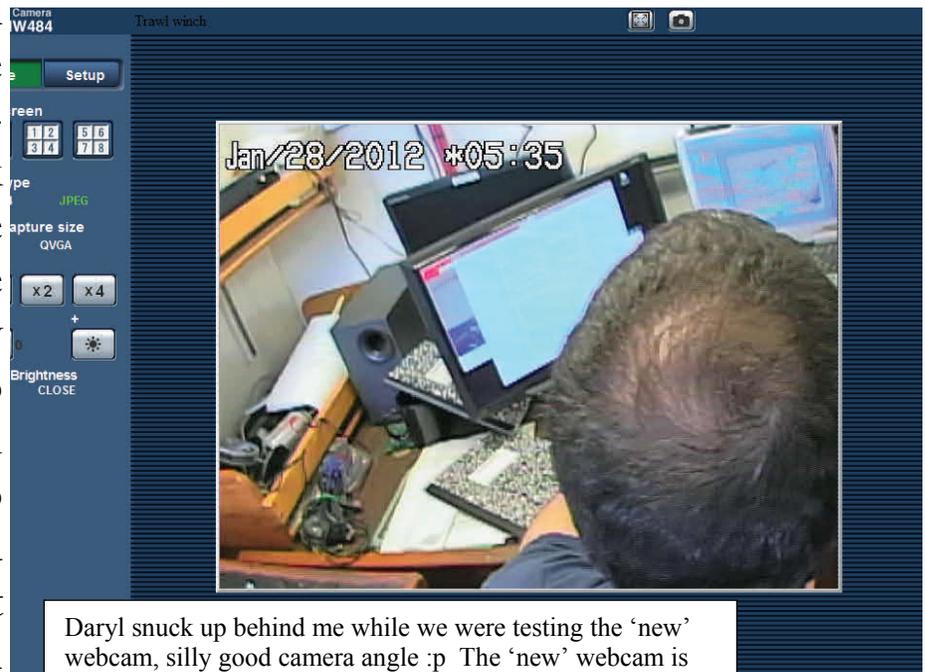


# Dave's Blarg!

2012-Jan-27 though 2012-Jan-31

Woot! We put up a better camera for the webcam this morning! It should make watching us go through the locks a lot cooler :D (I even stepped up the image update rate from ten minutes to three minutes, don't tell out network guy :D ) I think we're going though on the night of the second or the third (ish). Apparently cruise ships pay extra to go through during the day and 'regular' boats have to go through at night :p If you haven't checked it out yet you can see the webcam and track the awesomeness at:



Daryl snuck up behind me while we were testing the 'new' webcam, silly good camera angle :p The 'new' webcam is actually a camera that we swiped out of the winch room and hose clamped to a handrail over the bridge :)

