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A new crewmate

Dinghy. Blae. During the last few days I have used my dinghy to paint the sides of my boat where they were rusty. While the dinghy provides a pretty comfortable platform for painting, it is very awkward in all other regards. Although it's with 2,5m a short dinghy, it is already pretty bulky and heavy. Getting it in and out of the water is a real effort. And once on deck, it is in the way. It also loses air slowly. It became quickly obvious: Vespina is too small for me, my ego and my dinghy. One of us has to go. After a brief discussion I pulled rank on the dinghy and removed it from the crew list, together with the outboard engine, which is still not working. I've tried everything the owner's manual asked me except changing the spark plug and bringing it to an authorized dealer. Since both are too young to go into retirement, Antonio has agreed to look out for them. This of course creates a vacancy on Vespina. I need some way to paint the sides of her in the future, and I also need some way to get to the shore and back when at anchor. And the life-raft is just a little too posh for that. Shopping at Decathlon. In my mind a small surfboard, canoe or kayak seemed like the right thing. So I rode with my BMX to Santa Mario to see what "Decathlon", a huge sports store, has to offer. And I found what I was looking for. It's a sit-on-top kayak, 3m long, 80cm wide, weighs only 21kg and it is blue. It also has a platform at the back which I can use to strap stuff to, or lie on it and push the kayak with my feet (preferably with flippers on them). But how to get it back the 10 km to Vespina? Not on the BMX. I called a Taxi and made sure to mention "Una persona, una bicicleta y una kayak!". 5 minutes later the Taxi came - a sedan. Sigh. The driver looked at the heap on the ground incredulously and shook his head, and I asked him to call un taxi mas grande por favor. 5 Minutes later a Peugeot 308 (5 door) arrived and the driver magically managed to squeeze everything inside, including myself and his own considerable bulk. Wow. Kayak + Vespina =

Posted by Axel Busch in Vespina at 13:41

Du hast noch eine Funktion des Kajaks vergessen: Mach den Sitz raus, und du hast eine prima blaue Badewanne, sogar mit StÄ¶psel (wenn ich das richtig sehe)
Konnte zu den vorigen EintrÄ¶gen keinen Kommentar schreiben: Mir ist die Kinnlade runtergeklappt und hat die Tastatur zerdeppert!
Anonymous on May 3 2010, 14:30

nice!
witzig, globales shoppen:
war letzte woche auch beim decathlon ... mus nÄ¶chstes mal mir das kleine blaue mal genauer ansehen. Preisfrage: wÄ¶rd mich interessieren ob Espana vs. China groÄ¶ ist ...
weiterhin schÄ¶nenn urlaub:-)
Anonymous on May 4 2010, 00:29

Nice
Welcome to the kayak on board gang... you might make caroline jealous with it though, I'm not sure our inflatable will surf as well as yours
Anonymous on May 4 2010, 02:43