This was the plan, but at 08:00 it has already changed.

We didn't get woken up until 07:30. It was too windy for zodiac operations - wind at 50mph and gusting to over 65mph.

So we are now on route to Prince Olav to assess conditions there.

We know that another storm is approaching tomorrow so maybe our days at S Georgia are numbered and we will head off to the Antarctic Peninsula.

More later .....

**Salisbury Plain & Prince Olav Harbour**

0515 Wake-up call

0545 We plan to land & zodiac cruise at **Salisbury Plain**

Salisbury Plain lies on the southern shore of the Bay of Isles, 50 km (31 mi) from the western tip of South Georgia. It has the second largest king penguin colony on the island with an estimated 60,000 breeding pairs which swells to 250,000 individuals in total during the moult. This indicates an extraordinary population increase as only 350 breeding pairs were counted at this site in 1912. Historically, Salisbury Plain was a favoured hunting ground for sealers during the 19th century where both fur seal and elephant seals were taken in large numbers.

**1st Disembarkation: Amundsen & Scott** will disembark for a landing at Salisbury Plain

**2nd Disembarkation** : **(30 minutes later) Shackleton & Wild** will disembark for a Zodiac Cruise

0815 **Breakfast** is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3)

TBA We plan to land & zodiac cruise at **Salisbury Plain**

1230 - 1330 **Lunch** is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3)

TBA We hope to zodiac cruise at **Prince Olav Harbour**

**Prince Olav Harbour** is a small harbour in the SW portion of Cook Bay, entered between Point Abrahamsen and Sheep Point, along the northern coast of South Georgia. The name was in use as early as 1912 and was probably given by Norwegian whalers, for Crown Prince Olav of Norway.

**1st Disembarkation: Amundsen & Scott**

**2nd Disembarkation (immediately after): Shackleton & Wild**

1830 Join the **Expedition Team** for a **Recap & Briefing** in the Main Lounge

1930 - 2100 **Dinner** is served in the Dining Room (Deck 3)

After Dinner Join **Woody** in the Club for a casual bar talk on **Shackleton and Service**

Dear all,

We spent the morning at sea - first going south east to Prince Olav to assess the conditions but they were too windy for us. Then we have come back to cruise around the Bay of Islands and Salisbury Plain. We have been waiting for the wind to die down and it is certainly abating a little. Pressure is rising and the cloud is breaking - even some sunshine.

After lunch we got the go ahead to land at Salisbury Plain. The wind and swell had died down a lot - although the wind was a cold one.

Note - with a prevailing westerly wind, when it hits S Georgia it is forced upwards over the glaciers. At the top of the mountains (6,000ft plus) the wind is very cold so instead of continuing upwards it rapidly sinks down the glaciers on the other side. When it gets back to sea level it is rather chilled.

For a change it was easy to get onto the zodiac and a five minute zodiac ride took us to the beach where we found a mass of penguins and fur seals in the waves. The seal pups in particular love playing together in the waves - like a bucket of eels.

A half mile walk along the beach brought us to a huge King Penguin colony (250,000 birds?) set back from the beach. It stretched way back and up the hill behind it. The hill side looked like a 'white horse' - in this case the grass had been removed by the birds/seals and the white was provided by the penguins. We took lots of pictures and a few videos that try to show the sheer size of what we were amongst.

We got back on ship in time for tea! When the other half got back 2 hrs later the zodiacs were put on board and we set sail out into the open sea heading north and then west.

**YES - it has been confirmed that we have left S. Georgia and are now on route to Antarctica.**

We are trying to sail around the storm - first by heading west and then once the storm is south east of us (Sunday afternoon) we will turn south. We are heading to Elephant Island - sort of doing Shackleton's trip in reverse.

So we are looking at two and a bit days at sea. Time to do some washing and no 05:15 wake up calls for a few days.

But the ship is in some rather rough seas at the moment (10pm local time) - I guess the safest place is bed.

Bye for now …