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On the RhÃfÃ´ne

Autopilot fitted to the tiller. The Borg have landed in Lyon! Today I've made it past Lyon and 40km down the RhÃfÃ´ne. Originally I had planned to stay in Lyon for half a day. But then it stopped raining just as I got there and so I decided to use the chance and drive some more miles. Good decision - it's raining again already. Driving has become a lot easier now. The RhÃfÃ´ne is often several hundred meters wide, which means I can fix the autopilot to the tiller and let it steer the boat by compass for a few hundred meters, while I get something to eat or simply pee. What a relief! I've noticed that after about eight hours without even a short break my skills begin to deteriorate. Unless the conditions are perfect I often need a second try to dock for example. I could stop somewhere for a lunch-break, but then I would lose valuable daylight time. Instead I prefer to just push through and reach my destination by 4pm at the latest. I am very much looking forward to coastal waters and the open sea, where there is more space and I can rest a little now and then and stay fresh. But if I can maintain the speed of the last three days, I should make it to the mediterranean by Monday. And maybe it'll be a little warmer too. Fog in the morning is very romantic, very much indeed, until a cargo ship pops up 100m in front of you.

Posted by Axel Busch in Vespina at 22:07

Oh die fog pigs sind groÃartig. Weiterhin dir viel Spass!
Anonymous on Dec 4 2009, 15:05