

Voyaging on MaaMalni - 2008-2009



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Subject:

8 Maamalni - Just 2 little Knots or don't get your Knickers in a Knot.

Knots come in various forms. Bowline knots, Hitch knots, Square Knots, Knickers in a knot and then there are Wind Knots... which we have been lacking for the past three days. Tahiti is a long way off, so motoring really isn't a consideration, so we looked out at the placid seas (as least there is some good news to all this) and contemplated going swimming. Instead we hauled out the light air sail that is the size of a 3-bedroom house. 2000 square feet of ounce and half dacron. A marvelous material and when combined with 8 to 10 knots of wind it's a true "knot maker", but at 2 to 3 knots, it barely fills with air. Amazingly enough, with almost no wind, we are still able to sail about 2 or 3 knot and have still be able to make 70 nautical miles a day toward our destination. We'd like more, but we'll take what we can get.

Fair Winds _/), Suzan and Michael