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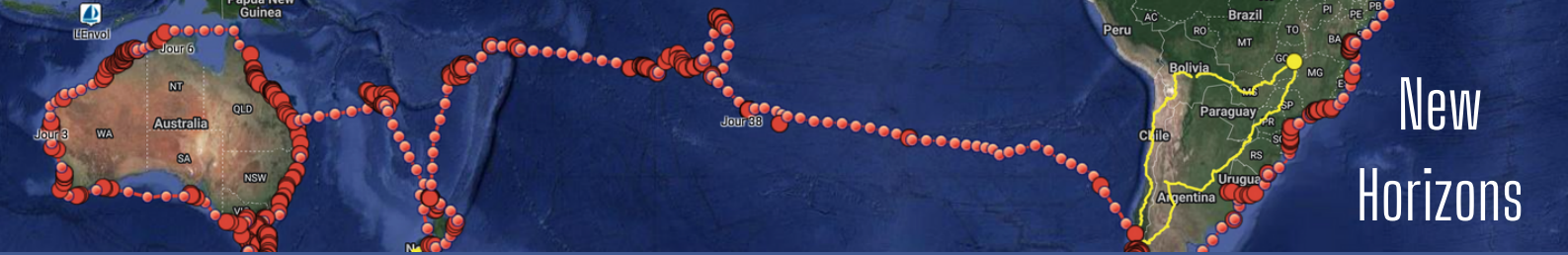
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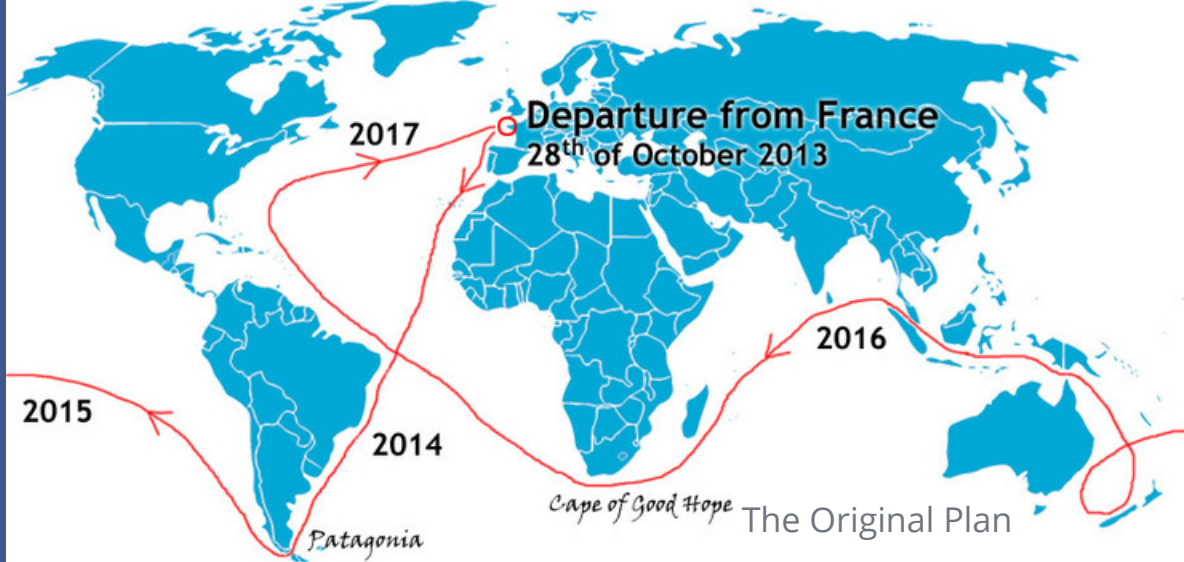
"Life over the water and the wind"

