

Sailing Vessel SKY

Sailing in the World Arc 2019 for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

What do you do when you have been in the marine industry for 55 years? Go sailing of course. Johannes “Jopie” Helsen and his partner Heidi Trish have entered the World Arc 2019. On Saturday, January 12, 2019, a fleet of sailboats will leave Saint Lucia and sail the 9th World Arc. The itinerary includes going through the Panama Canal and stopping at such places as the Galapagos, Marquesas, Tahiti, Australia and on to South Africa. See itinerary:

https://www.worldcruising.com/CMS/CMS/Library/event_docs_WA/WORLD%20ARC%2019-20%20Route%20V1A%20010317.pdf

Since both Heidi and Jopie have been involved in supporting charities, they decide to make it a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Jopie is a cancer survivor and Heidi’s step mother is a Lymphoma survivor. They chose Leukemia and Lymphoma Society because of the research and dedication towards finding a cure cancer and chronic diseases.

Heidi and Jopie’s goal is to raise \$1 million by April, 2020 by having at least 200,000 followers on Social Media follow their trip around the world who can donate directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

They also plan to have sailors who want adventure and be part of the crew bid on the 60 plus legs that will be available. The 2 aft double cabins will be available for sailors to sail a leg(s) and 100% of that money will go directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The boat SV SKY is a custom built 57-foot Vaudrey Miller, Simonis Voogd design. The 4-cabin boat was designed to sail the world and Jopie’s boat yard, the Sailor’s Wharf, is renovating the boat for easy sailing so that one person can easily do everything on the boat.

The people who have the opportunity to sail on SV SKY, will sail with captain Jopie Helsen, a 2-generation boat builder and yacht designer and Heidi Trilsch will be the Admiral. Heidi is from Massachusetts and has been sailing her whole life.

Heidi and Jopie are looking forward to the World Arc 2019 and hope that thousands of followers will donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.