

I Sea I Care

THE FTV BLUEFIN

On the 16th of June, 2005, Maddy and Cristina went on the FTV Bluefin. FTV stands for Fisheries Training Vessel. We left Sorrento Pier on a little boat to get to the big boat. What they do is they teach fishermen how to fish on a boat without getting wet. They also teach them how to drive a boat. They showed us some of the things they caught in the water such as the hermit crab, the sea star (star fish), and the Port Jackson shark. Surprisingly Maddy got a sea star on her head while the man was explaining how sea stars eat.

After that we got a booklet with lots of questions that we had to answer throughout the day. We had to find out which people had which jobs and interview some of the crew. We had to spot a dolphin, a seal, a lighthouse, a gannet or a tern diving for food and a jellyfish floating in the water. There were heaps more questions but there is no time to mention them all. The cook Tony cooked the BEST food such as cakes, cookies, sandwiches and hot dogs. We had a look on the underwater camera, which is used for fishing but all we could see was red algae, green algae, brown algae and a few sponges. No fish or anything interesting. We had to go down the stairs backwards because the stairs were on an angle. While we were talking about big ships and little ships, one of the girls spotted some dolphins in the water. At 4:15 we left to go back to Sorrento pier on the little boat.

We had a great day on the FTV Bluefin!

By Cristina and Maddy.

