

Monday, November 30. 2009

Alone on the Saone

Vespina in one of the two 600m long tunnels. Vespina docked in Chalon-sur-Saône. For the last three days I've been driving alone now. Not only alone aboard Vespina, there is also no other ship on the Saone river. Maybe because of the weather: All Saturday and Sunday morning the wind was blowing with 5-7 Bft (max was 32kn), and it was 3°C Celsius cold. Sunday afternoon added rain, great. By nightfall I was so tired I almost rammed the bridge pier at Pontallier-sur-Saone. I docked 100m later and stayed for the night. Today the rain and wind stopped, but it's still only 5°C Celsius. I felt a little miserable today because the cold was getting to me. I had adapted to 10°C Celsius day and night, but less than 5 ... well. How long to the Caribbean? But now the thermometer behind me says 4°C, and my hands aren't even cold anymore. I guess I have adapted again. I've also noticed that I've lost another 4kg of weight, in one week. From shivering for sure! I've made very good progress though, and am now in a huge Marina in St. Jean-de-Losne. Shops, showers, electricity and ... WiFi! I stopped here because I had to buy a new waterway vignette (54 EUR for 16 days), and St. Jean-de-Losne is one of the few cities with a VNF office that sells it. I like the town though, it has a nice feel to it. Tomorrow I want to make it to Chalon-sur-Saone, with 60.000 inhabitants one of the larger Cities on the river. And then it's only two more days to my next big milestone - Lyon, where the Saone flows into the Rhone.

Posted by Axel Busch in Vespina at 14:13

Ich wünsch dir, dass du noch genug Schokolade hast, weiterhin eine positive Einstellung und gute Gedanken! Immer eine handbreit Wasser und so weiter ..
Halt die Ohren steif, die Gelassenheit steht dir gut!

Carmen

Anonymous on Nov 30 2009, 22:50

Take care out there on the river my friend. 4kg. lol. Talk about a different lifestyle. When you get back I will have to cook you a very large meal

Anonymous on Dec 1 2009, 19:30

Der Tunnel sieht arg schmal aus, wie bist Du da durchgekommen?

Anonymous on Dec 4 2009, 12:04