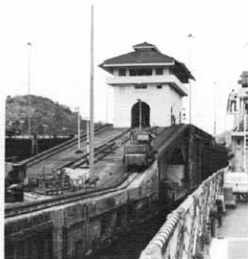


Panama Canal



The gates close behind us as the BEAR goes through another of the locks while transiting the Panama Canal.



"Mules" are used at all of the Panama Canal locks. Here we transit the Pedro Miguel Lock.



Good friends and relaxation were the order of the day for transiting the Panama Canal.



One of the Panama Canal "mules" in action pulling the BEAR through the Miraflores Lock.



"Swim call!" There wasn't very many of the BEAR crew left aboard when swim call was held in the fresh water lake of the Panama Canal.



This Chiquita Banana ship was with BEAR all through the Canal.