

= Booze Cruise ( The Office ) =

" Booze Cruise " is the eleventh episode of the second season of the American comedy television series The Office , and the show 's seventeenth episode overall . Written by Greg Daniels and directed by Ken Kwapis , the episode first aired in the United States on January 5 , 2006 on NBC . The episode featured Rob Riggle and Amy Adams as guest stars .

The series depicts the everyday lives of office employees in the Scranton , Pennsylvania branch of the fictional Dunder Mifflin Paper Company . In the episode , Michael Scott ( Steve Carell ) brings the office on a booze cruise and plans on doing some " motivational " speaking . After he learns that the captain of the boat has other plans , a power struggle emerges . Meanwhile , Pam Beesly ( Jenna Fischer ) and Roy 's ( David Denman ) previously stagnant relationship blossoms , while Jim Halpert ( John Krasinski ) and Katy 's ( Amy Adams ) begins to falter .

The story for " Booze Cruise " was inspired by a friend of B. J. Novak 's who had gone on a booze cruise . Novak told Daniels about the trip , and Daniels then proceeded to write an episode about it . The episode featured the third and final appearance of Katy , portrayed by Amy Adams . The filming of the episode was a departure from the norm of the series ; filming took place on an actual boat and because of this , many cast members got sea sick . " Booze Cruise " received largely positive reviews from critics . The episode earned a Nielsen rating of 4 @. @ 5 in the 18 ? 49 demographic and was viewed by 8 @. @ 7 million viewers .

= = Plot = =

The Dunder Mifflin crew goes on a cruise on a Lake Wallenpaupack ship Princess ? in January . Michael Scott ( Steve Carell ) plans to use the cruise as both a party and a leadership training exercise . However , " Captain Jack " ( Rob Riggle ) keeps preventing him from giving a business lecture .

The captain puts Dwight Schrute ( Rainn Wilson ) in charge of a prop wheel , which Dwight thinks is real . Jim Halpert ( John Krasinski ) , who has brought his girlfriend Katy ( Amy Adams ) on the cruise with him , and Pam Beesly ( Jenna Fischer ) share an awkward moment alone on the deck away from their significant others . Michael continually tries to take charge of the event by standing next to the captain and interrupting everything he says . After Michael falsely declares that the ship is sinking , sending the passengers into a panic and causing one passenger to grab a life vest and jump off the ship , the captain temporarily detains him by zip tying him to the railing on the deck outside .

Just before Roy talks to the captain , Michael asks Jim who he would save on a sinking ship . Jim covers up in saying that he would save the customer , but makes it clear afterwards that he would save the receptionist . He approaches Pam to perhaps tell her his feelings at the same time that Roy is hearing a war story from the captain . A drunken Roy Anderson ( David Denman ) is inspired to announce a date for his wedding with Pam , just before Jim can reach her . Jim is crushed and breaks up with Katy , realizing that he does not want to be with her . He confesses to Michael his feelings for Pam , which surprises Michael , who claims he has a " radar for things like that " . As Jim is seemingly ready to give up on Pam , Michael , in an uncharacteristically serious moment , encourages him to pursue her . Jim 's facial expression indicates that Michael 's endeavors to motivate him in some way might have actually succeeded . Afterwards , Michael finally informs Dwight the wheel he has been steering is not real . It is evident in deleted scenes that Jim , in giving his toast , intended to make an emotional speech about his close relationship with Pam , but is swiftly cut off by Dwight .

= = Production = =

" Booze Cruise " was written by Greg Daniels , making it his fourth writing credit , and his second season two credit , after " Halloween " earlier in the year . The episode was directed by Ken Kwapis , making it his sixth directing credit for the series . Greg Daniels referred to this episode as " our

Scranton version of James Cameron 's Titanic . " The idea came from B. J. Novak because a friend of his went on a booze cruise . Novak told Daniels about the trip , and Daniels then proceeded to write an episode about it .

" Booze Cruise " featured the third and final appearance of Katy , portrayed by Amy Adams . Adams thoroughly enjoyed her work on the show . In an interview with Advocate.com , she said , " [ The Office ] was the best work experience . I loved that show and that cast so much . I don ' t know if they believe me , but every time I see them I ' m like , ' Oh my gosh , I ' ll do anything to come back ' . "

Shooting for the episode was a departure from the norm of the series , due to the fact that filming was not on the Dunder Mifflin set . Furthermore , the episode was not filmed during the day , but rather during the night , from 6pm to 6am . Principal filming took place in Long Beach Harbor , California . Because the episode took place on an actual boat , many cast members got sea sick . Rainn Wilson got especially nauseated on the second night ; Jenna Fischer and David Denman felt nauseated on the last night of shooting . During the final sound mixing for the episode , Greg Daniels recalls yelling at the shot of Jim and Pam on deck . He noted that he had " seen it many , many times , but I was yelling , ' Do it , you idiot ! Kiss her ! ' "

= = Cultural references = =

During the conference room scene , Michael asks if anyone has seen the 1997 film Titanic . Pam and Jim pretend that they 've never heard of the movie , and Pam suggests that Michael is thinking of the 1990 movie The Hunt for Red October . Upon boarding , Michael soon stands at the front of the boat and yells , " I 'm the king of the world ! " in reference to the famous scene in Titanic .

When the employees are boarding the boat , Michael sings the " Ballad of Gilligan 's Island " , the theme from the 1964 television series Gilligan 's Island . Michael assigns the following roles : Pam is Mary Ann , Jim is The Professor , Katy is Ginger , Angela is Mrs. Howell , Kelly is a " native " , Stanley is one of the Harlem Globetrotters , Michael is The Skipper , and Dwight is Gilligan .

= = Reception = =

" Booze Cruise " originally aired on NBC in the United States on January 5 , 2006 . The episode received a 4 @. @ 5 rating / 11 % share among adults between the ages of 18 and 49 . This means that it was seen by 4 @. @ 5 % of all 18- to 49 @- @ year @- @ olds , and 11 % of all 18- to 49 @- @ year @- @ olds watching television at the time of the broadcast . At the time , this was the best 18-49 rating that the show had had . The episode was viewed by 8 @. @ 7 million viewers . Furthermore , the series retained 87 percent of its My Name is Earl lead @- @ in audience . An encore presentation of the episode , on June 27 , 2006 , received a 1 @. @ 8 / 6 rating and was viewed by over 4 @. @ 1 million viewers .

" Booze Cruise " received largely positive reviews from critics . M. Giant of Television Without Pity graded the episode with an " A " . Michael Sciannamea of TV Squad stated " This sitcom gets better every week " and that " What made this one quite good was that they didn 't rely on Dwight too much , although the bits with him ' driving ' the boat were good . " Monique Marcil of Zap2it said that the " 28 seconds of silence between co @- @ workers Jim and Pam capture all the awkwardness and longing of unspoken love better than any words could . And it 's these private moments caught on film by the unseen documentary crew that give this otherwise tart sitcom its sweetness . " John Krasinski stated that " Booze Cruise " included two of his favorite scenes to film : Jim 's conversation with Pam , and Jim 's conversation with Michael . He later called both of the shots " beautiful " and noted that it was " nothing short of an honor " to film them with Fischer and Carell , respectively . TV Fanatic reviewed several of the episodes quotes ; Steve Marsi rated Jim 's quote , " You know what ? I would save the receptionist . Just wanted to clear that up " a 3 out of 5 . Marsi also rated Jim and Michael 's conversation about Pam a 5 out of 5 .