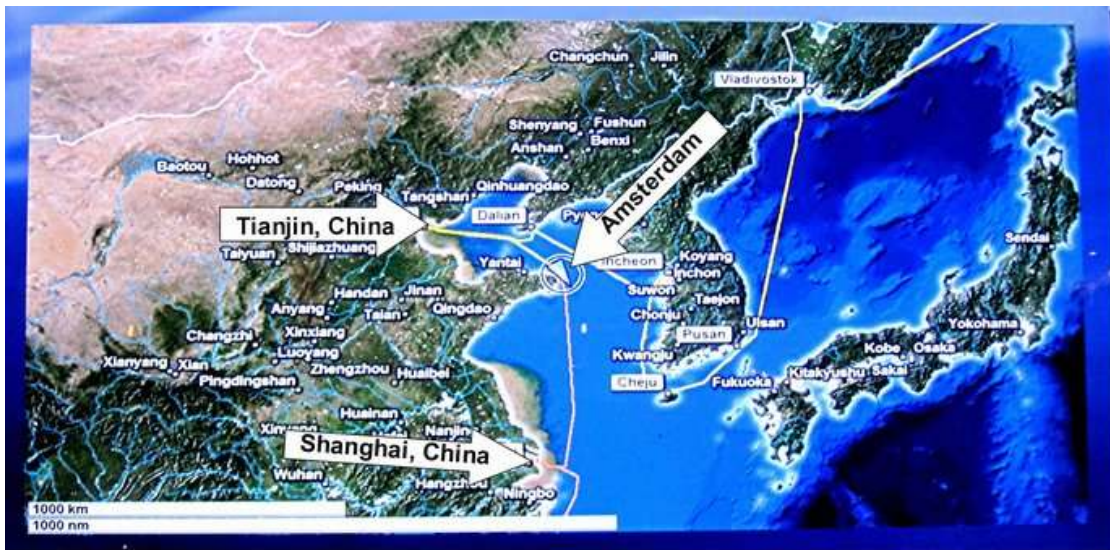


## At Sea – Day 20 Oct. 17:

The Amsterdam got underway from Tianjin during the night and we woke up to calm sea and overcast sky as we made our way toward Shanghai, our next port of call. This was to be a restful day at sea after rather strenuous sight seeing in Beijing the last two days.

We worked on the blog entry for the first day in Beijing when we climbed the Great Wall of China and saw the Ming Tombs. Barbara is getting good use of her Kindle and got in some good reading time today.

In the afternoon we got a picture of the TV screen showing the location of the Amsterdam on the route to Shanghai, as shown below.



In the evening the dress for dinner was formal and the theme was “The Roaring Twenties”. We didn’t have real Roaring Twenties clothes but we did the best we could. The ladies found black and white boas at the table and the men got black hats. We got a few pictures with our table mates, Bob and Esther while we were all dressed up.



We had a great meal and as we left the dining room we got a picture of the swan ice sculpture decorating the entrance.



When we returned to our stateroom we found a



pillow gift from Holland America. We each got a nice “Pocket Wallet” to safely carry important documents and money while traveling. Barbara models the handy new wallet in the picture on the left.

It was a nice day at sea. We were recovering from the marathon tour of Beijing but we turned in early to continue the recovery process.