

Fast Ocean Sailing with RM 1200 Schnufao Liguria to Sicily

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At 18th of March, 1230 we started in two, the brand new main could show in winds from 130-140 degree and force 4 the extraordinary performance. With 7-9 knots we were flying to Southeast. During the night the wind shifted to the head and we started takings. At 0430 my colleague came out of the cabin, where he was sleeping, fighting for air, all indications of a heard attack, sent out a PANPAN to Livorno Guardia Costiera, in 20 minutes they arrived, but due to the high waves no over boarding was possible, during one hour at full speed ca. 8 knots behind the blue light Vedette we enter Livorno where the Ambulance was waiting. Two weeks later my friend will receive 4 by-passes. After all the paperwork with the Coast Guard I sailed alone the last 12sm to Cala di Medici. **In total 114sm.**



Crewmember with heart attack



Guardia Costiera Livorno



Marina Cala di Medici



always something for washing

At 12th of May together with an other colleague with little wind full sails we sail to the island Elba, we help with the engine at ca. 1800 RPM. In the wonderful Porto Azzuro we stop for a night, our square head main with the flying back stays are the big attraction, the people are thinking we sail on a Open 40. **42sm in total 156sm.**



Under sail and engine



Porto Azzuro Island Elba

At 13th of May again with little wind, under those conditions also a big sail area is no help under engine via the island Giglio we arrive in Cala Galera. **48sm total 204sm.**



easy motor sailing



Porto Ercole

At 29th of May with a super crew, all good and experienced sailors, together at four men we sail south. The wind started to increase steadily from 2 to 4 and died on the last three hours. With main and gennaker most of the time on the boom like a spinnaker, due to the wind strait behind, we reach on the next day the lovely island Ponza. The speed was between 6,5 and 8,5 knots all the time.

111sm in total 315sm



Ferry on the way to Sardinia



Wonderful Island Palmarola



Speedy with gennaker as a spi



Harbour of Ponza no piers only anchoring



Small talk in Ponza



Key as lamp holder on a taxi

At 31th of May with winds from West 4, 5 and 3 we reach in heavy sea to the island Ventotene, 1 x a shoot in the wind in a boa, the autopilot was to slow, now we steer, like in the old time, by hand. SOG to 9-10 knots, every body is singing. The narrow 90degree entry for the little harbour of Ventotene is very tricky. 2000 years ago the Romans caved this harbour in the volcanic rock from Ventotene. **22sm in total 346sm.**



Magnificent sailing in waves with good wind direction Ventotene



the 2000 year old roman harbour from Ventotene amazing !

At first of June just in the moment we are entering the tricky 90 degree outlet, a big and large Cat entered in the harbour, full speed back, after a short tense moment we can go ahead again, because the Cat moored in seconds. With S, SW 3 easy sailing to Ischia, for the gennaker crew is on strike, today its lazy girl sailing. In Lacco Amadeu, very nice bay we anchored in 5m. One crew member is leaving us, of course with a special drink. **18sm in total now 364sm.**



Lazy trip to island Ischia with Caipirinha



For insiders the bay of Lacco Ameno



At second of June we leave this lovely bay. Against the weather forecast its blowing just on the nose from SE 2-3, for that reason we stop and drop anchor in Capri. The visit of the island is a frustration, to many tourists to see the country of the well known Island. The ferry port has 12 terminals, like an airport!!! The night of course is very shaky.



Shaky Marina Grande from Capri



Good aperitif any way

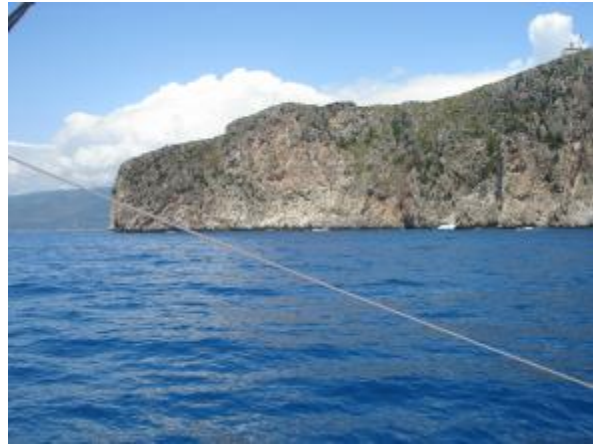
At third of June in the very early morning we start at 0500 in direction Camerota. NE 3 dying to SE 1 needs help with the engine. The skipper is shocked, the second water tank is empty, 300lts in one day? The crew is defending every excess of water consume, for this reason the skip starts to open the bilge locks. The watertight starboard crash box shot at the backside is full of water. Through this box the damaged shower hose is passing, the reason of the big water consumption. The bilge pump with the long hose is perfect to pump out the now dirty water.

