

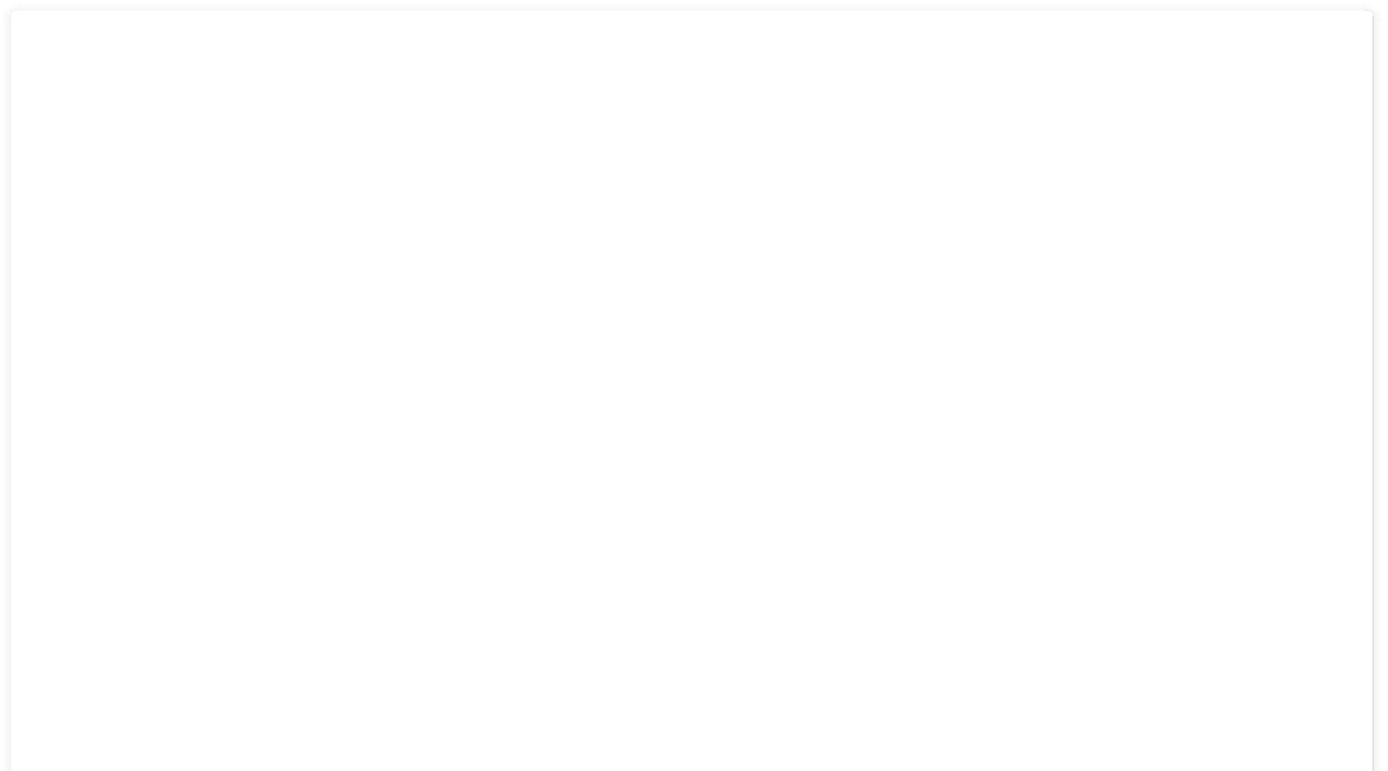
Analysing a South Pacific Crossing by numbers

When the blue horizon stays blue, you can only walk as far as the length of the boat you are on, you have the same crew for entertainment and your body clock works in sync with your watch rota, you know you are on a long crossing. It won't come as a shock to us yachties that long passages at sea can become slightly mundane, so as we were about to leave for one of our longest journeys yet, crossing (part of) the world's biggest ocean, I decided to challenge myself to some counting... logging some of our daily activities.

Our South Pacific journey started from Central America to the Galapagos Islands, into French Polynesia and finished in New Zealand.

The following numbers were taken from our time just at sea, not including our time spent sailing around the islands

The Route





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Complete route: Costa Rica – Galapagos Island – French Polynesia – New Zealand

Total number of days: 30 days

Shortest section: Costa Rica to the Galapagos (4 days)

Longest section: Galapagos Islands to French Polynesia (14 days)

The Boat

Type: Sailing yacht, ALLOY SLOOP

Length: 31m

Engine: 1

Generators: 2

Sails: 3

The Crew



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Crew members: 6

Cumulative age of crew: 198

Youngest age: 19

Oldest age: 45

Nationalities: British: 5 American: 1

The Engine

Engine hours: 528

Fuel burned: 15,920 lt (engine) & 4296 lt (generator)

Hours with engine off: 192

Hours spent on generator: 687

The Sails



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Time spent sailing with engine off: 192 hours

Motor sailing: 204 hours

Winches used: 7

The Passage

Nautical miles covered: 7463

Number of pages in log book used: 72

Number of pens used: 5
Lines crossed: 2 (equator & dateline)
Other boats seen at sea: 11
Litres of water used: 30273
Litres of water made: 29738
Suncream used: 7 bottles

The Entertainment



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Parties had: 3
Photo challenge: 1
Collective dodgy tan lines: 7 & 1/2
Films watched: 90
Books read: 82
Good books read: 48
Exercise done: 162 hours
Games played: 24 (including 10 rounds of UNO)
Fishing rods out: 2
Fish caught: 4
Birthday's celebrated: 1

The Wildlife

Dolphins seen: 30
Flying fish seen: far too quick to count...
Dead flying fish found on deck: 43
Dead flying squid found on deck: 26
Whales spotted: 2

The Galley





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Meals consumed: 540

Cakes baked: 8

Bags of coffee beans consumed: 12

Cups of tea drunk: 430 (*British crew alert*)