

September - December 2014



Swedish election in Buenos Aires

2014-09-01 San Fernando, Buenos Aires, Argentina
34° 26,6 S 058° 31,7 W

Now we are back in Buenos Aires and one of the first things we did was to give our vote in the Swedish elections. We did this at the Swedish embassy and the nice people there helped us with the procedures. The Swedish King and Queen overlooked the voting from the photo on the wall!

The spring is here, it is getting warmer and warmer and lots of nice flowers can be seen in the gardens. The birds are chirping as they do in spring and the swallows try to nest in the boom. We work with maintenance and improvements on the yacht.



Boat material from above

2014-09-17 San Fernando, Buenos Aires, Argentina
34° 26,6 S 058° 31,7 W

Now you can find boat material along the roads, the kapok is falling from the trees! For non-sailors, we can tell that kapok is used in cushions on boats. It is a soft material that does not mold and it floats. It is dm-sized capsules which falls to the ground and opens up and there you find the kapok.

Otherwise, we devote ourselves to waiting. We are waiting for the spray hood-maker, service for the fridge and to take the boat out of the water to paint the bottom. We have got our radar and the sails are at the sail maker for check, so for them we need not wait any longer. But soon, we will also wait for service on the life raft, the battery supply and certainly something more ... But we have things to do while we are waiting and neighbors to talk to!



Gauchos as pilgrims

2014-10-06 San Fernando, Buenos Aires, Argentina
34° 26,6 S 058° 31,7 W

Last Saturday it was many gauchos (cowboys) that went by horse to the town of Lujan just outside Buenos Aires. In Lujan you find the Virgen the Lujan and the last weekend in September it is a "pilgrims day" for gauchos. On our way there (by car) we saw many gauchos on horses and in the town there were plenty! On Saturday evening the gauchos sat by the fires grilling meat. On Sunday it was a parade with all gauchos and horses. We was invited to one fire and could try the gaucho life for one day. We enjoyed it!

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Randivåg on land

2014-10-25 San Fernando, Buenos Aires, Argentina

34° 26,6 S 058° 31,7 W

Now the boat is on land to be antifouled. It is the first time since we left Sweden four years ago, so we were pretty tense to see how the bottom looked like. Sven has cleaned the bottom several times each year, but not since we came to Buenos Aires. The water here has a color similar to "coffee-latte", so it's not inviting to swim. The bottom looked fine except for a bunch of tiny blisters. This has now been resolved and only polishing remains before we come back to the correct element.

We are also preparing our departure. We've had the life raft on the service, changed batteries, got a new spray hood and filled the gas bottles. We have not so much left on the "to-do-list".



Have you bought your ropes yet?

2014-11-24 Mar del Plata, Argentina

38° 02,02 S 057° 30,94 W

We have now started our sail to the south and we are in Mar del Plata. Here you find sailors going South and North, just now there are some going in the same direction as us. Here you get questions like: Have you bought your ropes yet?. This is a good Place to buy floating ropes that are good to have when you should anchor in bays and need ropes in different directions. We bought 220 meters and hope that this, together with the rope we already have, should be enough.

When we leave Mar del Plata it will probably take some time Before we reach internet. But we hope to be able to update the map you find [here](#).



Argentine Patagonia

2014-12-18 Deseado, Argentina

47° 45,5 S 065° 54,7 W

Now we are further south in Argentina. We have stopped in the anchorage Bahia Janssen, Puerto Elena and Caeta Horno. Nice places with animals and nature. We have seen sea lions, guanaco (a small lama) and nandu (a small ostrich), many penguins and sea birds. The nature is wilder the further south we come. The trees are hardly above the ground.

We are now in the small city Deseado and are waiting for the hard southerly winds to pass before we continue. We have two other yachts with us, one from Brazil and one from France.



Happy Holidays!

To see the whole Christmas card, go [here](#).

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Far south!

2014-12-28 Puerto Hoppner, Islas los Estados, Argentina

54° 47,0 S 064° 15,0 W

After 4,5 days sailing from Puerto Deseado, we came to Islas los Estados, Staten Island, early one morning. The ocean was totally calm, albatross, petrels, wales, dolphins and penguins circling the yacht. We slowly went through the small entrance to the very secure anchorage, Puerto Hoppner and anchored behind the small island in a "Patagonia way" (many ropes on land).

Here it was Christmas celebration (a bit late) and New Year's Eve. We were alone in the bay, the vultures, oystercatcher and ducks uncounted. In the water we saw the big and red king crabs. The Staten Island is a nature reserve, so it was "see but not touch".

After some days the oceans was as calm as when we arrived, so we continued towards Ushuaia.