

Friday, November 22. 2013

Fiji to NZ (7) - Land in sight

Saturday, 2013-11-23, 11:30, 34:54.925S 174:19.349E, COG 208, SOG 6.5kn, Wind 20kn SE

27nm to go to Opuia. The sun's out, the waves are down, and we're almost there. We spent the morning in the cockpit taking photos and watching out for land. 29nm out from shore Rob spotted the first mountain top through the haze while I was downstairs making sure we've filled out all forms. It's quite a package, fortunately neatly presented in a plastic folder "New Zealand Border Agency Information". Of all the countries we've visited on this trip NZ provided the most complete and helpful information up front, awesome. And the longest forms to fill out.

In about an hour we'll enter the 12nm zone and will then call ahead to customs. Then it'll be another three to four hours before we arrive in Opuia. Liz and Rachel are coming up from Auckland to greet us, can't wait to see them. We're a little damp and tired but very happy.

Posted by Axel Busch in Gudrun V at 16:45