



Welcome aboard

Around North America



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In the middle of June, 2008 : «Southern Star» is making its approach to Nuuk, in southern Greenland and is sailing under quite good weather conditions (in spite of the rain and the fog). It has been one week since the team left Reykjavik in Iceland for the second leg of the expedition «Around North America».

The atmosphere onboard is tip top.

Navigation Report

The first leg of the expedition took place under good meteorological conditions, allowing the crew to rest a bit. Most crew members have been around for several weeks already to get the boat ready, and everyone was clearly tired. After the customary period of adjustment to life on the sea, those last few settings, which required that we be at sea in order to be made, were tackled. In just five days, we reached the Icelandic coast. The expedition landed in Husavik in the northwest of Iceland. Sailing toward the country's capital took place in three calm stages.



Stopover Report

The stopover in Iceland set the tone for the expedition. The crew set out immediately to meet with Icelanders.

Upon arrival in Husavik, the team got to work and interviewed cetologists in order to find out whether climate change has had an impact on new species' frequenting this part of the island.

The Icelanders' welcome was exemplary, the field investigation could likewise begin and all readily answered questions.

From this point of view, Reykjavik was a stopover that was rich with encounters. Geothermal energy, hydrogen production and glaciology were the major topics. The team spent an hour with Iceland's Minister for the environment, Thorun Sveinbjanardottir.

Contacts were already taken in Greenland to identify the persons susceptible to bring a particular lighting to our initiative concerning the climate change.

Media Partners

The paper «Mon Quotidien» (Playbac) has officially joined the ranks of our partners. Young people aged 9 to 14 will thus be able to follow "SouthernStar"'s voyage around North America step by step, illustrated with cards by Bruno Philippe, our director for pedagogical programs.

The film of the expedition

Film director Thierry Robert came onboard in Iceland in order to film a documentary which will relate the first part of the expedition, from Tromsø to Illullisiat. He will come back at Nuuk, where he will embark for the leg that will take "Southern Star" to the Bay of Disko. All images at sea are done by Delphine Maratier. Planète Thalassa has thus joined the adventure. This first film is scheduled to be released in October. The odyssey in its entirety will comprise five documentaries of 52 minutes and one 90-minute long.

In the works : Canadian filmmaker Jean Boutin is working on a series of six 26-minute documentaries for the Quebec television channels. These will relate the lives of six Inuit communities in North America in which will make a stopover, and the way they deal will climate change.



Landscape of Iceland

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