

## Logbook : Bering Sea from Nome to False Pass - 20 / 25 Sept. 2019

### Friday 20 Septembre

06:34 -2°C / 32°F outside, 7°C in pilote house and 10°C 50°F in the cabine

Woke up too early and so no time for a phone call to Ocey

Different putting in order, installation of screws and skirting boards then study of the latest weather file, it occupies well.

Visit the harbour office to say goodbye to Lucas (harbour master)

The temperature was very cool, he had to shut off the water yesterday because it started to freeze in the pipes and even clogged.

But in some years it has already snowed!



Engine 7182.6 h

10:40 departure, pass from the pier no wind

Hoist the Mainsail with 1 reef then the staysail

swell in the bay then longer & higher offshore, white waves too.

Mooring lines and co tidy in the aft ,some sea water, it seems that it is the through-hull of the bilge pumps that is leaking in navigation and not stopped.

Fred succeeded in tightening it not without difficulty and with many tools.



12:20 the wind goes stronger at 16Nds apparent, the cutlery drying on the kitchen sink, ends up on the floor.



23:30 moonrise, haul down the sails that flap because too much swell with weak wind.  
Start engine that allows to heat inside and it is more stable for Frédo to sleep.  
01:30 engine stop so as we don't want to arrive in the area of strong wind earlier than necessary



### Samedi 21 septembre



07:55 no wind and swell, it is rolling fast, we did 4 Nm on the road in 6 hours stop.  
baro 1000 temp. inside 14 ° C pilot House 13 ° ext. 6.5 ° C



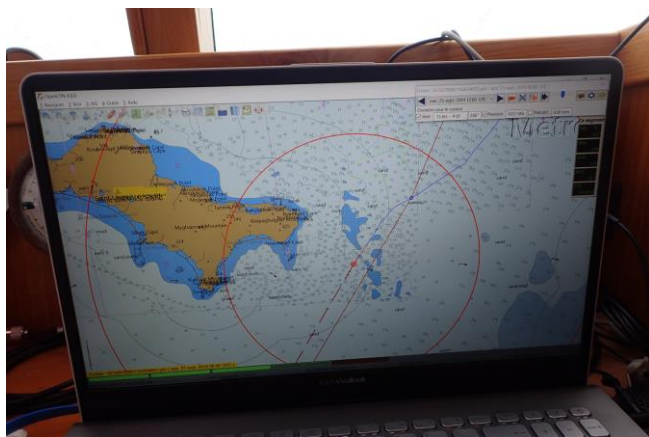
The sun rises behind a thick cloud cover, pink sky during breakfast, pleasant enough with toast made in the oven.

We miss our kibble eaters (Harry's cereal)



09:30 We hoist the staysail and the mainsail with 1 reef to be balanced with the staysail (the genoa is disjointed and unusable. A bit of a hassle with the swell

The lazy bags are slamming, they are for convenience unrolled but they will have to be rolled up on the boom as we did usually because they will not last long, already worn and unstitched again.



**10:40 Day 1: 63 ° 09.6 N 167 ° 58.0 W**  
cross wind 15 Nds traveled **108 Nm**

wind grows up

11:30 am 2d reefs under the rain which drained by the GV flows like a river on jackets and pants, in boots !! this is pleasure but fortunately not too cold.





The waves finish to clean the deck dripping with dust and black juice from the sand of Nome. We take again a weather forecast with a distance grid of the wind arrows at  $0.5^\circ$  which allows to better see the evolution on the road 15 Nm longitude 30 Nm in latitude instead of 30 and 60 at  $1^\circ$

As we connect the sat phone, we receive at the same time the mails and it is very nice to receive via Océane the good feedbacks for the Newsletter.

And the news for THE Meeting in the Aleutians with Muktuk and Adam

Ali is sending an "order form" for a November shipment of fruit and vegetables for this winter. By 25 Kg cartons, much lower price than at the supermarket.

Fred at the computer Frédo at the nap

16:30 drop reef N $^\circ$  2 Cog 198 $^\circ$  vit. 4.9 Nds  
travelled 145 Nm, decreasing heavy sea, light green colour  
crosswind 14 kts

Some fulmar and boreal petrel birds, seagulls.

A long piece of? Rope? Pipe? Wood ? floating happily far enough, it would not be fun to take it especially at the engine.