<http://webcam.oregonstate.edu/oceanus/>

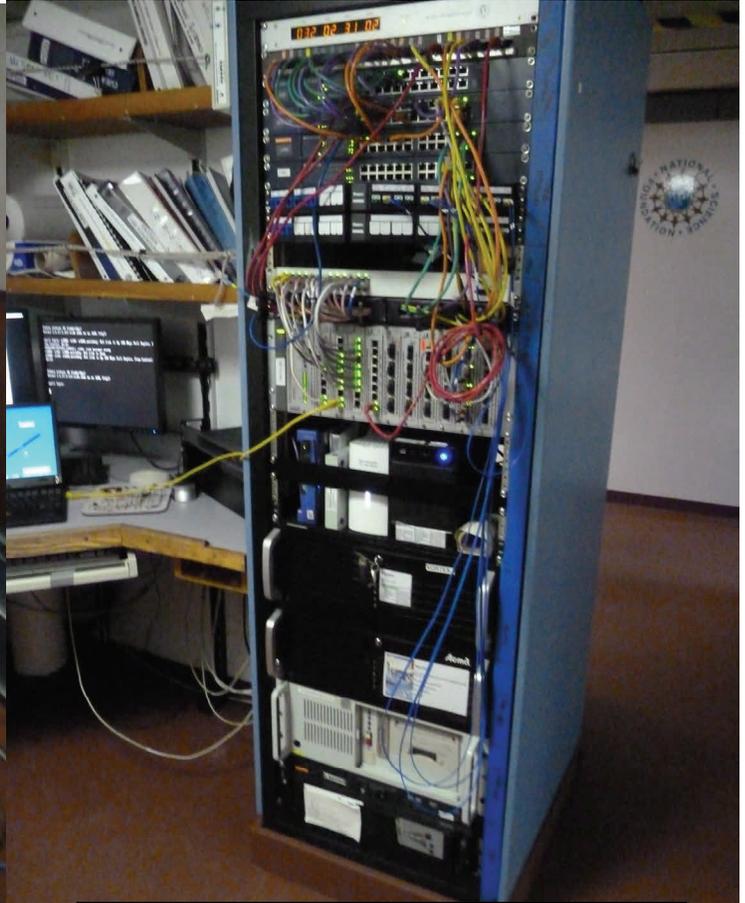


This picture probably belongs later in the blarg, but there was whitespace here and it didn't really fit in any of the sequences :) It's me throwing out some of the installation instructions for one of the lightpipe installation trays, I watched a 3 minute youtube instruction video, I don't need \*Directions\* :p

Other than that we've been running a \*lot\* of cables around here, Electron pipes and light pipes yo!!



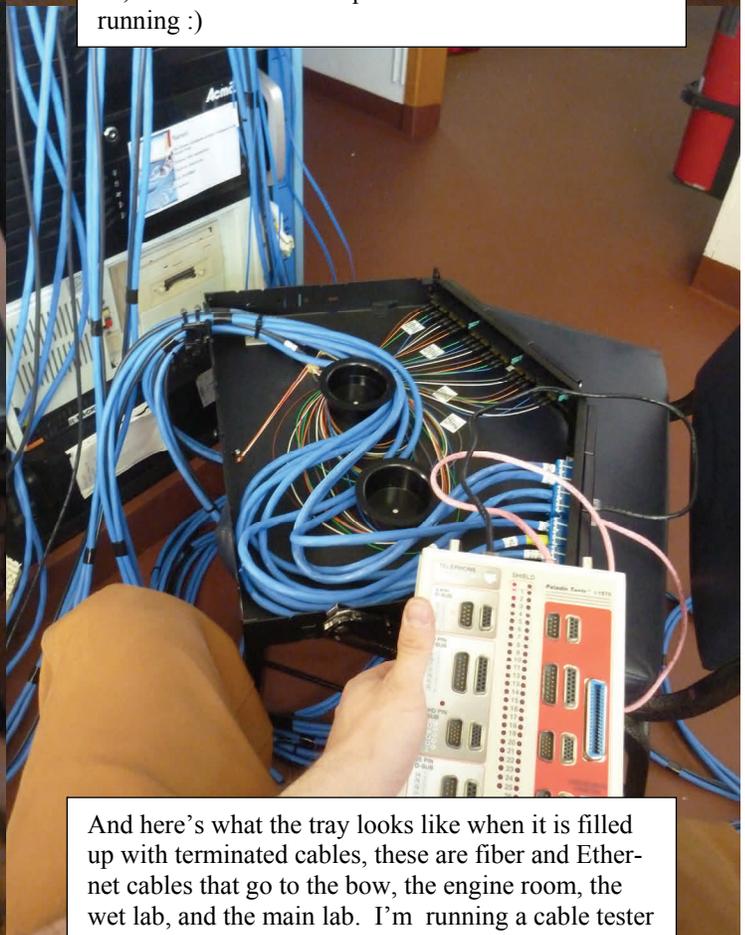
Woot! In just a few days we've gone from this!  
(New Cables from all over the ship go to this rack)



To This! The new cables are all terminated and tested, and all our new computerboxes are installed and running :)



Here's me with the end of one cable group, This is one fiber optic cable and two Cat6 Ethernet cables that run to our main lab



And here's what the tray looks like when it is filled up with terminated cables, these are fiber and Ethernet cables that go to the bow, the engine room, the wet lab, and the main lab. I'm running a cable tester on the cables to the wet lab in this picture

Arrrg!! Wharrrr will I put it all Matey!!!

