



March 8, 2008 - Submitted by Craig Anderson

Mike called from the Galapagos Islands using an internet phone with OK sound. Hopefully, they will be sailing out tomorrow for the Marquesas Islands.

When I say "hopefully", that is because Mike says the "water maker" isn't working properly. This leg of the journey is a long one and fresh water is "kind of" important. No doubt, since they have made it this far, a solution will be found.

Mike indicated that the first part of this next passage will be heading south about 500 miles in order to pick up the trade winds for their west bound direction. He expected to spend a few days under power as this part of the Pacific Ocean has either no wind or light winds directly off the bow. Once they hit the trades, life should be smooth sailing.

HUMM!! Smooth sailing. Let me relay a couple comments. Thus far Mike and Suzanne have had a few days where there was no wind. Mike says one really gets tired of listening to the "iron genny". Mike commented "that he is having a great adventure except he never expected the amount of work needed to maintain function of all the systems on board".

Mike expects his injured finger to be fully healed in a couple weeks. He wished he could do some snorkling as the Galapagos Islands are amazing.

Mike indicated that more pictures will be coming before they leave the Galapagos Islands as it will be a while before they internet connectivity again.