

Dear friends,

We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

The best wishes for a lovely 2016

We forgot to write a Christmas letter last year, so this letter cover the last 2 years. We left Cape Town in the end of January 2014 and went up to Walvis Bay in Namibia. We rented a car for a week together with Anders and had an adventure driving in the sand dunes in the south to Etosha national park in the north. Like in South Africa we had a great time in the game parks and had a beautiful drive trough the desert.



From Namibia we sailed to St. Helena Island. After a week here we continue to French Guyana. We arrived at Iles de Salut Marts 29th and from there to Kourou. It is here the Ariane Space Center is and we were lucky to see a rocket launch from here. From Kourou we sailed along the cost to Maroni River and went up to Saint-Laurent du Maroni, a small town 20 miles up the river. We anchored here in the Amazon rain forest for the hurricane season.



October it was time to leave French Guyana and our next stop was Tobago. When we came to Man of War Bay and started up the engine, we took lots of water in through the stern pipe, the bilge pump could just make it. But when we had anchored and stopped the engine we could control it. Two of the engine mounts and a plate at the engine was broken, so the engine was not in the center any more and the shaft sealing was leaking. So we needed two new mounts and a new plate, plus change them and put the engine back in line. But the help was near, next to us was the South African boat Ingrid with Gus onboard. He had two used mounts and he could weld the plate. He helped us to fix it.

We continue north, visiting Martinique and Guadeloupe on our way to St. Maarten. Last time we was in the Caribbean we visited most of the islands, so this time we only stoped a few places. We needed lots of spare parts and repairing the radar. St. Maarten have all the shops and facilities to do that. We stayed two months here, waiting for the spare parts and installing a new radar, the old one could not be repaired.



Next stop was Culebra between St. Thomas and Puerto Rico. A nice little island with many good anchor places and beautiful coral reefs. We had a good time here and catched up with friends, we had meet around the world.



We wanted to visit Greenland on our way back to Denmark. May, we left Culebra and had a nice two weeks stop at Bermuda. We waited here for a good weather window for Nova Scotia. We arrived at Shelburne in mid June after a hard trip. It was still cold up here, only two boats was back in the water after a very long and cold winter. We visited Neil, who is running the Winlink station in Halifax, and he invited us to anchor in front of his and Janes house, while he fixed the pactor modem for us. It had stopped working short after we left Bermuda. We spend a nice week there in good company with other sailors.

From Halifax we sailed through Bras d'Or Lakes and Belle Isle Strait to Newfoundland and Labrador. There was a lot of ice and fog in the easterly part of Belle Isle Strait and the coast of Labrador, so we were very happy with the new radar. Stayed 3 weeks in Fox Harbor at the Labrador coast waiting for a weather window for the 600 miles trip to Greenland.



We came to Julianehåb in the southern part of Greenland the 24th of July, it was a little late but we had 3 good weeks there with nice weather.

It was beautiful sailing around in the fjords with all the icebergs and we visited most of the historic places around there. Here are still some ruins of the churches and farms the Vikings build 900 years ago.



Except from a storm, a gale and some headwinds we had a nice sailing from Greenland to Shetland Islands. From there we went to Norway and Sweden before we, after more than 12 fantastic years around the world, arrived back to Copenhagen the 28th of September.

Kind regards

Lene & Henrik