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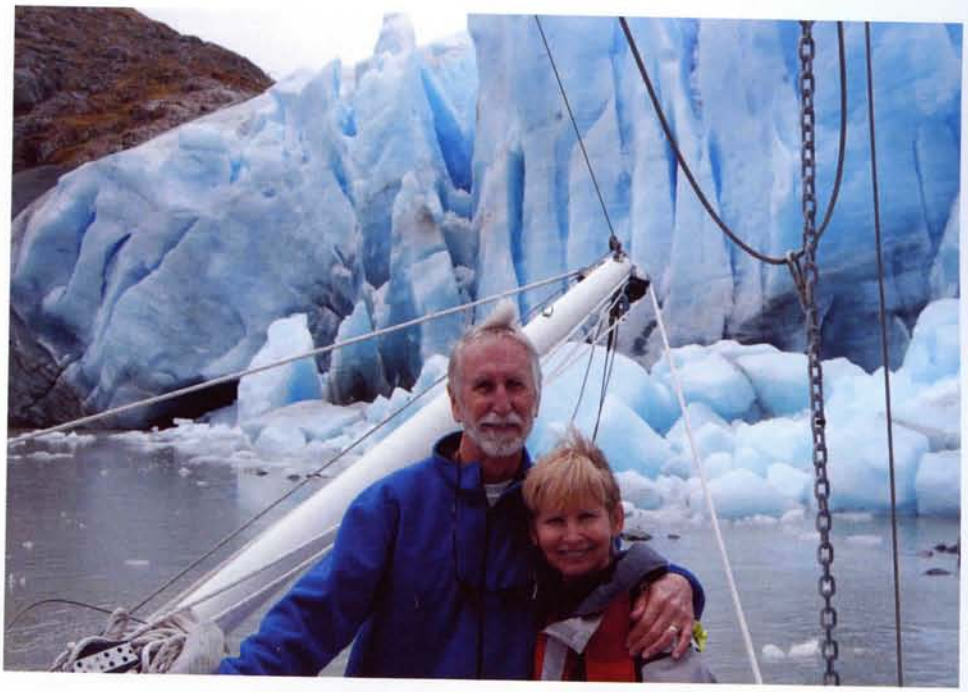
MV Egret *completes circumnavigation*

Regular readers of PMY will remember the long running series, Voyage of the Egret, as we followed the adventures of Scott and Mary Flanders as they slowly cruised around the world. Well that are finally back to where they started.

Egret, a 2001 Nordhavn 46 has became the seventh Nordhavn to circumnavigate the globe, and the first small production power boat to pass below the five Great Southern Ocean Capes. Egret arrived at the Canary Islands late in the evening on Thursday, February 10, 2011 – four years and five months after departing Gran Canaria bound for great adventure.



And what an adventure it has been. To say that the Flanders did and saw things that one only dreams of – or is hardly even capable of dreaming of – is an understatement. During their time away, the couple doubled around Cape Horn, wintered in the canals of Chile, explored Easter Island, took part in a rescue mission while staying in the remote island of Tonga, experienced the Outback, visited South Africa and now they're back in the Med and already thinking about their next few years of cruising.

"Our proudest achievement was passing below the five Great Southern Ocean Capes, the first for a small power boat", says Scott Flanders. The five Great Southern Ocean Capes consist of the Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin, and Cape Horn, the South East Cape of Tasmania and South West Cape at the southern tip of Stewart Island/Rakiura. A circumnavigation via the great capes is considered to be a noteworthy achievement.

It was 1,596 days between departing and returning to Gran Canaria. Since taking delivery of the boat 10 years ago, the Flanders have amassed nearly 10,000 engine hours.