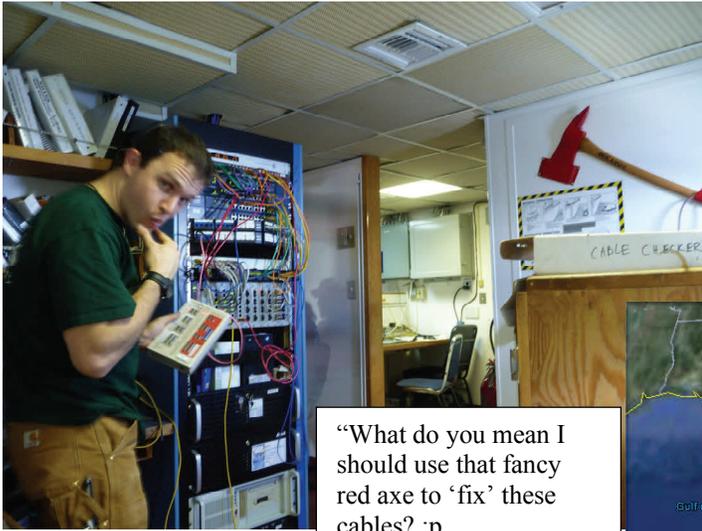


Arrr, Harrrr!! I's gots an idea!! [tuck, tuck tuck]  
[sound of cable ties] :D

We ran extra “service loops” of cable for most of our runs. 10'-20' for each run, just in case we renovate the upstairs lab and move out main computer rack any time in the near future. That left us with a fair bit of ‘extra’ cable to hide.

