

Friday, June 4, 2010

## **Swimming and diving.**

Helloooo little fishes This week I spent mostly swimming and diving. The beaches here are absolutely fantastic. After a little research I signed up for a CMAS bronze course at the Tauchschule Felix, and I am really happy with my choice. The theory goes deeper than I had thought, and the teachers are laid back and competent. Tomorrow I'll take some of them sailing on Vespina. Let's see how they like it. The other major activity besides swimming and diving was looking for boats on the internet. Vespina's designer, Mr. Reinke, never got back to me regarding the center keel. As I have mentioned I am really unhappy with the way Vespina sails. And after pounding the issues for days in my head, I decided that I will not sail much further with Vespina. In this regard "our personalities" just don't match, and so it is very frustrating. This sounds like a catastrophe for the voyage. But I think it is not. Vespina was the perfect boat for my relative inexperience, the journey on the rivers and the horrible weather in the Mediterranean throughout the winter. But the nature of the voyage changed over those miles, and my knowledge and confidence as a sailor increased. Considering with how little I started, it is not surprising that I now look for different things in a boat than I did nine months ago. Financially it is also not a catastrophe, because I knew from the beginning that something like this could happen. And true to my beloved KISS-concept I kept it simple and didn't invest too much into my first boat. There were some upgrades, but they either increased the value of Vespina or I can take them with me to the new boat. Of course there is the question of the new boat. Fortunately I found one that seems almost perfect, and she is right here on the Canary Islands. I hope to get a chance to sail her soon, so stay tuned.

Posted by Axel Busch in Vespina at 16:12

Hi Axel

Good to see that you finally arrived in the Canarean Islands. And Wow. You are up to change your vehicle? But well, when it doesn't fit your needs...  
Maybe I should buy it from you and start my own trip :)  
Greetings

Marcus

Anonymous on Jun 6 2010, 02:39

Axel

You are becoming a hardcore sailor!

Gut gemacht.

Matt

Anonymous on Jun 7 2010, 00:52

time to say goodbye to Vespina????

Anonymous on Jun 7 2010, 07:34

Maybe. We'll see

Anonymous on Jun 7 2010, 10:22

Think: Running water and a warm shower.

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Anonymous on Jun 7 2010, 10:28

You must be tanned like never before.  
Is there a new Axel Picture somewhere?

Good luck for the Vespina II Search.

Anonymous on Jun 10 2010, 19:39