

Exposé (english)

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Title:

Sechstausend Meilen Mittelmeer (roughly: Sixthousand Miles Across the Mediterranean Sea)

Subtitle:

A Sailing Adventure Across The Mediterranean Sea From West To East

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Contents:

Living far away from open waters, but close to the franconian Pegnitz river, the young german couple Herta and Reinhard have always dreamed about life at sea. Throughout the years the yearning increases, and one day it becomes unbearable. They sell their business and from the revenue acquire a sailing vessel. With their "Coco de Mer" and a huge dose of confidence the sanguine salty dogs dive into their adventure.

For five wonderful summmers they travel across one of the most interesting and demanding waters of the world, the Mediteranean Sea. The sailing trip begins at Palma de Mallorca and leads across the highly comfortable sailing grounds of the Balearic Islands. The small crew visits the marvellous blue waters of the Maddalena Archipelago, travels between Sardegna and Corsika, and moves on to the challenging Sicilian cruising grounds with the Egadian and Eolian Islands. The yacht reaches the almost african islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa and then proceeds to Malta, Gozo and Comino. Further they travel along the italian boot sole and find sailors paradise at the greek islands. Across the ionian islands they head for south. The fingers of the Peloponnes are circumnavigated until the trip leads right into the windy world of the aegean Cyclades. The yacht amply explores the turkish shores with their diversity of discreet and well known anchorages. Later, heading north and west, the small boat beats up windward into the eastern Aegean - during an exciting Meltemi season. The sailors zigzag between the turkish west coasts and the greek islands. On the return trip, they visit once more several of the beautiful islands of the Dodecanese, one of the most intriguing cruising grounds of the Mediterranean. Stories of shore leaves and land excursions let the readers indulge into the florid southern life.

The sailing couple, cheerfully calling themselves "franconian landlubbers", let the readers participate closely in their maritime adventures by sending them e-mails from aboard, the famous "Cocomails". The colorful and humorous narration is a reading pleasure for all those, who cannot withstand the fascination of freedom at sea.

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