

Friday, March 19. 2010

Plans for the future

Only two days and I'll be back on Vespina again. This morning I wasn't sure whether I could get everything done here by Sunday. The whole week I felt like a juggler with too many balls in the air. But then this afternoon everything finally clicked into place, and now all that's left is to pay two bills, to post three letters, to pack my bag and to clean my flat. I've been only away for four months, but already a lot of things had added up and kept me busy throughout the last three weeks. I guess that's the price for not having burned all my bridges when I left in November . A price I pay gladly, because one of the things that was keeping me so busy was visits to and from friends. As a lesson from that experience I am already planing my next trip home, probably in August. Hopefully that is after I've crossed the Atlantic. Speaking of which, here's the new plan for the next stops on the way: Gibraltar, Marokko (Casablanca, Agadir), Canary Islands (Lanzarote, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Tenerife, La Gomera) and then to the Cape Verde Islands. And then, well, it looks like Brazil would be a good choice. Another lesson I've learned is that I need something "big" to think about and work on while I'm waiting for better weather. Now that the winter is over I hope that I won't have to wait anymore for weeks at a time like I had to in Port-Saint-Louis, on Ibiza, and in Almerimar. Also the bike-rentals should be open where I'm going, the water should be warm in enough to swim and dive, and there will be more people around. So overall more distraction and entertainment. But the thing that has bothered me most on the trip so far was not bad weather or loneliness, but the question of what I will be doing when the trip is over. I know, I still have a long way to go. But compared to what it took to start the voyage, the actual doing is quite easy: Wait and sail, wait and sail, wait and sail. So I can't help but ask myself what I will do after I've returned home, because I've learned one thing about myself on the trip already: there is still a lot that I want to do, and I can't do it from a sailing boat. And the thing I want to do most is ... start another company. A company with a good influence on the world. Oh yes, I can hear the laughter of you, my friends . Of course you knew this all along. Well, I didn't. After having started a new business from scratch three times (the first a failure, the other two very successful), I might as well have had enough of it. Time to take it slowly, enjoy life. Things like that . Well, I'm enjoying life. Tremendously! But I'll enjoy it even more when I work on a new business plan and do some research while I'm voyaging. This will give me something to look forward to for when the voyage is over. And having always something to look forward to is one of the most important ingredients for happiness.

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Upward and onward!

Anonymous on Mar 22 2010, 06:49

Inge says Hi and thinks about something to look forward too. What's next ... ? Not sure yet, but it will be BIG!

Anonymous on Mar 25 2010, 15:35