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In March 2011 my wife Birgitta and I took our third 14 day cruise through the Panama Canal. This cruise was on the Celebrity "GTS Infinity". The "GTS" means Gas Turbine Ship as opposed to diesel engines which power the majority of cruise ships. This gas turbine engine is a derivative of a General Electric CF6 which powers most DC10's and many 747's. Two of these engines power generators which drive the ship via electric driven propellers mounted on "azipods" which give amazing maneuverability.

This cruise originated at San Diego and terminated at Ft. Lauderdale.

San Diego is our favorite embarkation port due to the close proximity

of the airport and our hotel which was just across the street from the ship.. The harbor area is very interesting with a great maritime museum and the USS Midway museum. There is no comparison to the harbor today and the harbor during my Navy days in 1954. There were several stops in Mexico including Cabo San Lucas which was very nice and Acapulco which



Bill & Birgitta Uhl on deck in Cartagena

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

March 17, Tuesday7:00 p.m- 9:00 p.m.Membership Meeting
April 21, Tuesday7:00 p.m- 9:00 p.m.Membership Meeting
May 16, SaturdayTo Be Determined.Solar Regatta, Riley Lake Park, Eden Prairie

