

# ~ Eight Bells ~

*News from Below Decks*

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We have had a great adventure here on the Pecheur. We arrived on Saturday afternoon after many hours of traveling. The captain picked us up on the docks and drove us to the Pecheur. After we had settled in and got to sea, we anchored and everyone took a swim test.

Then on Sunday we went snorkeling at our first reef, Mermaid reef. Also on Sunday we traveled to Bakers Bay to snorkel and have a picnic on the beach. There has been a development on the beach to make a golf course. This is going to kill the reef and kill many fish. Because of this we made a trench on the beach so that they have to clean it up. The trench was about 5 feet deep and went almost all the way up the beach. In the morning it took a half and hour for them to fill it up. The next day we Snorkeled on the other side of the island. Even though the people at the development would not let us walk through the island, it was well worth it. After that we went to Green Turtle Cay. Green Turtle Cay was a very interesting city. We got to walk around the city and shop. Many of the locals just drove around in golf carts. It was a big difference from Carlinville, IL. That night we anchored and played musical instruments with other ships. We also had the second round of our bowline competition. The bowline is a very important knot to know when you are sailing on a boat. It will never come undone when in use. The next morning we tried sailing for the first time. We didn't have much wind at all so it didn't work out the way we wanted it to. Everybody had their own job and everyone was dependent on each other. If one person messed up bad then something really bad could. It was very fun to be able to learn how to sail and learn the way that everything works. Also that morning the captain gave us a lesson about pirates. We learned everything from what they eat to where they get their men. All of us learned many new things that we didn't know before. Later that day we sailed to another reef to do some more snorkeling. There

were many new fish that were not at the other reefs. That night we elected a new captain and the old captain was promoted to admiral. The election turned out to make Danny Delaney the new captain.

That night it started to rain and since we were all on the deck sleeping, had to go down below deck. In the morning it had stopped raining, but it was still very clouding. Before breakfast it started pouring and we had to eat a very fast breakfast. The good thing about the rain was that we got a freshwater shower. The admiral told us the story of Christopher Columbus. There are a lot of things that you learn about the things that you thought you knew. We thought we knew all about Christopher Columbus, but we learned a lot more that we thought we would. Later that day we went to a deserted island and got to explore and snorkel there. It used to have some kind of project on it but they never finished. When the people left they dumped all of their machinery in the ocean. We got to snorkel around the machinery where many fish lived. It was really amazing to be able to swim around the cranes and the different kinds of equipment. We saw things from six feet long barracudas to sea turtles. That night we had another bowline competition and Lane ended up to be the winner of that. The next morning we got to have a water balloon fight with the admiral and our leaders. Then went to Great Guana Key and looked around the town. We went to the world famous Nippers and got to see all of the different boats at the dock. Later that night we had pirate night and all dressed up as pirates. We had to eat our dinner with just a knife, but it was a delicious meal. We had a contest later on who was the best pirate. Our leaders were the judges and the winner ended up to be Kilian. Also we had a pirate court but it ended up that everybody had to walk the plank. It was one of the best nights that we have had here. The next morning we went to snorkel at Fish Keys. Almost everybody ended up to find a shell and it



was a lot of fun. Overall we have had a great trip. We had great weather, it only rained once so we got to do a lot of extra things. We got to go to Fish Cays and we got to see Green Turtle Cay. I think that everybody had a great time and that we would come back anytime.

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