

Good Day Dearest Friends,

The last time you have heard news from me was since the Caribbean, in April, when I sailed my own yacht to Trinidad before heading to the Mediterranean. As always, sorry for not being in touch.

Well, it has been since then that I have been waiting all this time to return to my freedom and home, back on Mahina. On Tuesday 7th of November, I will be leaving from Majorca, Spain on delivery of SY Zingaro to Antigua. Our estimated date of arrival there is the first week of December. Soon after I will return to Mahina and continue my refit ... Can't wait.

But what have I been doing in the meantime? After a great delivery on SY Ghost from Antigua to Majorca, the highlight of which was a 325Nm day run, I crewed for the whole summer season on a 94ft Wally, Open Season. The season was rather busy, cruising south of France, Valencia, Majorca, Sardinia and two major races; the Maxi's in Porto Cervo and the Voile de St. Tropez. Although from some mishaps here and there, like running aground during the Maxi's and slicing one third of the Bulb off, it has been really good. Credit goes to the awesome crew and new friends I've met.

It was at the end of October, that after an absence of two years, I returned to my family in Malta. Apart from the usual personal stuff to do, I participated again in the Middle Sea Race, a 607Nm offshore race, on a 44ft 2 toner, Comanche Raider. Winds were light most of the time, with 25knts in maximum strength. We had a brilliant five and a half day race and really pushed ourselves and the boat hard. But unfortunately we still ended 16th and 19th overall in IRS and IMS classes respectively, from 68 yachts that participated.

Well its time for me to pack up again and head west. Plan so far is to return to Mahina as already stated. During Christmas and beginning of next year I will be helping out Indio, another Wally, driving their tender. Then back again to Mahina and start cruising up North basing myself between Antigua and St. Marten. In the meantime apart from day working, I will be working hard on her to prepare for my next challenge and dream, sailing my own yacht to the Mediterranean. Route will be St. Marten, Azores, Portugal then either to the Balearics or Morocco, Tunisia and Malta. It seems that as more

time is passing, the more I am and want to do the first 2 legs to Portugal single handed. Reasons for doing so may vary such as to prove myself that I can do it or might be the best way to find peace or simply that I have to, but mostly to find inner satisfaction and self assurance that will be everlasting. So wish me LUCK.

For those kicking around the Caribbean I guess I will see you around. Those who want to visit or even better charter Mahina you can do so too. I am best contactable on this email address, eleandro@mahinacharters.com or visit my website at www.mahinacharters.com.

I hope you are well,
Safe journeys,

Eleandro
On the way home ... My Mahina.