

VIEWS FROM THE POOP DECK

Hello Sailors

This week's report comes from Inverkip on the west coast of Scotland where Dawno and I are catching up with two of our friends off PSP Logistics the Clipper 70 we did two legs with.

To keep it simple, they are both called Alan. We referred to them as Big Al and Little Al. This was essential as they were both on our watch for the Australian leg.

Big Al is starting an adventure on his Halberg-Rassy 34 heading down the west coast, out to The Isles off Scilly, then over the Bay of Biscay to Portugal before hopping down the coast, with the goal being Cape Verde in about six weeks.

Little Al is keeping him company for the run before tagging out before a run across the pond.

The boat is named 'Tusitala' which is the name the Samoans gave Robert Louis Stevenson. It means "story teller" in local language and Big Alan hopes to bring the boat back to its namesake soon.

They have been doing some practice cruises out to the distilleries around the Western Isles of Scotland.

Big Al is an Aberdeen lad while Little Al is from near Newcastle so there is a good bit of cross border rivalry.

They tell me the cruising here is great, with lots of islands and bays to pull into and escape the breeze.

The bonus being that most bays have a bar or two and maybe a local distillery to continue the discussion

See you all back in Perth soon for some frostbite sails

Fair winds

RCS Richie

