



A 6 months sailing trip across the Mediterranean Sea all the way to the Sawakin archipelago in the middle of the Red Sea, did not alter the drive to leave. Further. Elsewhere.

To the contrary, just disembarking in September 2008, the crew (Stephanie & Christophe) put all their tenacity to launch a new project to revive the adventure.

Fast, fast, before it's too late. Now.

A feeling of emergency compounded by prospects of doom and austerity dictated by our dear and expensive papy-boomers

« Yo ! » is an OVNI 385, a sailing boat of 12 meters, a center boarder entirely made of aluminum. By conception she is perfectly fit for long haul trips. Thanks to high quality craftsmanship, she is solid and reliable, suited for difficult sailing conditions as well as wandering through treacherous coral seas.

The « Go East » obsession determines the route: Singapore, The China Sea and Japan. Harsh weather conditions and the degradation of political situations raise doubts: no way fighting against the Agulhas current off the Cape of Good Hope and passing Bab el Mandeb off the coast of Somalia and the Gulf of Aden is no longer realistic.

We then decided to reach the Pacific Ocean through Panama, classically going through the Atlantic Ocean and then island hopping: Galapagos, Marquesas Islands, French Polynesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Japan and China.

Of course, this will take some time: approximately 5 years depending on encounters, typhoon or willy-willy tracks and changes in local economic or political situations.

Estimated time of departure: August 2013.

Three motivations lead us constantly to go beyond limits to achieve a greater freedom.

Autonomy. First, the one that enables us to live on board for a long time without taking ground and which dictated the boat equipment. Then, our own independence which made us decides on financial options and abandoning the pension system.

Discovery. As the will to explore makes us and this journey thrive. Curiosity born out of our childhood dreams drives us towards a greater diversity as we witness a massive homogenization resulting from globalization.

Pleasure. For sea gypsies all the happiness in the world emanated from water.

Story tellers, we are looking for contacts at all ship calls: one knows an ethnologist, another one a doctor, the third a shaman...

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