

Yacht Meteorite : Round the World

As you know Yacht Meteorite and crew are setting off on our Round the World adventure, our itinerary is attached, but here's a few ways you can follow our progress:

Blog : www.yachtmeteorite.com – where you can also sign up for our newsletter, alternatively just hit reply to this email

Satellite Tracker : Yellow Brick – is a GPS/Satellite tracking system. If you go to the App store and search Yellow Brick Races – Rock Seven Services .. just download the free app.

- For our progress across the Atlantic search for ARC 2016 (not ARC+) which starts on 20th November.
- For our progress Round the World search Oyster World Rally 2016 – which is available from 15th January 2017

Or type this url into your web browser and you can see where we are : <https://my.yb.tl/meteorite>

Keeping in touch :

We have a 4G Sim with wifi hotspot so we can open bigger files when we get near a signal or can pick up local wifi, therefore we will send and receive pics and videos when we have wifi so please do send emails with interesting information and news we will enjoy reading them and replying.

Address for general up-date emails: shipscat@meteoriteyacht.com

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For general information:

We will also be keeping in regular contact with Cristina Russo so if you need to get in touch with us or need any information about the trip and our plans once we've set off she can point you in the right direction.

She will also forward any emails or messages and make sure they are sent to the right address in the right format so feel free to use her as a forwarding service!

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Oyster World Rally – Part One: Antigua to New Zealand

Introduction

Part one, Antigua in the Caribbean to New Zealand is a nine month passage. We start on Jan 15th 2017 in Antigua and finish in Auckland in the last week of October 2017.

The passage includes dropping down the Caribbean Islands, then taking in the Dutch Islands of Aruba, Caracau and Bonaire. Stopping in the city of Cartagena (North coast Columbia), the San Blas islands off Venezuela, before we go through the Panama Canal and then down to the Galapagos Islands

We then cross the Pacific, 3,000 miles to arrive in the Marguesas Islands, (French Polynesia). Literally hundreds of amazing tropical islands to visit. We spend approx 4 months sailing through them taking in the main Islands of Tahiti, Bora Bora, Tonga arriving in Fiji around towards end August. Then on to Fiji enjoying the many islands on route, we leave Fiji mid October to arrive in New Zealand by the end of October. We then stay in New Zealand until April 2018 when we start Part Two.

Approximate Dates

The key dates are in bold these are the dates that we meet the Oyster support team and the Rally comes together again (30 boats) parties and repairs. These are usually places that have airports and are developed for holiday makers and yacht community. The rest of the time we are making our own way towards these points so the dates are purely an indication of where we might be.

Date	Place	Notes
Jan 15th	Antigua	The Rally starts, leave Antigua bound for Panama Canal
Jan 15 th – 30 th	Antigua, St Kitts, Nevis, Guadeloupe, Dominica, Grenadines, Grenada	Approx two week passage down through the Caribbean Islands, Island hopping
Jan 30 th – Feb 14 th	Los Rocas, Bonaire, Curacao, Aruba	These are quite big Islands off the Venezuela coast, Dutch Antilles, populated tourist but good bays
Feb 14 th – Feb 29 th	Cartagena, San Blas Islands, Colon	Leave Aruba to Cartagena on North Columbian coast and then onto the sparsely inhabited islands of San Blas finishing in Colon in Panama
Feb 29th – Mar 17th	Colon – Panama City	We transit the Panama canal 70miles through the locks, under Bridge of Americas into Pacific and visiting Panama city.
Mar 17 th – Apr 19 th	Panama city to Galapagos	Quite a long sail of over 1,000 miles to the Galapagos, we leave the boat for a week boarding a small cruise ship to visit the Islands, back on board meteorite to do our own exploring

Apr 19 th – May 5 th	Galapagos - Marquesas	Long passage over 3,000 miles this is the big one and will take about 3 weeks wish us luck
May 5 th – May 30 th	Nuku Hiva Island - Tahiti	Arrive in Taiohae Bay Oyster base on Nuku Hiva island, from which we visit the many islands on way to Tahiti
May 30 th – July 16 th	Tahiti – Bora Bora	Arrive in Tahiti May 30 th Oyster base in Marina Taina – Tahiti is the capital of French Polynesia with flights from NZ. We will sail for six weeks around the many islands around Tahiti
July 16 th – July 28 th	Bora Bora – Tonga	We arrive in Bora Bora around July 17 th – Oyster base at MaiKai Marina, we will spend around 10 days here enjoying the main island the pearl in the Pacific !! .. then to Tonga
July 28 th – Aug 4 th	Tonga	Arrive Vava’u on July 4 th Oyster base café Tropicana – Vava’u is part of the Kingdom of Tonga a British Protectorate till 1970. 169 islands 36 populated, known as the Friendly Islands !
Aug 4 th – Aug 30 th	Tonga – Fiji	We spend approx. 4 weeks exploring the many islands of Tonga and then a two day sail to Fiji
Aug 30 th	Fiji	Arrive Vanua Balavu in Fiji, Oyster at Lomaloma to clear in
Aug 30 th – Sep 9 th	Vanua Belavu – Suva Suva	We sail around the many Fijian Islands arriving in Suva Suva on the 9 th , an island part of Fiji with large Tropical rain forest and pearl business
Sept 9 th – Sept 23 rd	Suva – Suva – Port Denarau	Continue to sail around the islands arriving Port Denarau a luxury resorts area, International airport !
Sept 23 rd – Oct 7 th	Port Denarau – Musket Cove	Arrive Musket Cove Oct 7 th , is our check out port based on Malolo Island, tranquil and fun island legendary yacht club .. small airstrip
Oct 7 th – Oct 16 th	Musket Cove	Sailing around Musket Cove – Oyster base here and we check out of Fiji and leave for NZ
Oct 16 th – Oct 23 rd	Musket Cove – Auckland New Zealand	We sails some 1,200 miles to New Zealand hoping to arrive around 23 rd Oct Oyster will have a big base here in Auckland where we will take the boat out and do any major repair and refit needed

New Zealand .. Part Two .. Exploring NZ

This is a chance for us to explore by boat and land New Zealand as we don't depart for Part Three until April 2018 so we have some five months waiting in NZ for the best weather pattern to take us on Part Three and over the top of Australia. We are putting plans in place for our stay in NZ where we have a number of friends to visit and obviously lots of things to do and see. We expect to spend Christmas in NZ but to return to the UK in Nov and possibly again in March depending on the sailing plan.

