

Thursday, July 29. 2010

1.111.307 nm in four months

The proof: I have sailed 1.111.307nm. New world record! My Raymarine C80 chart plotter came with a lot of features - and a big problem. Out of the box the ground log showed more than one million nm sailed. There is a feature to reset the ground log. But it didn't work. There is also a feature to reset all settings and restore the factory defaults. Which worked. But since the factory default seems to be to set the ground log to a random number, it didn't help an awful lot. Sounds like an uninitialized variable to me. Naturally I checked the Raymarine website for a new firmware version. It turned out that I have Version 4.30, whereas the officially available Version is (still) 4.29. It also says "Development Version" on my info screen. Interesting! Update problems. A little confused (and amused) I registered at the Raymarine website and filed a bug report, complete with screenshot. The reply was not so amusing, because it never came. So the only option left to me was to downgrade to the older version from the website and hope that this one doesn't show the problem. During the update the device crashed once, but in the end it completed the update. And - eureka! - I was able to set the ground log to 0 - finally. Side note: the version 4.29 is also labeled "Development Version". Sigh. As Arndt commented already - all these problems sound way too familiar to our regular working life. Because I can't be having that here on the boat I put aside the little electronic troublemakers after the update and went to the diving school to take the theory class for the "Night/Low Visibility Diver" specialty. Surprisingly the Spanish in the exam was considerably harder to understand than that for the "Nitrox" specialty. Probably because Nitrox is only about simple physics (partial pressure calculation mostly), whereas night diving is about very complicated things like communication, orientation and following procedures. Anyway ... I'm looking forward to a special treat for my birthday tomorrow: night diving!

Posted by Axel Busch in Gudrun V at 02:37

hÃ¤rbie bÃ¤rsday !

Anonymous on Jul 29 2010, 23:49

Hi Axel,
wÃ¼nsche Dir alles Gute zu Deinem Geburtstag!
Ich werd dann heute abend eins auf Dich trinken
GrÃ¼Ãe,
Maddin

Anonymous on Jul 30 2010, 02:14

hÃ¤rbie bÃ¤rsday Axel - excellent Arndt -

Anonymous on Jul 30 2010, 08:38

Hi Axel

And a very Happy Birthday from me as well! It's been a while since I last wrote - too many things going on and too much travelling. Seems you're having a good time (still!) - when do you plan to cross the Atlantic? Would be good to have a chat - are you on Skype by any chance?

Ulm is definitely missing you Have you been in touch with Peter etc. at Transporeon?

Bis bald.

Paul

Anonymous on Jul 31 2010, 14:03