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Halfway to the Mediterranean

The last lock of the Canal des Vosges. Vespina in the marina in Corre. After 14 days, 102 hours of motoring, 125 locks, 210 liter Diesel, 2 liter engine oil and 740km of rivers, Vespina is now docked in Fluvial Loisirs in Corre, France. This is pretty much half of the way to the Mediterranean sea. It is going downstream and there are only 30 or 40 locks and two tunnels (!) left, so it will go a lot faster from now on. I think about 9 more days to Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône. Because of the circuitous route I had to take along the rivers, I am still pretty close to home - only 5 hours by car. Since there is still a lot of paperwork to do before I can be away for a year, I am using the chance and return home one last time for a few days. It's also my Mum's and Brother's birthdays. Looking back, I spent about the same time preparing personal and official matters for being away that I spent preparing myself and Vespina for the voyage. It is amazing how entangling modern life is. Hermann, who accompanied me for the last two weeks, is also returning home. We had a great time together, and it is sad to say farewell. But on the other hand I am very much looking forward to single-handed sailing (or motoring), and so I am also very excited at the same time.

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