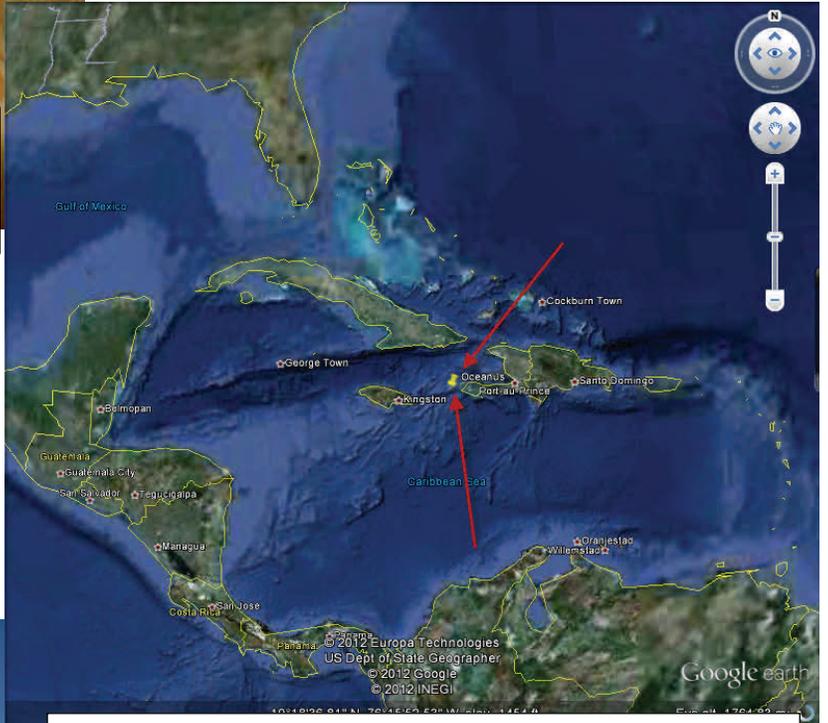


Look at that matey! Almost as good as new used :D



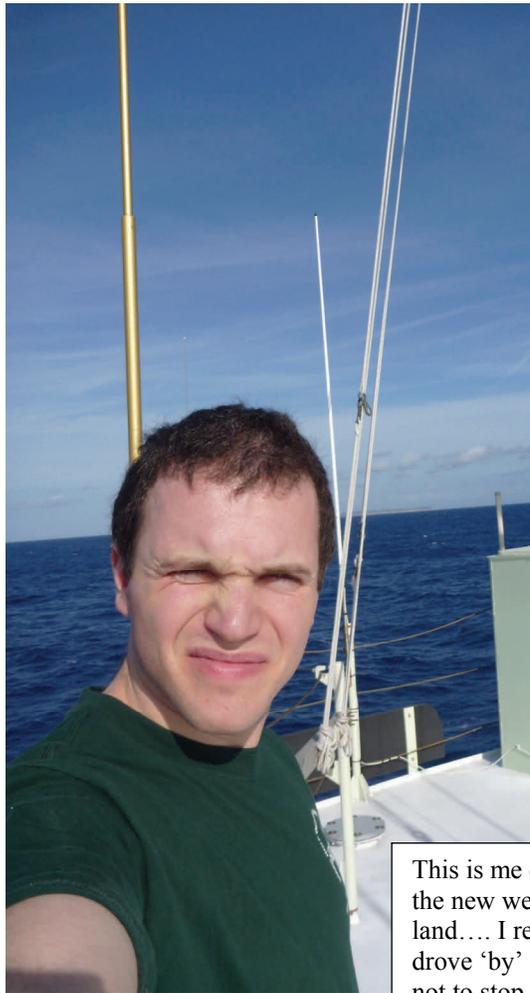
“What do you mean I should use that fancy red axe to ‘fix’ these cables? :p

So Yeah, All out little pipes are installed and running :D



The red arrows aren't our path, they're just where we are. If you haven't flipped through the whakypedia article on the Panama Canal yet, it's \*totally\* worth a read

We snuck between Haiti and Cuba over the last few days, and we'll be passing Jamaica (Man!) tomorrow (ish) :D



This is me on deck this morning as we were putting out the new webcam. We were just passing.....some island.... I really should look more of these things up :p We drove 'by' (more or less) Guantanamo bay, we decided not to stop as we didn't have anyone to drop off :p

In \*Other\* scenery related news, we saw \*A FREAKING WATERSPOUT\* yesterday!!! One of the guys on deck was like, “Hey Dave, check this out, and bring your camera”. I was like “Ohhh, is this a dolphin, or one of those whales my friend Julia hates? (Julia is a wildlife observer who loves whales... in general, but she hates them in specific because every time she sees one she has fill out a pile of info about it’s make, model, license number and all that good stuff :p ). But No! It wasn’t a darn whale, or a cuddly tasty tuna-dolphin, it was a cutesy little waterspout! By which I mean a Freaking Tornado Made Of Water!! It was far enough away to not be a ‘big’ deal (I’m guessing by the lack of hiding and screaming for our lives), but \*I\* was still wondering where they keep the root cellar on this ol’ boat [looks over shoulder...]. Man, If I seen an evil aunt on a bike I’m outta here on the next late-night launched zodiac, Jamaica's not \*that\* far :D

Picture moved to separate page so you won't miss a pixel :D



I didn't even hear the 'freight train' noise :p (It really was kind of far off..)

The two cables that join together in this junction box (on the roof ('overhead' in naughty speak) of the engine room) have eighteen colored wires coming from each cable. I'm just checking to make sure that all of the colors are matched correctly...

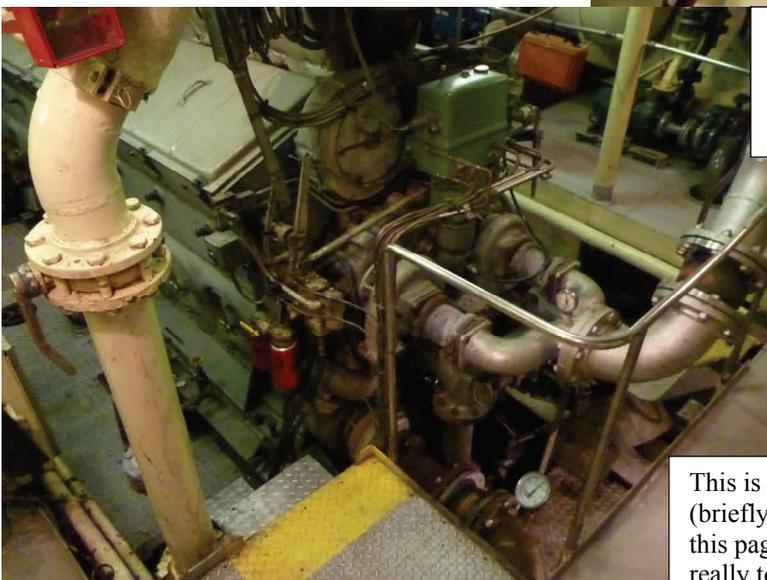


We aren't completely going with "all new stuff" We're using existing wiring and cabling for a \*lot\* of things, the only trick there is trying to find where things go....

