

FELICITY

Progress Report 3

Barbara and I recently saw movies taken by a man who had sailed his 35 foot cutter from Oslo to Helgoland (off the German Bight) in February 1979. They had two men stationed on the bow with boathooks to fend off the ice. When they approached the coast they were in gale conditions with little visibility so they had the German coastguard talk them in like an airplane. The Atlantic in July is going to be a piece of cake compared to that trip!

Torpey and I went to Southwest Harbor last week to check on progress. The cabin sole and most of the joiner work is in place. A lot of the electrical wiring is in, and they expect to put on the deck in a couple of weeks. The production schedule calls for an April 23rd launch but the production manager says it will probably be a few days later than that.

Nils is hard at work planning our menus. A note from him is enclosed. Speak up now if you have strong likes or dislikes. Complaints will not be accepted once we are underway!

I have yet to receive resumes of sailing experience from everyone. If you haven't sent one in yet, please do so ASAP as I need them to get insurance coverage. They don't need to be elaborate. Just a statement of how long you have been sailing and what offshore experience you have had.

If anyone has special medical problems would they please be in touch directly with Colin so that he can arrange to have the appropriate supplies on board. His address is:

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Barbara and I are working on a house in Cornwall. We are proceeding on the assumption that we will have very few visitors at the beginning of the month and lots for a few days at the end. Please let us know as soon as you have any definite plans.

The people I have talked to who have made the trip say that we can expect to be cold at night. Long Johns are definitely in order. There will be space for everyone to have a dry drawer of their own. Personal belongings beyond what will fit in the drawer will have to be stowed in the forepeak in duffels. We can expect to wash and dry clothes at sea (in salt water) so it is not necessary to have fresh clothes for the entire trip.

Friends,

I have begun work on assembling a food plan for Felicity's crossing next July.

I'm going to use as a starting point the attached list of stores, which was prepared for another 6-man crew that made the crossing, and I'd like to find out right now if anyone who will be aboard has any particular needs, problems or suggestions. At this point, we plan to rely as much as possible those limited fresh foods that can be stored under these circumstances and on canned goods. We will probably bake bread along the way from pre-made mixes. We expect to use only limited amounts of freeze-dried foods, both because of taste and the high water requirement to reconstitute them.

In particular, please let me know as soon as possible:

1. of any food allergies or other medical problems that might affect the choice of food.
2. any strong food dislikes or likes.
3. any suggestions you might have, based on your previous experience, as to food or drink that would be particularly suitable or unsuitable for the trip. Also, any comment on the attached list.

Please send any thoughts you have to Bill or to me at the address below.

Thanks.

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A few eggs were left, which were quickly eaten, and so much beer was aboard that we drank it for two consecutive summers. I had intentionally overstocked the boat with paper items, as they are not as available nor as good in Great Britain as in the United States.

Herein follows a list of provisions stowed aboard *Gräfin*, as reference for those who evince interest in a similar venture.

Beverages

Juices: 42 6-packs, 4 varieties
Soft drinks: 43 6-packs, 4 varieties
Beer
Cocoa: 4 cans of the mix-with-water variety
Instant coffee (8 8-ounce jars)
Teabags (200)
Instant broth (96 individual packets)
Canned Vegetables (estimated 2 cans per meal)
97 cans (12 varieties)

Canned Fruits

52 cans (8 varieties)

Canned Meals and Canned Meats

4 hams
12 corned beef hash
8 beef stew
9 spaghetti
6 ravioli
9 macaroni and cheese
12 steak and kidney pies
16 tuna fish
9 deviled ham
X > 3 liver pâté
6 Vienna sausages

Breads

3 large cans New England brown bread
4 2-pound white breads, perishable
2 large English muffins, perishable
2 large rye, perishable

Dairy

20 one-pound cans margarine (Butter?)
20 dozen farm-fresh eggs
51 cans evaporated milk
2 gallons homogenized milk, perishable - Lifemilk

Swiss and Cheddar cheeses, perishable

Cookies

Large plastic jugfuls of five favorite varieties

Crackers

2 tins Bremner; 4 tins Saltines

5 packages Pilot crackers; 3½ pounds Triskets

Graham crackers

Soups

(estimated 3 cans per meal)

143 cans (10 varieties)

Fresh Produce

4 heads iceberg lettuce

10 packages carrots

2 pounds tomatoes

6 pounds onions

10 pounds potatoes

36 apples

36 oranges

24 lemons

6 grapefruits

celery
green peppers

Miscellaneous

Canned pies, cakes, and puddings

Bacon bar: 8 (Used in soups, eggs, salads, vegetables)

Peanuts and almonds

Italian salad dressing (5 large)

Brown gravy mix (4 packages) and white sauce mix (4 packages)

* > Peanut butter (3 large jars)

Raspberry jam (6 large jars)

Currant jelly (6 medium jars)

Honey

Piccalilli (2 large)

Catsup (6 large)

Mayonaise (9 quarts)

Mustard (5)

Chutney, Worcestershire sauce, Parmesan cheese

Maple syrup (½ gallon)

Soy sauce, salt, pepper, garlic powder, curry, etc.

? Pam (2 aerosol cans)

* > Bisquick (3 large boxes)

White and brown sugar

Rice (not instant, but the 5-minute cooking variety)

Instant cream of wheat

? oatmeal

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raisins

goop

Variety packs of cold cereals

Meats

Lamb (2 boneless legs), enough for two meals each
Beef (2 boneless sirloin roasts), enough for two meals each
Hamburger (2 packages, each containing 12 premade patties)
Steaks (2 packages, each containing 6 whole steaks)
Chicken breasts (3 packages, each containing 6 whole, boned
breasts)
Sausages (2 packages little breakfast links). **BACON**

Nonedible Items

Baggies (3 small, 4 medium), sponges, Brillo, dishbrush,
Saran wrap, tin foil, Handiwipes, toilet paper (20 rolls), paper
towels (15), heavy-duty garbage bags, Ajax, liquid Joy, Fan-
tastic, soap bars, Kleenex, paper napkins, paper plates, paper
bowls, paper cups (cold cups only), wooden kitchen matches,
Raid, Off, and disposable roasting pans for emergencies.

MOSQUITO REPELLANT -

Forman's Sausage.