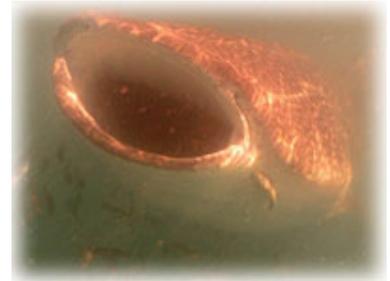


Dear friends,

We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

The best wishes for a lovely 2011

It should have been a letter from New Zealand, but in Mexico we changed our mind and slowed down. Because of El Niño, we decided to stay longer in Baja of California. We left La Paz in April and had a very slow sail down to The Galapagos Islands. We went in to the village Villamil at Isla Isabela, the biggest of the islands. We were lucky with the papers, we had no zarpe for Galapagos, but we got 22 days, which we spend in Villamil. Here were all the animals we expected to see, and we had several interesting tours around at the island.



From Galapagos we sailed to Bahia de Caraquez in Ecuador. Here we meet up with our Danish friends Lone and Lars and to our joy we also meet Jill, Dough and their dog Bodie, friends from Alaska, who are bound for Chile. We were at moorings together in Chone River, in front of Puerto Amistad.

We did not travel as much as we had expected. But we did a tour to Quito together with Jill and Dough. After some days we split up and they went to New York, and we continued to the nice city Otavalo. We had some god days there and visited the big famous weekend marked.



Short after we went to Denmark for two and a half months. We stayed at Henrik`s mother, and had a very nice time with family and friends. The weather was beautiful all the time, and we just enjoyed the early autumn.

Back at Bahia again, we longed for blue water. We left the 10th of December together with the yacht Paywacket, our Australia friends Jackie and Noel Parry bound for Las Perlas. It was one of those trips were not everything, but a lot of things went wrong. We got a strong gale from North right after we left the Doldrum and had to heave to for two days. After some days we meet up with Paywacket again at Las Perlas. We spend Christmas and New Year at anchor at Las Perlas.



The 3d of January we arrived at Panama and have used the last two days to do the paperwork. We will stay here for about a month or so. As usual we need to get some stuff, and then we are looking forward to see Karsten, the guy who always help us with the weather.

Kind regards

Lene & Henrik



NB! More pictures on our web page www.sy-dana.dk in the Danish letters (breve).