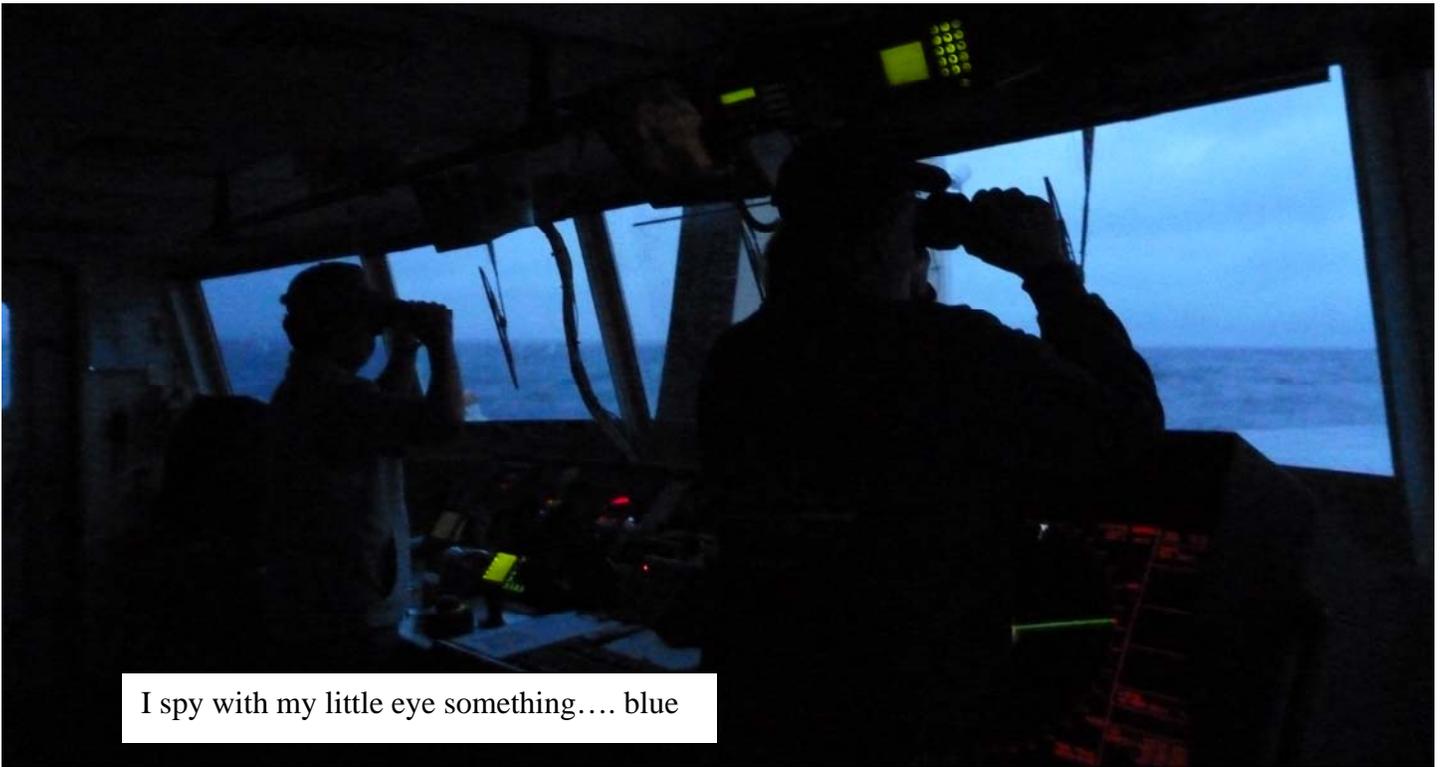


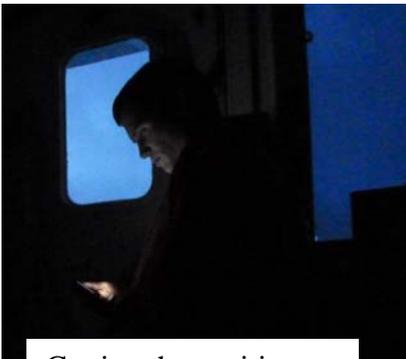
Dave's Blarg!

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Today started out nice and early searching the sea for the glider.



I spy with my little eye something.... blue



Getting the position from my iPod

The iRobot gliders look great in their advertisements, but they're a little bit harder to find when you've got the whole ocean to scour, and the surface isn't all glassy flat :p Lucky for us the glider was reporting its position every 15 minutes via email.



The iRobot glider is easy to spot in the advertising pictures :p



Look really closely

It's a bit harder to pick out in real life. I'm on the left here

We managed to track it down and get it aboard, then it's off to the next station. The weather is getting worse and it's a 21 hour drive to our next deployment spot.



Got it!



Another bad camera angle.... I'm strapping the glider into its storage frame

It's pretty rough out (and getting rougher) I got up from a nap to find a few things strewn about and some water coming in from one of our vents. It seems like no matter how often I put everything away and tie everything down, there's always something new coming loose. The vents don't normally leak unless it's just the right kind of stormy out, sadly it **was** just the right kind of stormy and we got a monitor and a phone soaked in my office.



Something new every day...



The picture doesn't show it extremely well, but the black splorches coming up from the bottom of the screen are what happens when water gets into the lcd ☹️

Oh! And my backpack got soaked! Normally I'd be more upset, but I've been waiting for a good chance to go through my bag, so this is perfect! (And it looks like I didn't really lose anything.. hopefully...)