6:20 p.m. engine, rolled up staysail then lowered sinking sail  
baro 993 Back wind 9-12 knots insufficient for sailing  
Quarters noted to remember because we no longer know who started and what time yesterday  
9:00 p.m. Fred 11:00 p.m. Fredo  
reception of Parisian txt messengers



## **Sunday September 22**

01:45 woke up Frédo for maneuver, sent back sails  
02:15 engine stop  
GV 2 Ris we hesitate to let go at 1 Ris but lives. 5.3 / 6 Ns with the Wind 18-20 Nds up to 23 Nds  
30 "bowed keel  
baro 995 temp. Ext 7 ° C we are even a little hot

07:30 almost dark night with shipwrecks lit by 1/2 moon  
baro 996 rain Temp. Ext 6 ° .5C pilot 13 ° square 16 °

09:00 returned 2d ris  
lives. 6.8 / 7.3 Nds Cog 185  
road at 164 ° past Cog at 168 ° tail wind with rocking swell  
keel raised to 40 "





petrels and 1 seagull playing around the boat but complicated photos between 2 showers

10:40 J 2 60 ° 57.3 N 169 ° 04.2 W  
Cog 175 vit. 5.7Nds (7.3Nds under grain)  
traveled 248 Nm (daily 148 Nm) remain 400 until False Pass...

No more than 50m depth from Nome which explains the fairly strong but not too cool sea 11 ° 08 C this morning





### Monday 23

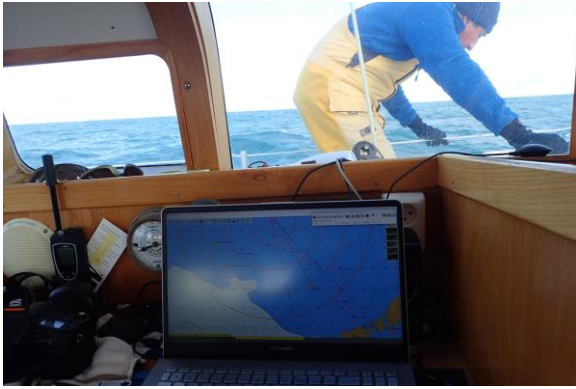
yesterday and night not very active  
resumed a reef at 23:30 for really irregular wind but we are progressing!



Heavily starry sky but the wind fluctuates as if there were grains, not visible on the radar...  
We do and redo the route calculations to arrive at False Pass before a gale from the South on Thursday and during the day because it's very narrow (width and depth) but we hope well marked  
It is also necessary to calculate with the tide... the slack would be best because up to 8 knots of current it can slow down  
Morgane suffered 50 knots of winds at the pontoon at False Pass yesterday

8:50 a little time the generator for heating, then a little bit running the engine to stop the mainsail from slamming  
11:30 release of the reef and the wake  
Temp. Ext 41°F pilot House 50°F main cabine bearable well dressed  
baro soars to 1007





J3 58 ° 30.5 N 167 ° 57.1 W

Cog 177 ° Vit. 5.6 - 6 knots

Travelled 400 Nm (152 Nm yesterday)

Go to False 250 Nm but we have to leave a little west if we don't want to be too close up tonight...  
the sun is warming well 59°F in the pilot-house would be almost too hot

## **Tuesday 24**

wind very variable and more and more south

we keep a road with a little bit of West

in close meadows at 60 ° wind all night but not too uncomfortable

under Mainsail 2 Reefs (taken at 23:00 / 23:15) and staysail

cool night with mini moon and many stars, Orion the Pleiades visible from the inside in the "warm" (11 ° C / 52°F)

8:30 the day breaks

temp. Ext. 46.5°F pilot house 53.6 ° sailsquare 55.4 ° baro 1019

we put the generator 1 h (as well as yesterday at 8:30 pm) which charges the batteries, allows cooking and heating (2 radiators alternating with the hob to cook)

the wind turns a little west

we open the mainsail and we take the retaining hoist to the maximum

we stay at 90 ° / 100 ° from the wind which allows us to keep a South Cape slightly South East

we will go East next night with the stronger wind



10:40 D4: 56 ° 13.1 N 166 ° 49.4 W

travelled 545 Nm (145 per day)

Cog 175 ° variable

6 knots very variable

true wind about West 18/30 knots, 90 ° / 120 ° apparent wind at 20/28 knots

rough sea in addition to the west swell, blue night



many birds to pass the time, always Fulmar petrels and kittiwakes more some guillemots, storm petrels, terns...

consistent cloud cover with countless pieces of rainbow

all the meals taken in the bowls is a sign! However not soup but good little mixes with fresh or frozen vegetables



Rmk

some emails sent 2 days ago took more than 20 hours to reach their destination ... that makes communication a little complicated, but it's almost the end for this year well received all the same Montreal news on Monday, and a txt from La Ciotat in addition to the countless Parisians

in 24hours we should be waiting to sail the False Pass

hoping that it will be with favorable wind and tide

Frédo takes the weather and Fred compiles the information from OpenCpn, received from Morgane and Muktuk to make the route more enjoyable and it's rolling !!

