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A BIG BAD BOAT

As we thought about preparing the motor home for this year's trip, a chance came about to sail aboard the Celebrity Equinox. It was a 13 day cruise to the Western Caribbean down to Barbados. The usual gang of pirates included Sister Marti, who shared my cabin, and Sister Nancy and husband Gary. Bonnie has turned in her cruising keys, so I must cruise alone or with someone.

We invaded Ft. Lauderdale from 3 different origins, and all boarded a beautiful ship. The top deck has a real grass lawn that you can wiggle your toes in, as well as a glass blowing factory that gives close up demonstrations.



Many of you recipients of this journal can relate when I tell you that I have to plan my day to go from the front of the ship cabin to the aft of the ship dining. Adding the distances, you find out that you travel more than a mile a day, just to eat and go to the shows! No going back to the cabin for your bathing suit or Kindle.

Prior to the cruise, Bonnie said, "I don't care if she is your sister; you are going to wear pajamas!" Well, trying to find pajamas for 80 year olds is something else! We ended up at Wal-Mart where the only pajamas there were with cartoon characters on them. I ended up with Iron Man 2 pajamas!

Marti and Nancy attacked every port with a vengeance, while I stayed aboard and had a private yacht to myself! I did abandon ship at Barbados.

A lot of the ports have built new piers to accommodate the new larger ships. It is still amazing to me that at a port such as St. Thomas, where as many as 7 ships will port, as many as 21 thousand people can be in town at once!

Dave, Marti, Nancy, Gary