

Sunday, March 27, 2011

Liz' first sailing lesson

Come and buy! The flea market on Saturday was a great success. I was enthusiastically advertising our "Treasures of the bilge" and throwing in extras. After a very short time everything was gone except a #7 winch and a camping light. I'm so glad the stuff is gone. Now the cockpit lockers are only half full and it's a lot easier to get to stuff. The money was quickly re-invested - in a bathing ladder, a washdown pump and a bigger inverter so Liz can run her kitchen equipment (hehe). I had no idea how the washdown pump would increase the comfort level. I installed it underneath the sink and put a spray-nozzle to the sink and an outlet for a garden hose to wash down the deck. Now we can do the dishes with salt water in the sink under pressure and don't have to carry everything on deck to do it in the bucket. And I can simply spray down the deck, and especially the anchor-chain. Awesome! And it saves so much fresh water when doing the dishes. Liz trimming the genoa With all the stuff for the flea-market gone from the deck we could finally go sailing. Liz has been reading "Sailing for Dummies" over the last days, and today we went out for her first coastal sailing lesson. Which included: • starting and stopping the engine • raising the anchor • avoiding crashing into other boats at the anchorage (including the big ones that are so busy getting to their favorite spot that they don't look out for other boats) • basic right-of-way rules under motor and sail • use of the autopilot • unfurling, trimming and furling the genoa • tacking • anchoring That's plenty for one day, and after two hours we went back to the anchorage. And then ashore for some Mahi-Mahi with rice and veggies. Yummy . We want to sail out every day a little while I wait for the US Visa to arrive.

Posted by Axel Busch in Gudrun V at 14:22

Awesome!

Anonymous on Mar 28 2011, 00:29

Hej,

what a pretty couple

The joy of living and enjoying the adventure is reflected in both faces

and, btw., television contains magnificent stuff.....sweet little hammerhead shark.....

Anonymous on Mar 28 2011, 02:52