### **Wednesday September 25**

Happy birthday to my brother

the wind rising from time to time at 30/37 knots

00:00 awakening of Frédo to take the reef N ° 3

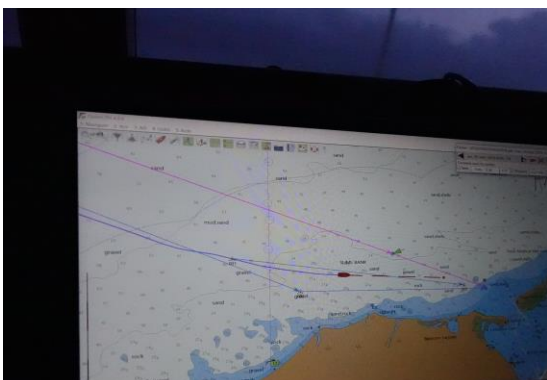
Suddenly his quarter of rest extends from one hour until 2:00

it always works at 6 knots, cool, with acceleration in surfing not always reassuring in the dark night.

And then no need to accelerate, it will be necessary to wait for the big day and especially the incoming current to muddle the entrance to False Pass.

Where it seems there are otters to see and a breath-taking landscape.

But before we have to go past Cap Lapin !!



08:30 dawn which allows you to enjoy the swell

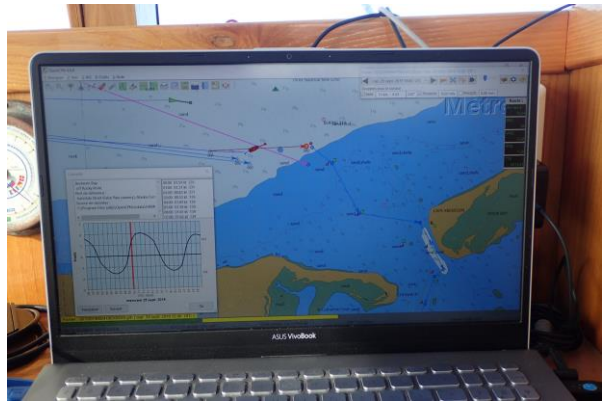
Land and mountain (volcano) visible to starboard, Pacific Venture Fishing vessel of 128 ft with pots, crosses us to port then makes 1/2 turn does not seem to work in spite of its searchlights which send some whatts

9:30 a dazzling sun comes out of the clouds straight ahead

10:10 first photos of the snow-capped peaks above the misty halos

The **Shishaldin volcano** and the summits of **Isanotski Peaks**

arrival at the point in 1 h, tide reversal in 6 h... we will have to wait in the swell!



10:40 J5 55 ° 05.6 N 163 ° 34.7 W

travelled 684 Nm

1.5 Nm left until the pass buoy

on puts on the Cape

engine (7197 h) 10min time to descend the GV

mooring the bar against the wind

on drift at 0.8 knots to wait 16h local (5h of time)



it brews a little but "not worse", competition kelp with birds resting there

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11:40 last point from the Bering Sea newspaper

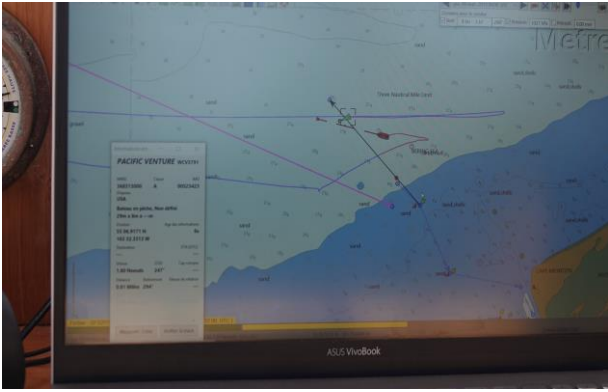
we drift at 0.8 knots to wait 16h local (5h to wait!)

in fact it is accelerating (the speed of the current) and we should have stopped earlier ...

it runs pretty well but nothing invivable

we put the engine back in when the fisherman Pacific Venture makes another 1/2 turn to stay in front of the pass





Fred contacts him with the VHF and he actually plans to go to 2:45  
we find it's a little early but we let it pass and we follow...  
he drops us quickly but it's a pleasure to follow his trail rather than looking for buoys in the swell  
this allows Frédo to stay hooked to the camera rather than binoculars, to immortalize a nice surf although  
with the horizon at 45 °





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seals... again and again in the beige sand rolls  
no less than 10m deep is good ..  
a second bar of breaking waves and cushy otters ... but these animals are big!  
Then quietly with some birds, met a second fisherman who went out







not want to go to moor to a pier we drop the anchor in the bay 5Nm from the city

17:22 anchorage 54 ° 54.8 N 163 ° 19.3 W Traders Cove - Morzhovoi  
115ft of chain in 20ft of water even if it doesn't feel like there is too much kelp  
peaceful evening



more tomorrow... but this time WE ARE HERE in ALASKA