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Sunday night
Beth

Dear Family,

From Saturday noon onward our plans fell through one by one but it has been a very nice "Woods-Holish" weekend. We had meant to get our boat all rigged Saturday afternoon, sail in the evening and go cruising all day Sunday - 5 of us. We delayed and delayed Saturday afternoon and never touched the rigging. Just before supper we went to buy food for Sunday, met the Tawells, stayed and ate supper with them on a moment's invitation, and while Dot helped Mrs Tawell get supper Gladys and I weeded in their truck garden. Then we asked Mr Tawell questions after supper about Naushon Island and invited them to go

on the cruise with us Sunday. We left then before nine so we could buy extra food, which we did. And then Sunday it rained so we didn't go after all.

We worked in the lab. Saturday till midnight. Gladys and I were sorting printing algae under a microscope - a deadly job to do alone - but Ed and Marie came in a Dave and we put them to sorting too so we had a regular sorting bee and got a lot done.

We had decided to rig the boat early Sunday morning before sailing so I got up at 6:30 AM to get through some chores before breakfast. The early rising was quite unnecessary because it began to rain about nine and made up our ^s minds for us.

The rain was really a godsend for me: I got all my washing and ironing done and

the most necessary mending, and, more important, I was able to go collecting for class material for Monday on the noon low tide. I set off collecting in a cold drizzle but while I was out it gradually cleared and by the time I came back it was quite hopeful of good weather.

Collecting was pretty good and very important so I stayed out past lunch time and when I came back Gladys fixed me a fine hot lunch from our crisis food.

Then it really cleared so Gladys, Ed and I went out at 3 PM and finally put the new rigging on the boat. At five thirty we gathered Dot, Marie, and George Hollenberg and went off sailing just to eat supper on the island. It

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was hot and sunny again with very little wind but we got there and back and had a nice time.

Now we are in the lab again, about 10 PM, most of us writing letters. We want to go to bed early because Gladys and I and two nice girls in the class mean to go "lobstering" so with Don at 3AM tomorrow.

I had better stop writes and shift blotters so we can get to bed.

I hate to think of your and Father's having to leave the sea. I am having such fun with it up here. But tell me what flowers are blooming at Daylesford. I haven't been there in July for 6 years.

Love
Howard