



**Master, Gubert Tide**

# Capt. Daley's Sea Stories

**Christmas**

**Pemba, Moçambique, Africa**

25 December 2009



**Belford Dolphin Drillship**

After many years at sea, one gets used to not being home for holidays. Celebrating holidays with ship mates instead of friends and family becomes the norm. Muslims and Christians alike respected this holiday and there was an unusual air of peace and tranquility onboard.



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These three Mozambique Marines are happy to be aboard the Gubert Tide. It took a few days to get their sea legs and become accustomed to life at sea. In the end, they were happy they joined us.



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A Pemba fishing boat passing close to our stern gives perspective to what we are doing.



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At first glance it looks like he is carrying a load of 13 inch conductor pipe. Actually it is a load of lumber. I wonder how much he paid for the design and installation of the aerodynamic slots in his sail. They do so much with so little.



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You would think that the Chief Mate would have learned – no spaces between pipes on deck! You have to be on top of all things at all times. There is very little rest for a good Captain. The bundles of pipe were moved next to each other.



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This sail looks better than most.



IMG\_2948.JPG (above)

The sunsets are really beautiful in this area.



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Notice the three smaller boats on the larger boat. They are used to help position the nets. We have seen many nets pulled in from shore. They will set the nets out in the bay and then bring the ends to shore. Then a couple of dozen men will pull the net ashore laden with fish. I was quite surprised to see them use this method.

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Our Christmas decorations were not exactly conventional. But, they were festive and everyone had a good time eating good food.



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I'm not real sure, but I believe this was our Christmas tree. I kind of liked the simple decorations with more thought and less money in them. They meant people thought about how they wanted to decorate rather than "shopped" for what was other people's ideas. It made it kind of special.



DAY ROOM

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Or maybe this was the Christmas tree. Either way, they were very festive and appropriate for the occasion.



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You won't be able to go down to the local store and buy one of our Gubert Cakes. Toh Bi Tah enjoys putting together his handmade cakes. Christmas in Africa can be very special.



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Chef Toh Bi Tah doing what he enjoys doing the most. It was quiet a feast with fresh Dorado, Pork, Huge Prawns, and an assortment of other foods. The large prawns were my favorite, but the pork was very tender as well.



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The Dorado did not last long. Its bones were picked clean quickly!



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The pork was a big seller as well. There was plenty of food, but it was devoured rather quickly!



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What a party. In this picture there are four Mozambique Marines, five Cote d'Ivoire AB's and a Russian Chief Mate. That is quite a collection of foreign nations to have over for Christmas dinner.



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Salim was hungry! Salim has such a great smile. He would be very successful in the USA, especially since he is no stranger to hard work. But his smile is what would really make the difference for him.



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Emil Bobes, standing is my Chief Engineer. In addition to being an all around great guy, he is the caretaker of the Gubert Kitty. Russian Chief Mate Pavel is seated.