

Crew wanted aboard GALAW II December 15, 2018 – January 15, 2019

Isla Mujeres, Cancun - La Havana, Cuba, - Bahamas

My wife Anne and me sail 6 months per year aboard our catamaran type PRIVILEGE 435 named GALAWA II.

We are French and speak English. Anne speaks also Spanish.



Anne & Philippe RIPOCHE



GALAWA II

We are both 72, and enjoy every aspect of cruising: Fishing, visiting the lands, snorkeling, sunsets, boat maintenance, meeting other boaters or local fishermen, etc... and occasionally long and windy crossings.

We like to share these cruises with friends. For the pleasure of friendship, the help with maneuvers, ...and the added safety : Although we are both fit and experienced, an extra crew is useful when anything goes wrong.

Unfortunately, between December 15 and January 15 our many friends are unavailable in this period because of family, grand-children, Xmas and New Year's eve etc...

Sailing from Isla Mujeres near Cancun , Mexico, to La Havana, Cuba and then to Bahamas is not the easiest of cruises:

- 140 miles to cross the Gulfstream,
- 200 miles from Los Moros to La Havana,
- 300 miles from La Havana to Bahamas.

And this while prevailing trade winds blow from East or North East in this season.



Our dates are somewhat flexible as we may choose to wait for and take advantage of a Northern fronts blowing from the west to dodge the Easterly winds.

From La Havana, and again depending on the wind, we may choose to head first North to Key West, then ride the Gulf Stream to Bimini before turning South to Nassau.

Alternatively, we could ride a Northern front and sail east on the Northern shore of Cuba, before heading North on a starboard tack towards George Town.

Our strategy will be pragmatic, and daily decisions shared with every one aboard. We may decide to stay some days at anchor and go snorkeling till the forecasted wind turns West.

Even if we have luck with Northern fronts, we expect a fair amount of sailing upwind. GALAWA II sails well upwind at 8 knots, 120 ° tack to tack, and is reasonably comfortable, dry, and well ventilated.

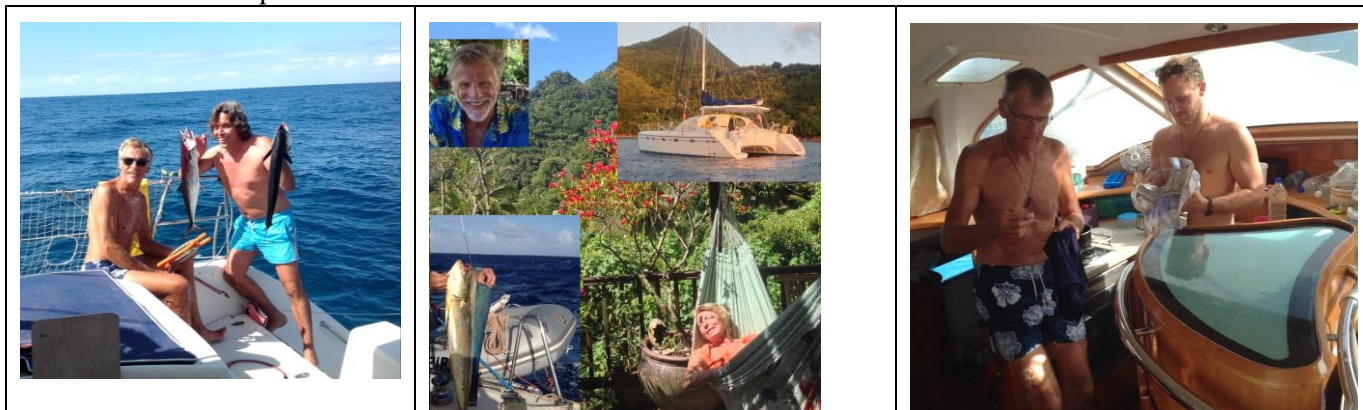
But still, this route is not for unexperienced sailors or those prone to sea sickness. Especially as Cuban Guarda Fronteras would not allow you to disembark outside the approved marinas of Los Moros or Havana.

If you join us, bring some books, patience, courtesy, snorkeling gear,(wet suit), good humor, immunity to sea sickness (or drug & patches to this effect), no tobacco, willingness to live with us, share a nice sailing experience, and contribute to a pleasant atmosphere aboard.

We invite our crew to contribute to food estimated at 20 US \$/day, possibly more in restaurants or in the Bahamas.

Travelling to and from wherever GALAWA II is anchored, Visas, (90\$/ head in Cuba) would be your own expense.

Here is a sample of life aboard GALAWA II



If you are interested, call or write below: