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PART II

OK. Now it is Monday and we are into our 5th day without power...and no sign of it anytime soon. I had a call from work a few minutes ago saying we are cancelled for tomorrow as well!

Well, back to the saga. No sooner had our guests left than it was time to pack for the "Mr. Happy" cruise. Luckily we had not had time to pack, because the call came at 6:30 p.m. the night before we were to board the ship - that the trip to Bermuda had been cancelled and they were flying us to NYC to board the ship there for a cruise to Nova Scotia. So, instead of bikinis... I packed sweaters... and off we went.

It was the first time we had been to NYC since the Mr. Happy media blitz back in March and it was great fun! We went to the Blue Fin, (an incredible, upscale Sushi restaurant) and met some really nice folks from Wall Street, then on to Sardis (Hi, Ralph Talarico of the Garment District and Diego) and then on to Carmine's where we met the nicest guy from Alabama, Todd Carroll - a taxidermist in New York on business - what business I can only imagine! - and another couple from Brooklyn just "Doin' the town." We got in late and had plenty of time the next morning to rest and sight see before heading to the Port of New York at 2:00 p.m. Again, that morning, we met the nicest people from Oregon. It was their first time EAST OF THE COLORADO RIVER! They were amazed. Also, being the day before the second anniversary of September 11... 9/11 was the topic of every conversation.

In the Navigator foyer with Bill and Babs Lyons, our dear friends who are travel agents and arranged for this wonderful cruise. I wasn't being dramatic here. I had just had eye surgery.)



We boarded at 2:00 without a hitch. Easiest boarding for a cruise we have ever experienced. Absolutely NO lines. Here are a few shots of the ship. She is a beautiful, classy ship. We had 330 service staff to wait on 290 guests! I would call that luxury!



Everything was first class.

