonging to the Matson lines. The Maunawili will travel between Long Beach, California, Honolulu, Hawaii, Guam, and to Shanghai, China. Glenn is looking forward to the opportunity of putting his academic training and experience in the USMMA's engineering program to a practical application through the hands on environment afforded by the academy's unique sea duty program.

This is an interesting website about Matson & the M/V Maunawili --
<http://www.matson.com/bos/progressMain.shtml>



In San Diego on "Just Passing Through", June 2009

11/23/09

Kurt Heimbrock sent an update on his son Karl, who should be out at sea but....

Karl Heimbrock 2011 got hurt in the second to last USMMA football game. At first it was thought he had blown out his knee, but after an MRI it was found that the ACL was ok and the only damage was to the MCL, (avoiding surgery). He has been home since November 15th heavily involved in therapy, and has been released by his doctor for sea duty in early December. Supposedly they have an MSC billet for him beginning then, as long as he is also released by the Academy. We definitely dodged a bullet on this one, and he should graduate on time.

ACL = anterior cruciate ligament

MCL = medial collateral ligament

11/22/09

Tamra Glore sent this information on her daughter:

Kim Glore (2012) is on the APL Thailand (WCX8882) and set sail on November 16. It was an eventful day since the orders told both she and her classmate to report at 0800, but the ship was delayed until almost 1600. They managed to make friends at the port and even hooked up with a KP alumni working for the shipping company. They were able to go to lunch with her the next day.

Additionally, the ship pulled into the Port of Los Angeles accompanied by the ambulance/EMS crew since apparently one of the crew managed to amputate his finger during the process.

The ship will complete a route that begins in LA and then travels to Oakland, Alaska, Korea, Japan and China before circling back to LA. They'll complete this trip three times before jumping off to return to KP in March.

Kim and Emily went to dinner with the Engine cadet exiting the ship, but I'm not sure what war stories were shared. I know she has taken pictures, but I haven't seen any of them.



The APL Thailand

Company Website: www.apl.com

Ana Fuschetto (2011, engine) will be joining the crew of the APL American Tern (WAHF) on Operation Deep Freeze. During the summer in Antarctica Operation Deep Freeze takes down supplies and takes off the trash.

Pictures & Information on the American Tern and Operation Deep Freeze:

www.navsourc.org/archives/09/13/134729.htm

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MV_American_Tern_\(T-AK-4729\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MV_American_Tern_(T-AK-4729))

<http://www.13af.pacaf.af.mil/units/operationdeepfreeze/index.asp>

<http://merchantmarineexpress.com/2009/10/29/were-on-our-way-home/>

Until Ana can get on the APL American Tern she is spending time on a local NY tug boat.

Jerry Dodson (2010 / 2011) is a foreign exchange student at the Escuela Nacional de Marina Mercante - the Peruvian National Merchant Marine School. Because of his year in Peru he will now have to do his final year at the USMMA and graduate with the class of 2011.

The website (Spanish required):

<http://www.enamm.edu.pe/>