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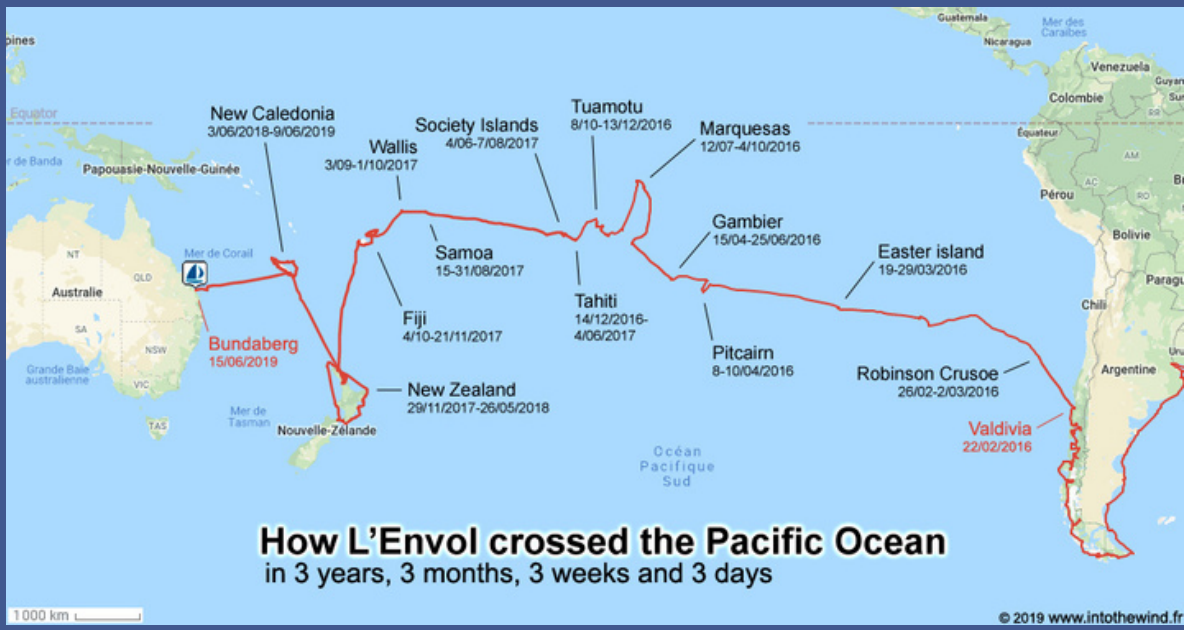


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In October 2013, Christophe set off from France on what was planned to be a 4-year circumnavigation on a small sailboat, a Django 7.70m (25 feet) called L'Envol.

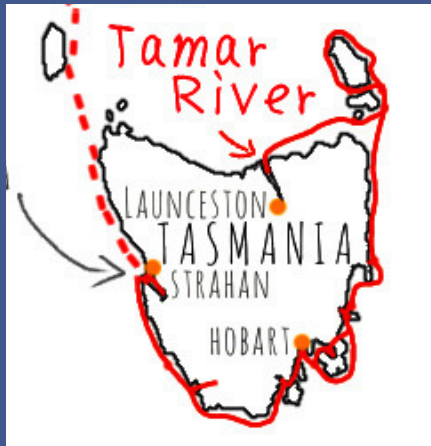
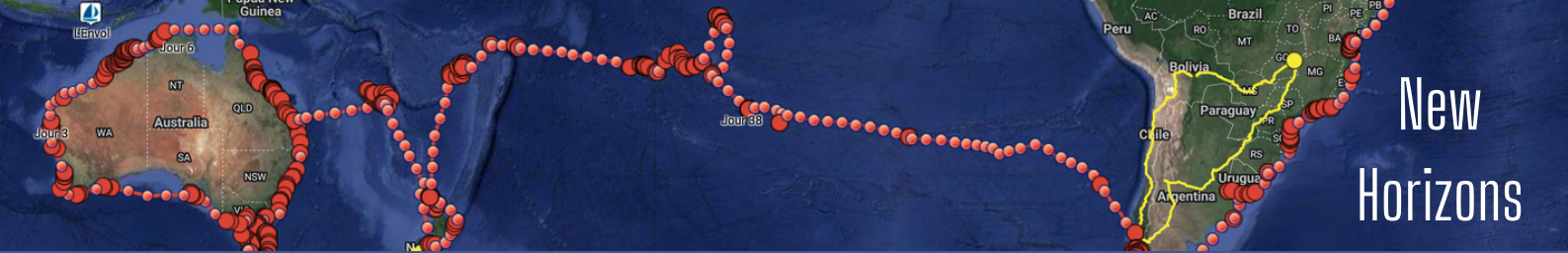


Having sailed singlehanded to South America and whilst transiting the Beagle Channel in Patagonia in 2015, Christophe met Carina, who joined him aboard L`Envol.



