

Tuesday, February 1. 2011

No more surprises, please

Netting to keep things organized. Three shelves covered, three to go. The galley Because it was raining all weekend I spent most of the time inside the boat and organized everything for the voyage. I packed away clothes that I won't need so I don't have to search so long for the ones I do need on the way, and then did the same to pretty much everything else, including tools and camera gear. Then I put netting in front of the shelves that might spill stuff, and re-packed my grab-bag. One of the things I put inside is a orange 1.2sqm kite. Should I really have to enter the life-raft I can fly that up to 70m high and actually have a chance to be seen. Octavio removing the terminals of the runners One of the things I always do before a longer trip is go up the mast to check that everything is ok. I did that yesterday too ... and discovered a problem with the terminals for the top shrouds and running backstays. Which has to be fixed before I can leave, because there is a risk that they break and then I would loose the mast. Octavio assured me it is no big deal to fix it and they will probably finish today, but it destroys my plans to leave for another few days. After the new terminals are in I should at least do a test sail and have another look, before heading off across the ocean. I also discovered that one of the expandable water tanks (100l) leaks. Luckily it's at the top, and if I don't put too much pressure inside it's more or less ok. I sure don't want to take that tank out now, because Murphy's Law and all, it will probably keep me busy for many days. So I just bought a dozen 5 liter bottles, just in case. No more works. I want to go! Luckily the weather looks like it's going to stay nice for a while, and so at least from that side everything should be fine. Actually most boats delayed their departure because the wind is a little strong at the moment, and it looks much better towards the weekend. But it's just always a big blow to morale when you get ready, stow everything away, prepare mentally for the trip and then can not leave. So, please, no more surprises for a while.

Posted by Axel Busch at 06:06

Thumbs pressed, fingers crossed!

Anonymous on Feb 1 2011, 08:14

Sorry to hear about the last minute snags. Here's wishing for no more and a safe journey!

Anonymous on Feb 1 2011, 11:08

Hi Axel, wünsch Dir ne gute, sichere Äøberfahrt und anschliessend viel Spaÿ in der Karibik! Grÿe, Martin

Anonymous on Feb 2 2011, 00:59

.... what it by any chance a flexible plastimo tank - we had nothing but problems with ours...

Anonymous on Feb 2 2011, 04:24

Nope, Vetus! All crap, no matter what you buy

Anonymous on Feb 2 2011, 16:56