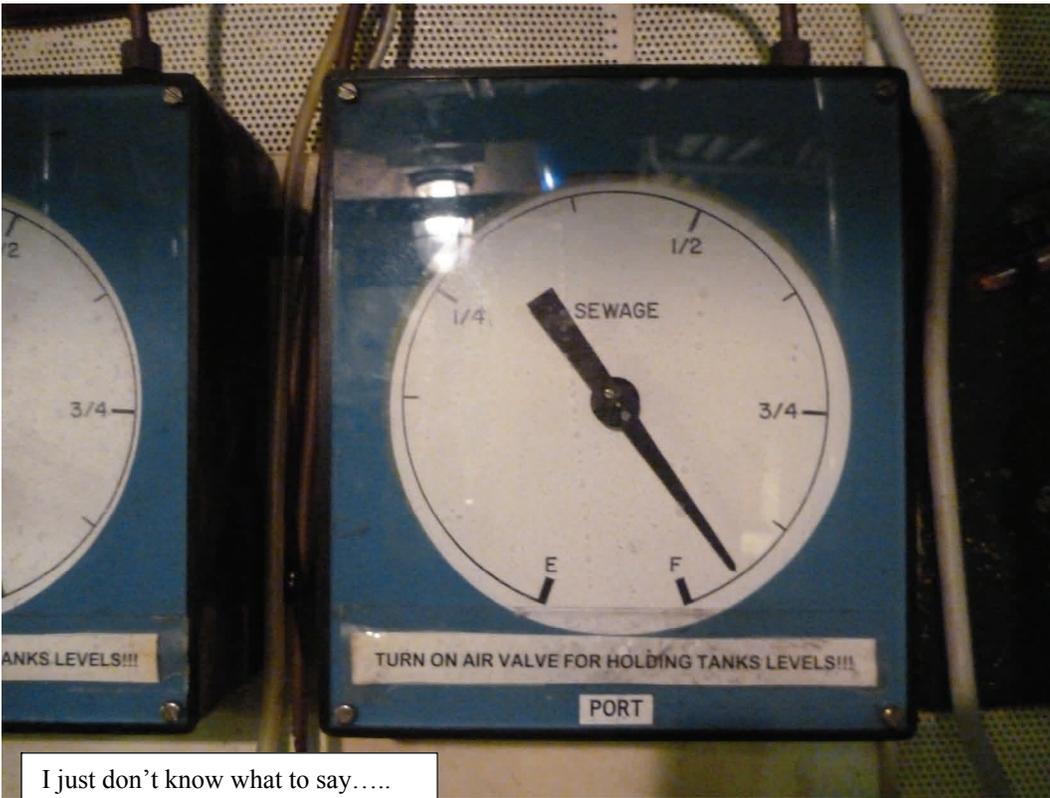
Sometimes it's not where you'd have hoped for :p



In case the picture doesn't show it very well (I couldn't really find a good angle for this shot) these five wires all terminate into a .... Bunch of wire caps. The cover to the junction box was 'not present' prior to my arrival....