After 9 hours we arrive in Camerota. The fishermen indicate us very loud the way through the sandy entry in the harbour, with only 80 cm under the quille we arrive save our mooring

place. Very nice and lovely place, die people here are extremely friendly, weather and food also is perfect. **64sm i total 452sm.**



Cap Palinura on plotter



and life

At fourth of June 0515 we start to the island Stromboli, its raining, but a nice wind from N turning to SE with force 2-4 brings us in the right direction. Around 1000 the sky in the N-NW is getting dark and black and big lightnings with thunder make the skipper sceptic. Just in the right moment the sails are down and it blows at force 8 with heavy showers, but still in the right direction. A little bird, completely wet, stays on the boat during the thunderstorm. After 1200 with a reef in the main and full genoa wind from NW 5 we reach directly to the volcano. From far we can see the smoke.



Thunderstorm F 8 with flashes and rain



Small bird on board

Very comfortable the bojes on the east side of the island. Very near the black beach we moore our boat for Euro 30 on a boje. Three big pieces of meat were grilled on the fire place at the back side of Schnufao and disappears with the help of Caipirinha. For a visit we are too tired.
72sm in total 524sm.



Tired skipper



Strombolino



Stromboli



Mc Gyver repairing all also the shower



In front of black beach



A 5th of June after the visit of the funny island we let the boje. Behind the Stromboli we start photo shooting. One crewmember in the rubber dinghy goes ahead and takes a lot of photos from mannequin Schnufao with all sail up.



Schnufao under sails

Stromboli from the South

The trip to the island Panarea is perfect NW 3-4, 35 degree AWA at 11-12 knots TWS and 7,4 bis 7,5 knots speed. With 90 degree and 10,8 knots TWS we arrive even 8,4 to 8,5 knots. At the end of island Panarea in the magnify bay from Punta Milanezzo we anchor in 6m on the side of a Swiss yacht. **14sm in total 538sm.**



Schnufao with Swiss neighbour

like a dream



like in the Caribbean Sea



Punta Milanezzo

At 6th of June very lazy we drop the anchor and with the dinghy behind we arrive the volcanic island Vulcano. We anchor nearby three Kiwi boats , the owners are very sorry for us due to the Alinghi disaster. 20m from the boat sulphuric gas is coming out of the sea water and its smelling well. 2 crewmembers leave the boat to climb on the near active volcano. In the meantime the skip swims in the warm sulphuric sea water and takes a bath in the hot (30 degree) mud just after the beach.**13sm in total 551sm.**



Schnufao under Jib and Genoa



Bay from island Vulcano



stinky 30 degree mud bath



the active vulcano

At 7th of June with little wind we quite the sulphuric bay. Taking und wind pilot 50-52 degree, TWS 7 knots, speed 5,4 knots, TWS 5,4 knots speed 4,8 knots, thanks the quare head

60m² main sail. The wind turns to North, we set Gennaker and from the attached Dinghy we take photos again
In the little but smart Marina Poseidon in Milazzo we moore safely. **21sm in total 572sm.**



nice morning



Under gennaker



Also for insiders Marina Poseidon

At 8th June at 0700 mooring off and we sail direction Sicily, the dangerous strait of Messina is waiting, at 1000 the tide should be in favour to go through the narrow sea street to the South. But first we heave the skipper to the second saling. He fits two elastic lines to the flying backstays, they should help to keep the stays in order when taking. With incredible 3,4 knots current to the South we speed through the street of Messina. Very spectacular the whirl pools, but no problems when crossing. On the way to Riposto the wind fresh up very suddenly, die jibe we executed us a take with N 5 its saver with the additional work on the flying backstays. In the famos bay of Taormina beside the five master cruising ship **Windsurf** we anchor. For Euro 50 you can get a boje!!! Very exciting **49sm in total 621sm.**



