

THE SUEZ CANAL AND INTERNET DEMO

We are awake at 3.30 am on the 22nd of October as we set sail from Port Said to the Suez Canal. It is only a short journey, but we need to be anchored in the lake at the start of the canal several hours before we are due to sail.

Apparently we will travel in convoy with a number of other ships, southwards through the canal towards the Red Sea. As we wait we see the northbound convoy passing us and are told that traffic travelling north always has priority. This is because northbound ships will be carrying perishable fruits and vegetables.

Unlike the Panama Canal there are no locks in the Suez Canal, as the levels of the Mediterranean and Red Seas are the same.



Because we are travelling near to land we are giving an internet demonstration on deck this afternoon. Around 30 people are interested in this, and other computer club members have even brought their laptops on deck to work on their diaries etc. It must be very difficult to see the screens in the bright sunshine! We are so busy that we hardly have any chance to take photos

of the canal, but we can see the vast emptiness of the desert stretching out on both sides