You may have noticed in earlier posts that I seem to carry around a goodly sized bag. I'm rather a bit of a preparedness guy, and when I've got all this awesome bag room to fill, well, why wouldn't I! :D So, after breaking it all out and drying everything off, (and adding in my average pocket contents) here's my regular loadout:



My pocket stuff is in the upper right, but yeah, lots of stuff. My laptop wasn't in the bag when it got soaked, but I added it to the pile so you can see the full collection 😊 The pocket stuff usually has a lighter, but I didn't have one in there today, so you get what you get 😊 The pockets usually have: Leatherman, Mag Light, wallet (including 'door key' credit card) jump drive, Nippers (while on boat only), iPod, Keys (including drum key), cell phone,

Ruggedized camera, Write in the rain notepad, twin tip black marker, utility knife lockblade, kerchief, belt (not specifically in the pockets, but carried as more of a tool than a fashion statement). Also a change assortment that is standardized every morning (when possible) to 8 quarters, 2 dimes, one nickel, and 5 pennies (which may seem (because it is) a little OCD, but allows me to produce exact change when needed, and because if I didn't have a system I would end up carrying either a: **all** of the change on my dresser, or b: no change. The backpack has:

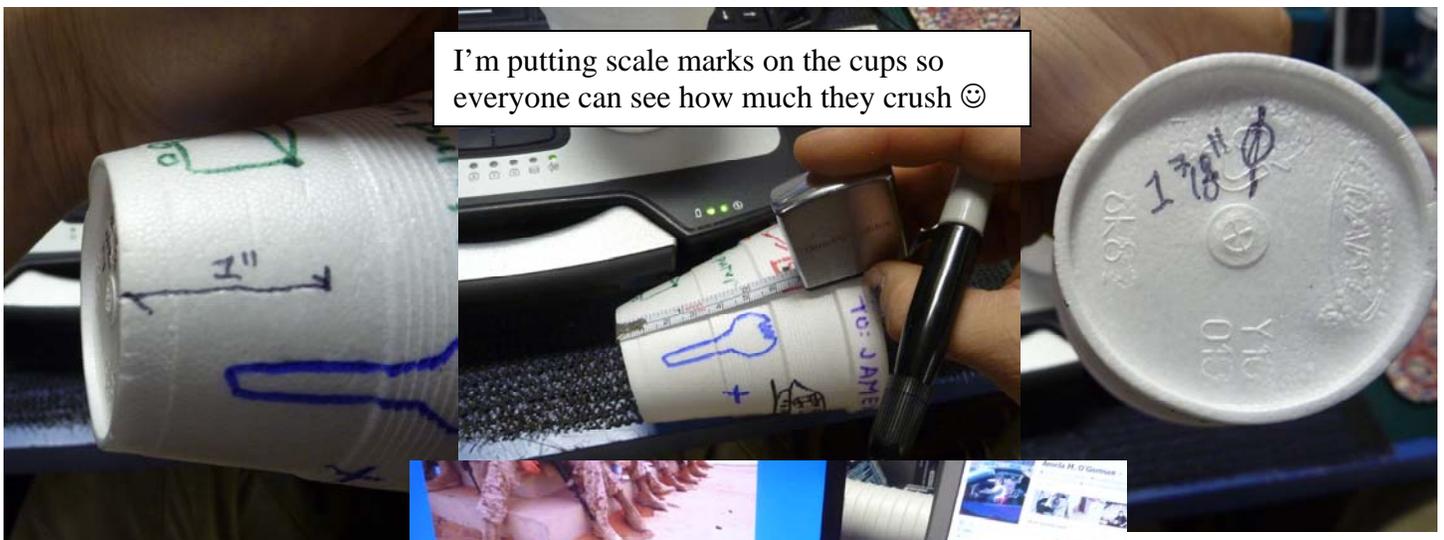
Oh dear.. Too many things to inventory, but for everyone who is looking closely, yes, it does include 3 ruggedized external hard drives, two power supplies for my laptop, 2 mini power strips, 2 spotting scopes, 1 mre, 800ml of water, 2 sets of work gloves (one M-Pact, and one leather welding glove set) and a portable USB oscilloscope and an extra pocket change load out, amongst a heap of USB and audio cables. I don't actually know what it weights, but the pack itself makes the load extremely manageable, and while I could get away with carrying less I figure that it has taken humanity thousands of years to develop many of these things (yes, including the MRE), and the least I can do is have them nearby so that when things go south I'll have something to say besides "I wish I had.." :p



A hunchback? Nope, just some fashion savvy prepper ☺

Today's write back: Is there anything else I should have in here? ☺

Oh! And I'm starting to decorate cups! If you get this by email then you're getting a cup (or two!) if not, then drop me an email to make sure you're on the list to get one foamy shot glass :D I'm not going to lie, it would appear that my art skills take a while to warm up (longer than 31 years at the very least, according to my empirical tests) so there is liable to be a lot of 'safe' art, but the secret ingredient is *Love* darnit!!



Well that's about it for today, OH!! I was checking the website and it looks like it got two hits from Nanaimo! If that's you let me know! I have no idea who I know out there, but it sounds like an awesome place! 😊



Have a great day! And send me a pic if you're bored, the scenery doesn't change a whole lot out here :p (And that would be by email, I shan't receive texts for.... A while 😞)

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