Christophe & Carina departed Chile in February 2016 and began their crossing of the Pacific, the world's largest ocean. Three years, three months, three weeks and three days later, they arrived in Bundaberg, Australia, in June 2019.

The plan was to head to Tasmania; however, realising that the timing was wrong for a southbound voyage, the decision was made to take the long way round!



**Six months & some 6000nm later, L'Envol had made her way to Tasmania**, dropping anchor in Strahan on the 28th of December 2019. Little did they know that they would still be there two years later!

Finding themselves unable to depart Australia or even Tasmania due to the coronavirus pandemic and global lockdowns, Tassie became home for Christophe & Carina & L`Envol, and so began their Tour Of Tasmania.

Below is a summary of those adventures from the Blog of L'Envol: "Tour of Tasmania PART 1" Links to this blog entry and the subsequent 'Tour Of Tasmania' entries can be found at [intothewind.fr/tour-de-tasmanie-i/](http://intothewind.fr/tour-de-tasmanie-i/)

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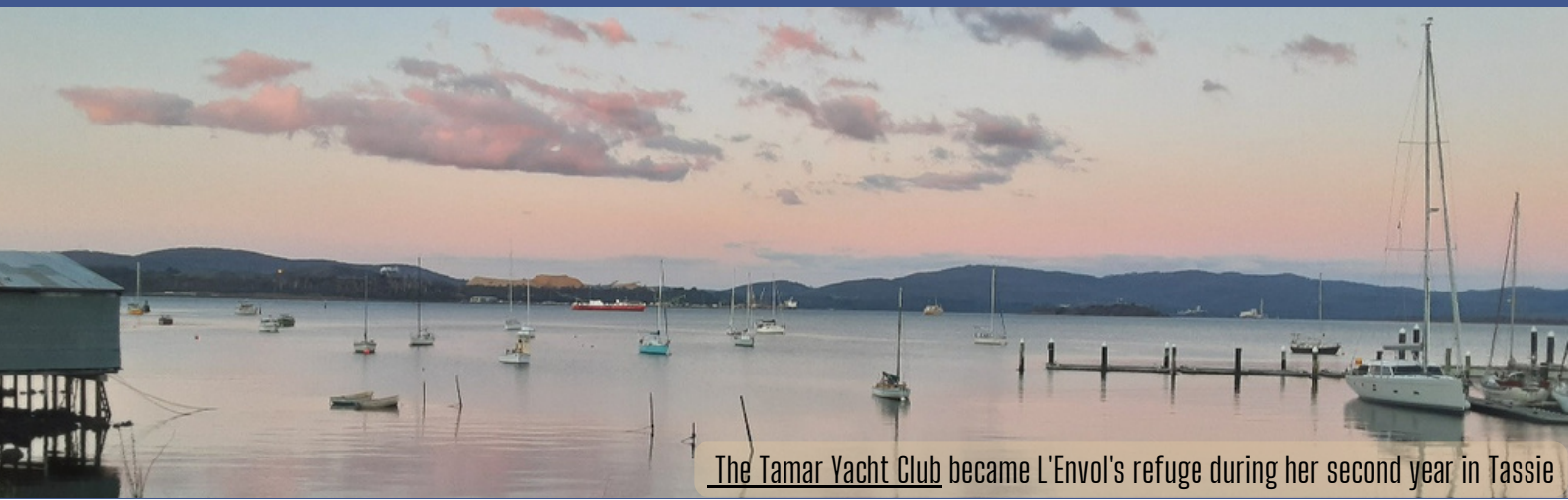
*We begin the summary of our Tour Of Tasmania in a counter-clockwise direction. With its wild and untamed West Coast, a delightful reminiscence of much-loved Patagonia, then, we will quickly circumvent its inhospitable south coast.*

*The contrast offered by the South-East coast is then striking because we find civilization in a rural version, borrowing channels kindly protected by the long rampart that forms Bruny Island to the pleasant town of Hobart.*

