

A Single-handed Retirement Sailing Adventure on the HILDE M²

31 foot cutter-rigged Southern Cross double-ender – From the Potomac River to Townsville, Australia

Excerpts from the logs, 1986 - 1988 , with commentary by “The Admiral”, who mostly commanded from headquarters

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with each other and their families back home.

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Part I: From Southern Maryland to the Marquesas: October 1986 – May 1987

1. In Which we prepare for the Big Adventure

2. In Which Hilde M2 follows the Intracoastal Waterway south to Beaufort NC

3. In Which Hilde M2 goes to sea

4. In Which Hilde M2 weathers an Atlantic Storm

5. In Which Hilde M2 sails onward a second week under jury rig, with no power

6. In Which Hilde M2 arrives in San Juan, Puerto Rico

7. In Which Headquarters reports that Hilde M2 licks her wounds

8. In Which Hilde M2 regroups and enjoys a visit in San Juan

9. In Which Hilde M2 visits in the British Virgin Islands and celebrates Christmas

10. In Which Hilde M2 sails on to St. Croix, USVI

11. In Which Headquarters reports that Hilde M2 sets sail for Panama

12. In Which we have more catch-up information from Headquarters
13. In Which Hilde M2 crosses the Caribbean to Panama
- 14a. In Which Hilde M2 visits the San Blas, Portobello and Cristobal
- 14b. In Which Hilde M2 transits The Panama Canal and visits Panama City
- 15a. In Which Hilde M2 crosses the Equator and visits The Galapagos Islands
- 15b. In Which Hilde M2 sails 27 days to Fatu Hiva and Hiva Oa in the Marquesas



Part II: From the Marquesas to New Zealand

1. In Which Hilde M2 explores Nuku Hiva, visits Fakarava and sails on to Tahiti
2. In Which Hilde M2 calls at Moorea, Huahine and Raiatea – les Iles Sous le Vent
3. In Which Hilde M2 meets friends in Bora Bora and sets sail for American Samoa
4. In Which Hilde M2 restocks in Pago Pago and moves on to explore Western Samoa
5. In Which Hilde M2 sails on to Neiafu in the Kingdom of Tonga for two Feasts
6. In Which Hilde M2 visits Viti Levu, Kadavu and the Astrolabe Reef

7. In Which Hilde M2 survives a Fijian coup but enjoys Malolo Lailai and Yasawa

8. In Which Hilde M2 sails to the Bay of Islands, New Zealand, and gets Hauled



Part III: From New Zealand to Queensland, Australia – and home

1. In Which Hilde M2 is refitted and explores Great Barrier Island

2. In Which Hilde M2 sees Auckland and old friends in North Island hideaways

3. In Which Hilde M2 braves the Tasman and visits the World's Fair in Brisbane

4a. In Which Hilde M2 explores Queensland's magnificent Gold Coast

4b. In Which Hilde M2 visits Gladstone and the Percy and Whitsunday Islands

5. In Which Hilde M2 pushes on to Townsville, enjoys a festival and starts a new life