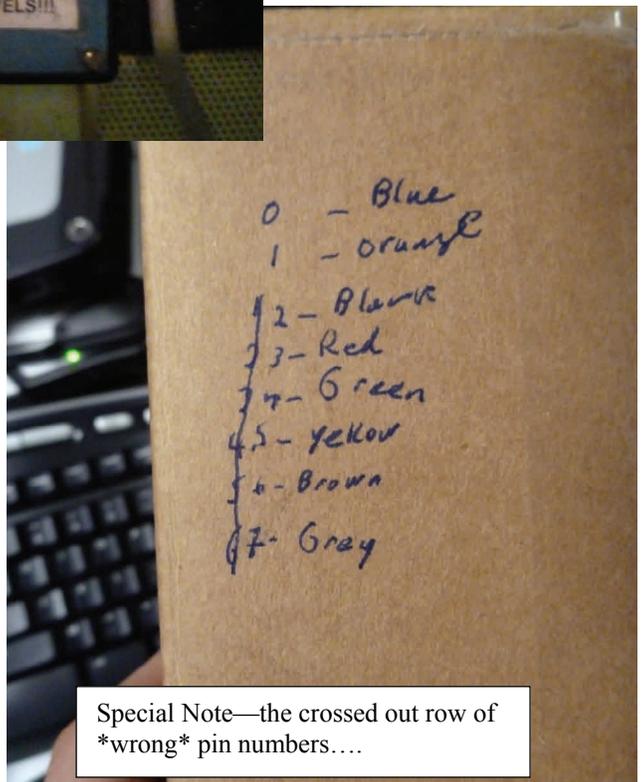
This is the front of the main engine, where I \*thought\* (briefly) about propping my camera for the shot at the top of this page, bet there are a lot of... parts there, and nothing really to catch it should it slip, into the bilge.... [Mark your calendars!!! Dave was CAREFUL!!!] :p



Also while in the engine room, I noticed that we're almost \*completely\* full of..... well you get the idea...

I just don't know what to say.....

I've been keeping \*careful\* notes on all the documentation that I track down. :p I seriously had to dig this box out of a crate of boxes after one of my coworkers 'tidied' when I had to make a cable adaptor for the connector that this pinout is for....



Special Note—the crossed out row of \*wrong\* pin numbers....



There are a lot of things we may never figure out though, like these keys.. The folks who gave them to us said "I have no idea what these go to, but they say 'Oceanus', and they've \*always\* been in this drawer, so we're leaving them..."

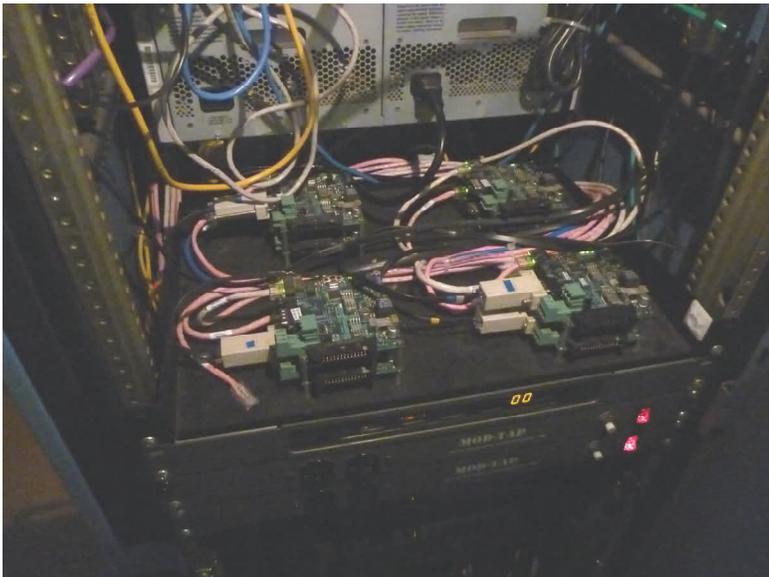
But maybe—just \*Maaaybe\*—there's a special super-secret compartment somewhere on here that's \*full\* of .... I don't know, delicious cake? That has been hidden away for years and years.... Ew.... :p

There are some \*really\* cool hidden away things though, Daryl found this awesome Smithsonian from 1982 in the library, and I'd bet that it's probably been here the whole time :p



I mean just \*look\* at those awesome snowmobiles!!