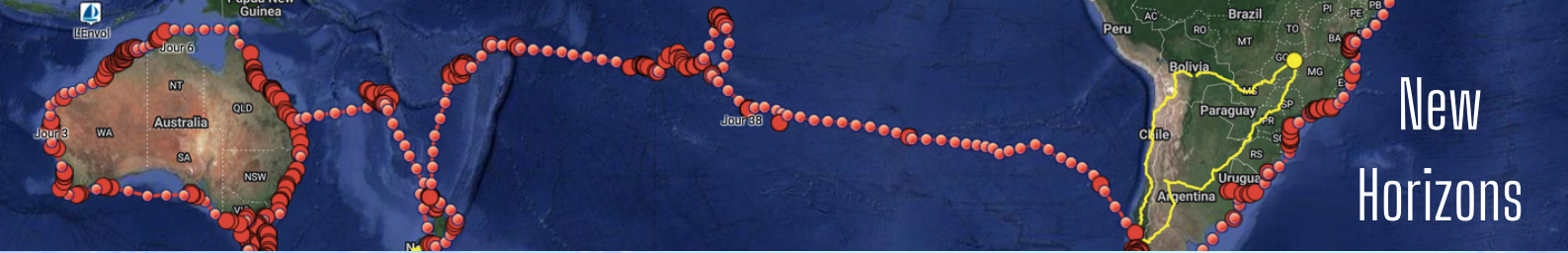
*Rounding the open sea around the Tasman Peninsula, we will continue north along the east coast to the spectacular Wineglass Bay; then, we will retrace our steps via the improbable Denison Channel in order to calmly spend the worst of the austral winter in Murdunna Bay.*

*We will pass the Freycinet Peninsula and reach St Helens, the last shelter on the east coast before the superb but sometimes dangerous Furneaux Islands, unfortunately, located in the infernal gully of Bass Strait on the NE borders of Tasmania. We will turn them, but we will have to mobilize all our energy and experience not to lose the boat in what is to date, the most demanding and difficult terrain we have ever sailed!*

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The Tamar Yacht Club became L'Envol's refuge during her second year in Tassie



*Although Tasmania has stunning landscapes, the memories we will cherish the most are not of the places but of the faces of people we met, of their hospitality and kindness.*

*We were invited countless times to share a meal or a cup of tea, to have a hot shower or do the laundry. We were often given greens from the garden, fresh eggs and fish.*

*We received rides to trail heads, shops or wherever we were going without ever needing to take a bus. We were offered free moorings, then taken on walks and excursions. We even received materials, expertise and time to help fix things on board!*

*One may wonder why people did it and how they could trust us – after all we were just two strangers on a small boat passing through.*





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With another 2,500 nautical miles in her wake, having made the trek north to Cairns and a few new skills learned along the way, such as bar crossings as she sought refuge in the rivers of New South Wales, L'Envol and her crew announced they would be departing our shores with this heartfelt message:

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*Farewell, Australia! You've become so familiar that it's a bit like leaving home. Once again, and as long as we find meaning in movement, fleeting encounters and new horizons, we will abandon our comfort zone to follow this insatiable desire for the unknown, even if we do not know exactly where we are going and why...*

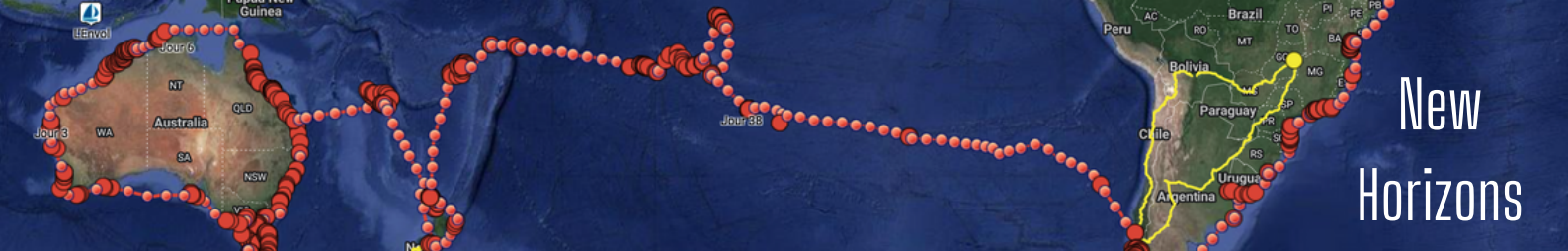
*May the non-destinations and spontaneous decisions that shaped this journey continue to take us where we need to be. We will never forget how, in the diversity of your coastal landscapes, naturally suited to exploration and anchorage, as well as in the hospitality of your people, you cherish sailors.*