Skipper in the mast



Entry street of Messina



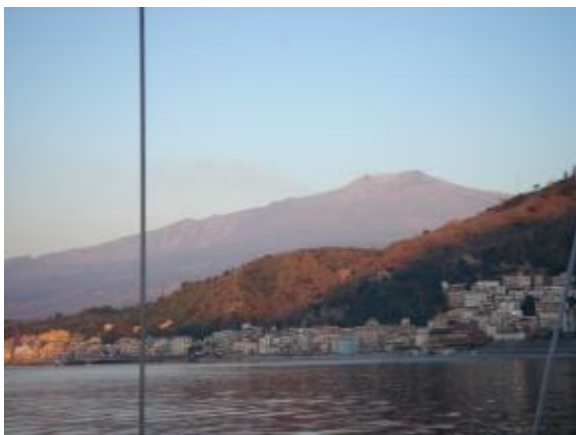
Street on plotter



Log 5,4kn SOG 8,8kn = 3,4kn current

At 9th of June after one hour with the engine making noise we arrive in Riposto Marina del Etna .

7sm in total 628sm, due to the fairly winds we used only 90 Liter Diesel for the whole trip from Liguria to Sicily.



Taormina with Etna



on the top of Etna

End of June we go ahead for the island Corfu with a new crew



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2. Report for 4th step

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At 28th of June 0545 we left in four Riposto, an expensive harbour and a poor town without glamour, the vulcano Etna was shining in the morning sun, through the street of Messina a fresh wind was blowing. The new crew, a couple, was introduced into the secrets of Schnufao through my son and me. With NW 5 we put the first reef in the main, and with 8 knots we went a little up wind quick ahead. After the cap the wind shifted to South, we pulled the gennaker up, for our charter yacht crew something very new. Aprox. 20 dolphins were swimming around, simply great. The entry into Roccella Jonica was tricky, but always we had at least 90 cm under the quille. The Skipper went to the Guardia Costiera and a crew member made shopping by bicycle. **Today 72sm, in total 700sm.**



Riposto with Etna



Introduction of the new crew

On 29th of June we started in direction Catanzaro, not very loved by the sailors due to the often heavy winds. With NW 4 we began, later with S 1-3 and on mid day it started to blow

NW 5. Under guests we entered the little harbour, heavy dragging machines are working. We put the anchor, asked a fisherman if the big boy in the middle of the harbour is free, and after the positive answer we fixed Schnufao on the strong moorings of that boy. A good move, because the whole night the wind blew F 4 to 6, definitely this is a very windy place. Around 100 seagulls shared with us the evening barbecue with a lot of noise. **36sm intotal 736sm.**



Schnufao safe on the boy



Despite of the wind we had barbecue, mhmh

On 30th June still with W 4-7 we flew at in direction of Cap Rizzuto. On the unigue boy in a wonderful bay after the cap we swamm and dived. After some time we shared the boy with a local gozzo. In the afternoon under engine along the gas platforms we arrived in Crotona and took a place at Yachting Kroton Club an. **34sm total 770sm.**



Nice butterfly sailing to Crotona



Yachting Kroton Club

On first of July at 0515 we sailed in direction Gallipoli. The wind blew from W, SW force 2 to 4. a crossing container ship gave opportunity for an AIS training. Suddenly a noise on the hull, my son cleared with the boat hook a 5 meter long bamboo from a rudder. That's the disadvantage of the two exposed rudders, from time to time something hooks on. For one hour we placed the gennaker. Oh wonder, we could see a tortoise. The night we spent in the magnificent Gallipoli in the Marina Bleu Salento for only Euro 72.- !!!!! **.71sm in total 841sm**



On the way to Gallipoli



Bird on board



Lighthouse of Gallipoli



Castle town Gallipoli very nice

At second of July, with light winds from W and NW, happy motor sailing to Sta. Maria di Leuca. During the short swimming stop over in front of Torre San Giovanni some panic suddenly the deep dropped to less than 2 meters. In the afternoon we moored on the quay of the Marina. We are very pleased from this lovely place and decided to stay two days. We visited the huge caverns and the monumental stair to Europe built by Mussolini .The second night we anchored nearby the Swiss Cat PANPAN, Germany wins Argentina 4 : 0. **22sm in total 346sm.**



