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I'm putting these three days together, because we didn't really do any or as much work as we were in transect back to the island we did however, play games and eat.

We left for St Helena on Saturday, no work was being done in this period of time. So we had a lot of time to catch up on our sleep plus have some down time to chill. We had a BBQ dinner that evening, where the crew cooked to give the chef a little break, it was very nice. But as you can imagine eating a steak standing up on a moving boat in rough-ish conditions, is not very easy. The whole night was then spent in the bar/games room playing cards, PlayStation and other various games. Myself and Kirsten usually ended the night with a mid-night ice-cream sundae, which I have now become too use to.

Sunday was the day that we were supposed to say goodbye to our 8 day adventure on the DISCO! I had gotten up really early to clean the cabin, only to find out that the sea was too rough for us to get off. It was sort of nice to be stuck on board for that little bit longer, but in all fairness I was ready to come home. The day was just spent eating, sleeping and playing games. The day ended with myself and Kirsten sitting on the front deck watching the sun go down.

Finally, the day that we were actually going to be getting off. It was surreal that we were actually leaving. It honestly felt like we were on the Discovery for longer than 8 days, it felt like I had made really good connections with the crew and people on board. But it was time for us to leave. I was on the first shuttle to the island. I helped to unload the luggage and came back to the marine centre. Some scientist from the trip got off and will be here until Saturday. Later that day I saw some of the scientists from on board and we started talking like we never left the Discovery, it was nice to still have that "bond".

I think my take away from the whole trip is that the people on board really love what they are doing, and they show this by allowing me to ask a lot of questions and give me real in-depth answers and as well as showing me how to do things and giving me the opportunity to actually carry out the work. To end my blog I would just like to say a big thank you to the team on the Discovery for allowing me to utilise their knowledge and experience in order to help me establish the grassroots into the marine field.

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