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YCC Cruise Sep 2011  
Oceanis 43 « MELIA »

Date	From	To	Weather	Miles	Wind	Activities
02.09.2011	GVA	Athens				Flight /hotel
03.09.2011	Athens/ Kalamaki	Aigina/Perdika		17	NE 4 – 5	Check in/anchor in bay/fuel leak @ tank
04.09.2011	Aigina/ Perdika	Poros town		21	E 3 – 4	Leak repair/lunch @ Dimitris with Tomas
05.09.2011	Poros	Dokhus via Soupia and Hydra		29	NE 4 - 5	Swim @ bay next Soupia → visit Hydra → anchor in bay Dokhus next to 2 <sup>nd</sup> boat
06.09.2011	Dokhus	Spetsai		17	E 2	Visit Spetsai town → anchor in bay w/tavern & swim
07.09.2011	Spetsai	Poros marina via Soupia		40	Var 2 - 5	Offered help to dismasted GER yacht. Foul mooring but nice tavern in Poros
08.09.2011	Poros	Epidavros via Aigina S- bay		37	NW 2 - 4	Visit theater
09.09.2011	Epidavros	Kalamaki via Aigina Ay Marina		41	W – SW 3	via Meganisi/Vathi → lunch & swim @ Ay Marina
10.09.2011	Athens/ Kalamaki	GVA				bus to airport @ 5:20

## The voice of the crew:

- I would say it was a very good experience, I've learned plenty of new things about sailing and boats, and above all we've spent a very relaxing week together on the beautiful Aegean Sea. And let's not forget the Greek food and the world's most famous Greek beer, Mythos :) And Thomas and Tina!
- This cruise was a really great mixture of sailing in the Mediterranean and relaxing. It was so nice to swim in the beautiful small bays. The ambiance on board was really great. Being on such a large boat for the first time, for me it was great to see how it behaved so calm even with strong winds that we sometimes had.

## The voice of the skipper:

- Even he could fully relax with such a perfect crew:
  - A tidy boat from 1<sup>st</sup> to last day,
  - Great food and plenty to drink,
  - Perfect maneuver coordination,
  - Great spirits and good humor

## The log:

Day 1: check in finished we crossed the rail safely without hitting any of the cargos and ferries approaching with 30 kts. Managed to take the last available anchor slot at Perdika and finally had a nice dinner on board.

The skipper escaped the diesel fumes in his cabin and spent a beautiful night on the tiny cockpit bench admiring the Milky Way when he did not have his eyes riveted on the depth sounder and the near rocks on the beach.

Day 2: the leak is fixed and lunch at Dimitris (courtesy of Tomas) was the perfect way to approach Greek cuisine. Blown to Poros we got acquainted with the local habits (Ouzo) and had great entertainment until dawn from the disco across the street.

Day 3: serious sailing starts on our way to Hydra. This place is picture Greece but don't expect a mooring in the harbor (we managed to grab a place for a couple of hours to visit the place).


Finally we were happy to spend one night side by side with the sister ship (Manfred & Co) at Dokhus getting up to date with the adventures.

Day 4: this was the engine day to Spetsai with its picturesque little harbor and the beautiful bay where we spent the night.

Day 5: not an early bird the wind but in the gulf of Hydra we had some nice gusts (enough to dismast another yacht). One more night at Poros. No disco this time, just very nice local food.

Day 6: yes, already! Today wind worked at morning to rest in the afternoon. Dan finally had found his fishing line but no fish. The Greek turned out to be very accommodating people indeed: all 5 of us managed to fit in one taxi to visit the famous amphitheatre of Epidavros. It has been built for 14'000 people! Count the number of taxis.

Day 7: (see day 5 for wind). After a final great lunch and swim in Ay Marina we had a good ride across the rail back to Kalamaki where Tomas,

 Tina and Manfred & Co were already waiting for us.  
**All in all much fun little time!**