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To Spain!

Finally a decent weather forecast for the next 24 hours: Winds 2 to 5 Bft veering from NW to S, a moderate sea and only little rain with reasonable visibility. So today I will finally set sail for Spain, with destination La Escala. I hope to do the 120nm in 25 to 30 hours. I've downloaded the maps regarding wind, waves and precipitation for the Golfe Du Lion from weatheronline.co.uk, and it should just be possible with some safety margin before the wind turns to a strong SW for the rest of the week and I'd be stuck here even longer. For the last week Arthur and I have been sitting daily over the weather forecast and the map. We are both longing to be gone from Port Saint Louis Du Rhone. Arthur even more than I, because he has been waiting for an opportunity for three weeks now. Because of the weather I'm now already one month behind the optimistic schedule. But I knew that the first months would be the hardest and most unreliable ones in terms of planning of the whole trip, especially crossing the Golfe Du Lion. And rushing it means accepting unreasonable risks at this time of year. But I'm still one month ahead of the pessimistic schedule. I'll just have to see how today will go, and how fast I can then make it to Gibraltar. I thank you all for your kind XMas wishes. In case you wondered, I spent XMas mostly working on Vespina (additional bilge pump, gas alarm, external iridium antenna, radar connected but not working, tiller extension fitted) and reading about storm tactics. I also slept a lot.

Posted by Axel Busch in Vespina at 00:32

Good luck for Boat and Besatzung!
Anonymous on Dec 27 2009, 00:59

Hope you had a good trip to La Escala, thinking of you and hoping you had a good run. We are currently doing some jobs and waiting for Caroline to get back from England and then are hoping for a decent weather wind to either get west or south! Hope you've had fun sailing! Chris from Maid of Mettle (met at Navy Service)
Anonymous on Dec 27 2009, 01:44

Viva Espana!
hier ist das Wetter so besch....., nicht mal zum Skifahren lohnt sich....
Viel Spass weiterhin
Anonymous on Dec 29 2009, 07:20