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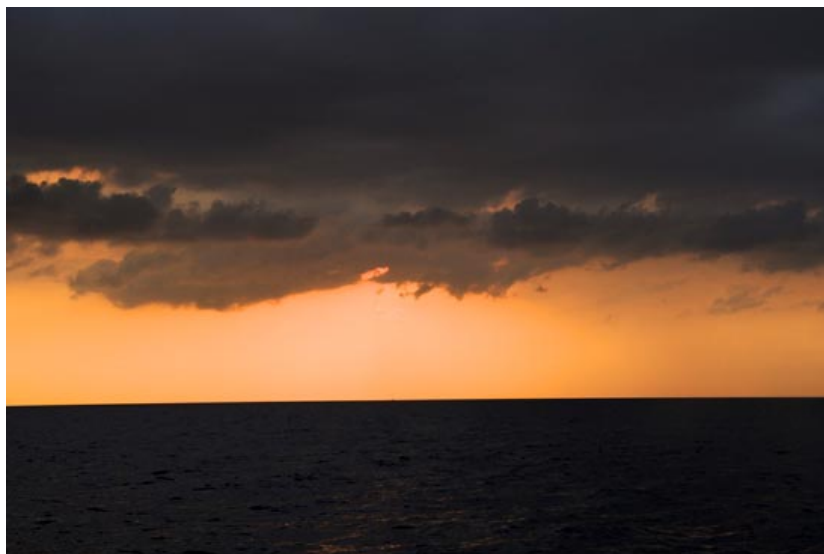


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Monday 5:24pm EDT 49:41 Swim time

Stormy Night

How about that Mother Nature's sense of humor, right? Just tell her your plans...The last time I was able to get to a GPS connection, we reported what we might expect from the second night, since the first was a nightmare of jellyfish swarms. At least I thought it was safe to say that as nighttime approached, we expected it would be dark. Holy smokes! We had a big squall out here with the sky lit up all night with lightning flashing all around us. The 18-20 mile storm cell came on quickly but was slow to leave. As a Californian, I've never seen anything like it but apparently these 20 to 35-mile wind squalls are not unusual in the Gulf Stream. Lightning all around us, the sky almost like daylight more of the time than not. And I began to think, great—jellyfish are light-phobic, and now, thanks to the wind devas we won't have to worry about them!



photo Christi Barli

Now as another night still looms ahead of us, and Diana is still swimming apace, I am put in mind of what she said last Wednesday night when I asked her about this swim, then upcoming, while she was packing for her flight to Cuba: "You'd think that with all this experience and planning that you'd know what to expect with these things, but I've learned that the only sure thing is that something always surprises you."

--Candace Hogan aboard Quest



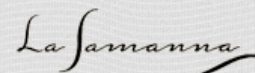
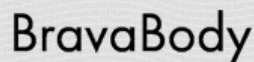
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