We've installed a \*lot\* of our data acquisition equipment on the ship. Most of it is these little circuit boards that all the ones and the zeroes go in to so that they can get routed on the heavy heavy hard drives :p



<— These boards right here

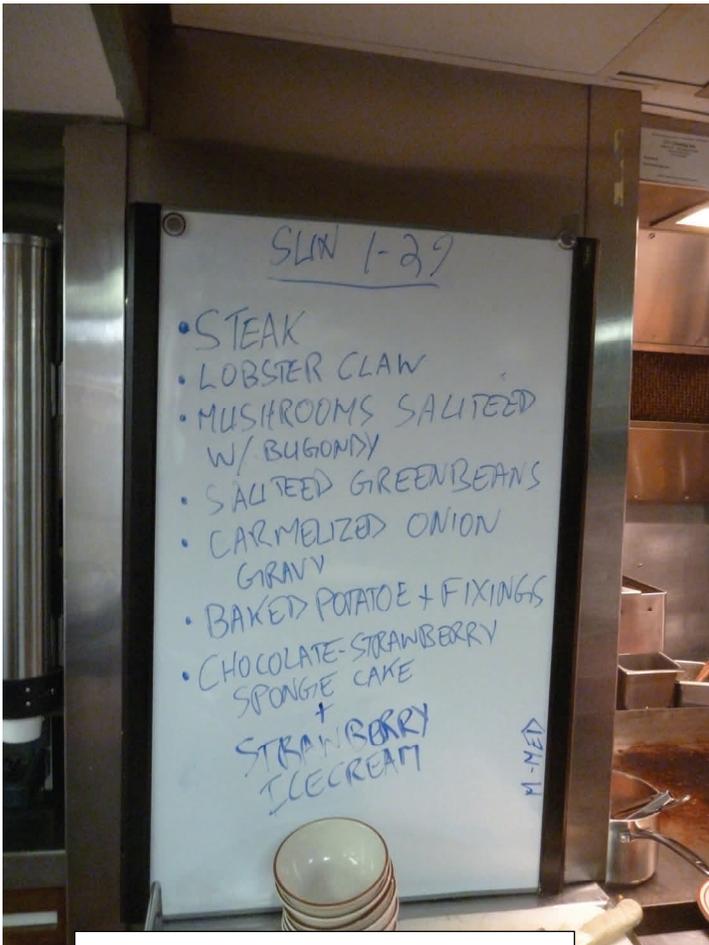
And here's me \*in\* the mock up of the Alvin Deep Submersible sphere :D



<— Get filled by these electron pipes



Unless the data gets somehow diverted :D



In other news, the treadmill got a \*wee\* bit banged up on the way in, and the food here is \*waaaaaaaaaaaaayyyyyyyy\* too good..... I'm going to have to take a look at that thing one of these days...

....one of these days...

Look at that awesome cake....



Steak or Lobster! Oh No!!! (It wasn't actually that bad, our cook will let you have steak \*and\* lobster :D )

Not only does this cake \*look\* delicious, it's 'frosted' with chocolate mousse MmmMMMM :D

Steer clear of tornados!! And I hope you're having a great day!!!

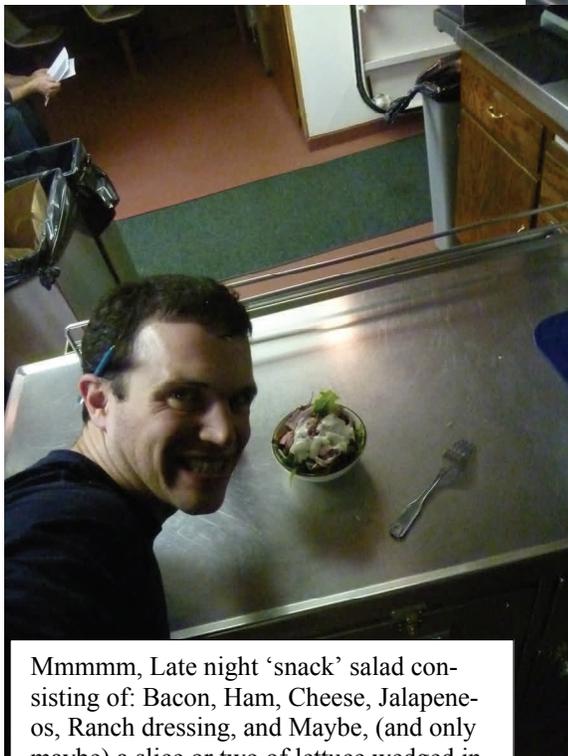
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Mmmmm, Late night 'snack' salad consisting of: Bacon, Ham, Cheese, Jalapenos, Ranch dressing, and Maybe, (and only maybe) a slice or two of lettuce wedged in there amongst all the goodness :D