

Pack 262 News

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Pack Spends Exciting Night Aboard Tall Ship Balclutha as Captain Furgis Gets Her Crew into Shape

Thirty-five Cub Scouts and their parents spent the evening of April 24 and the early morning of April 25 on the historic tall ship Balclutha as part of the San Francisco National Maritime Park's Living History Overnight Program.

In this case, a big part of the "living history" was female ship Captain Furgis. Using an English accent and true nautical terms she got her crew into shape and "sea leg" ready.

Of course, someone asked if the Balclutha was a pirate ship and she declared that "pirates are thieves and out-laws and I will not have any pirates on my ship." The Balclutha, she added, is a merchant ship.

After breaking her sailors into seven crew teams and after they had mastered the required language ("aye Captain Furgis") everyone boarded the ship with their gear.

After claiming their hard wood bunks in the sleeping quarters, Captain Furgis gave the Pack a very detailed tour of her ship. The captain of a nearby historic ferry that was also docked gave the captain "permission" to take her crew aboard.

After the ferry tour was complete it was time to hit the "head" and bed down for the night. After several rounds of flashlight tag in the sleeping quarters all were asleep by 11PM.

An early morning wake-up call came at 5:30 AM Sunday morning and a continental breakfast was served.

The Captain then ordered the crew to scrub down the decks by hauling salt water out of the bay with a bucket and rope. Once the water was over the railing, it was transferred to other smaller buckets. The crew then threw the water on the deck (and themselves) and began mopping.

A great time was had by all and the Pack departed the Hyde Street Pier by 8:00 AM.



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