Lighthouse and stair to Europe



Harbour of Sta. Maria di Leuca



Huge caverns



On anchor



CH Catamaran PANPAN



Cave from inside

On 4th July at 0530 Anchor up and with NW 2-3 we sailed into the sea, Main, Genua and Jib up, Schnufao logging 6 to 7,5 kn. Sailor friends recommended to anchor on the second island Erikoussa, less wind and the beach is wide and white. A lot of ship traffic we counted 22 ships on the plotter by the AIS, included 4 sailships line up on the way to Corfu. At 1100 appeared the island Othoni in the fog. Now we are in Greece and we adjusted our watches for one hour ahead, in Erikoussa we anchored for this reason at 1500. Really like a dream this Carabian beach, nice white sand and blue water. Happy we took our anchor drink. **56sm in total now 924sm.**



Island Othoni in the dust



Anchorplace in Erikoussa



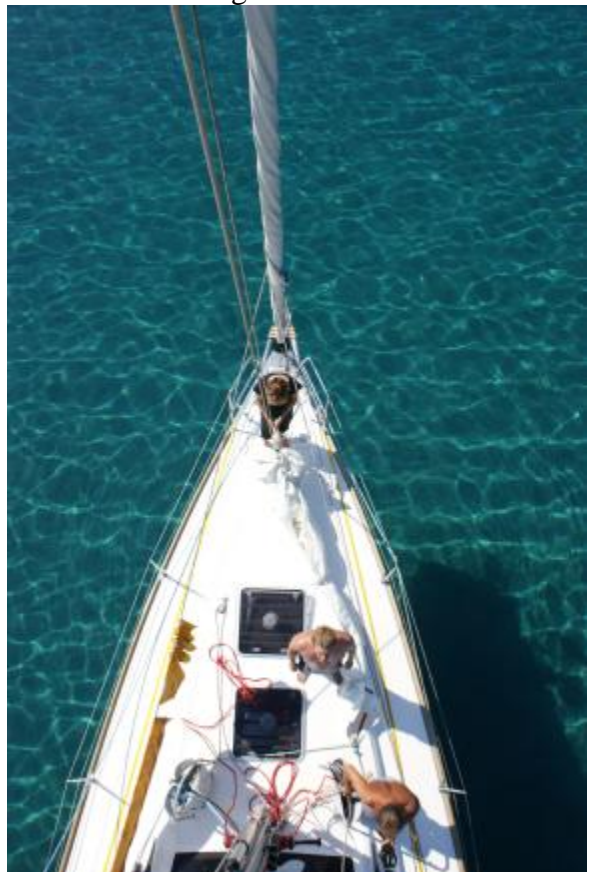
Church from Erikoussa



And a barbecue again mhmh



Quite and safe anchor place



Absolutely clear water

On 5th of July around 0900 we quitte after a bath in the still fresh water this lovely bay. With very little wind we engined to the coast of Corfu and rounded the cap in direction Marina Gouvia. Alongside wonderful beaches and islands, but first we had to clear custom for Greece, only possible at the Marinea Gouvia. After the check in, very slowly around 2 hours, Harbour Authority and Custom 6 km far away, we anchored in the bay of Gouvia. Fantastic finally the water had 28 degrees. **27sm in total 951sm.**

The next days we spent in very different bays and harbours, on sand or stone beaches, on anchor or with the stearn moored to a tree, simply great. The names of these places are Phetelias, Sagiada, Mandraki, Ormos Agios Stephanos, Ormos Agios Georgios, Paläokastriza, Kalami, Lakka, Paxos, Gaios, Mourtos und Petriti



Lighthouse between Corfu and Albany



very old church



Empty and dry the coast of Albany



Anchor drink with Greek specialities



Mandraki harbour under the Castle Corfu



Paläokastriza



On Ponton in Paläokastriza



Cave Island Sivota nearby Mourtos/Gaios



Still they are existing



Lakka Island Paxos



Ormos Agios Giorgos, under Gennaker



under Genua