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Dear Aron,

A few words about me, My name is Nid Vacontas, 38 years, from France, sailing singlehanded on my 36ft Beneteau First, last year USA, AZORES this year MED. next year back to atlantic! Have had enough of the Mediterranean sea (mostly motoring)!! :))

I discovered recently your website, looked at your boat (photos, etc...)

A few remarks, suggestions and tips:

- Autopilot Simrad (Make sure to protect your TP from water, they are fragile (not at all waterproof!), protect the control board (buttons) as much as possible from water (rain or seawater). Take if you can some spare parts!!! (Have had big problems while crossing singlehanded the north atlantic last year with the WP30, stopped working on the 4th day, had to steer until the azores!!)
- Your rig looks scary (sorry), check and double check the shrouds, the chainplates (rust)!!! It is easy to replace while in Gibraltar. Try not to oversheet, the boat suffers, and it does not make you go faster!!
- It may be a good idea to set a 2nd backstay since you should be sailing downwind with the trades until Caribbean!!
- Do you have a liferaft? Hope the answer is Yes, if so, you should have it on the deck or in the cockpit and for easy access, never inside (the boat can sink in seconds)!!
- MAKE SURE to carry a harness and attach your self once in the cockpit (lifelines) especially when peeing!!!
- Do not neglect things, if there is something to fix, fix it immediately!! When things go bad, they come in series! The secret word is "ANTICIPATE"!!!
- Take as much water as possible!!!
- Carry a second GPS (they are cheap now!!!) Store it in the abandoned ship bag with a handheld VHF and lots of battery's, food, water, fishing gear, etc...
- Watch out at cargos in strait of Gibraltar as well as once on high seas, they do not have the radars on all the times (they watch TV)!!! If on the collision route, use your VHF to signal your presence!!

Most Important :

Is your boat capable of withstanding a gale (this will happen!) by itself, in other words; without sails or anybody at the helm? The amount of stress on the rudder and the keel is phenomenal!
I hope you are aware of the answer, and if it's positive, do not worry, You will be fine!!!!

I apologise for this intrusion, and for sounding in a directive way, you have been listening probably to many people telling you how and what to do etc...

If you need any assistance, in any way, I will be happy to help!

Wish you fair winds and stay Safe out there !!!

Nid Vacontas

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