



# Welcome aboard

## Around North America



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**Here we go!** The expedition 'Around North America' set sail a few days ago. At the time we are writing these words, 'Southern Star' is sliding westward at the speed of 8 knots under the 70th parallel. Everyone is settling in. The Norwegian sea, faithful to itself, is moving to the rhythm of a short and abrupt swell, which has tickled several stomachs on their way to becoming seaworthy. The last few days before departure were high in intensity in the spirit of knocking out the endless technical list. That's the way with every great departure and the crew was up to the challenge. Bravo!

**The technical crew** during the last month of preparation was



made up of: Frédéric Bonzon, Bernard Blicck, Michèle Moulet, Pascal Berezay, Pierre Charles Gueroult and Christophe Legeaud. **A big thank you to each and all for their limitless commitment.**

*The ideal float to work*

### Port of Call Events

Gregory Heming is handling events in North America. He came aboard upon departure in Tromsø and will remain with us all the way to Iceland.

The San Francisco stopover will be hosted by the Lycée Français and the French consulate. Diana Conan, who lives in San Francisco, has integrated the team with the mission to set up local contacts and to complete the program of our Californian port of call on alternative energies.

### The film of the Expedition

Filmmaker Thierry Robert should join the crew for a shooting in Iceland. Meanwhile, Delphine Maratier is taking pictures aboard. The producer (Injam Production) is hoping to find a distributor in the next few days.

### Translation

Claudine Conan, Diana's sister, is taking up some of the translation work (of the newsletter, for instance). However, we are still looking to fund the translation into English of the entire pedagogical programs and scientific program documents. The budget is estimated at 15,000 euros. Why not consider a collaboration with a language school on this project ...



*National holiday to Tromsø, the day of the departure*

### Our Partners' Logo

Weather conditions didn't allow us to stick the logos of our partners before departure. The rain and the snow barely allowed us to finish up the painting jobs! We will put them on as soon as possible: that will be in Reykjavik.

### Technical Partners

The Norwegian company IMES (electricity and marine electronics) has joined our partners: it provided the expedition with a fixed VHF radio, a radio antenna and various other electric equipment.

The Danish company VIKING has lent us two li-ferafts for the duration of the expedition.

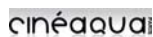
### Partner Crew Sponsors

EIFFAGE Construction group has joined our partner crew sponsors. It is sponsoring one partner crew member and has donated 4,000 euros to the expedition in order to fund an internal communication workshop within the group.

### Donations

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The Around North America Crew



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