

Tuesday, July 13. 2010

### **The mast is out**

Rolo is guiding the mast out. Here it comes. It's only seven months since I stepped the mast on Vespina. I did not think then that I'd see a crane so soon again. Fortunately the memory of what to do and in what order is still fresh, and I only had to reverse the steps to prepare Gudrun V. Only an empty hole remains. No innocent bystanders (e.g. Frederick) were hurt. The appointment with the crane was for 1pm at the shipyard, which is just two pontoons away. I arrived 10 minutes early, and so did the crane. The guys from the shipyard checked Gudrun V briefly over and after a nod and a grunted "no problem" the spectacle started. Half an hour later everything was over. Every hour spent on preparation is two hours saved during the operation. And Gudrun V is now a motorboat. Before ... .. and after. Tomorrow Octavio will check over the mast and together we'll then prepare everything for sanding and painting. I already spotted a small fracture at a welding near a spreader, which will have to be re-welded. Apart from that the mast looks like it's in good shape even after 30 years. No visible bends, dents or cracks.

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