*May many others have the chance to meet you as we did.*

*Christophe & Carina*  
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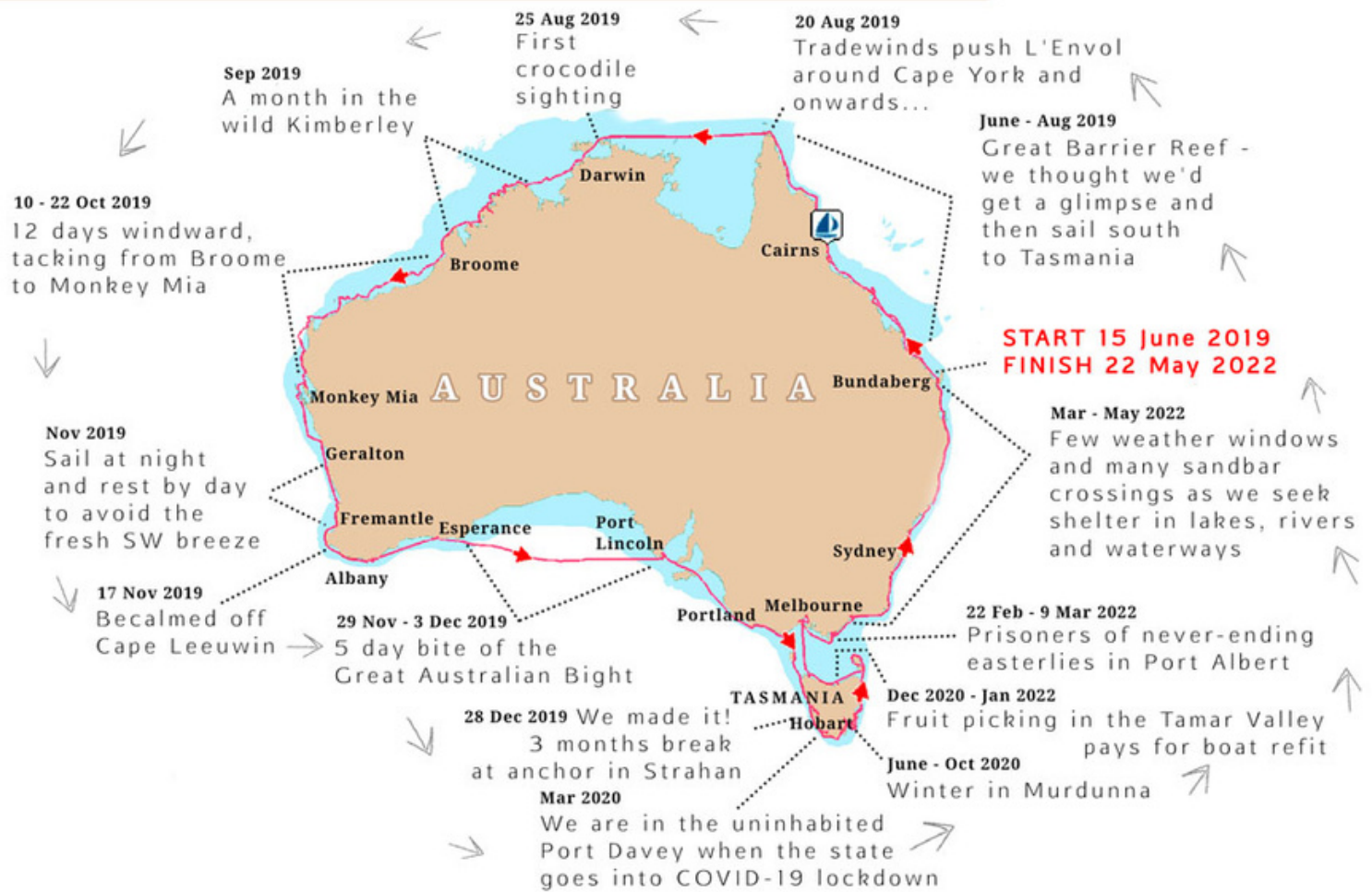
# L'ENVOL LOOPS THE LOOP!



Photo courtesy: Ron Chandler

**INGREDIENTS:** one 25-foot (7.7m) ship and us. Time 1072 days (2Y,11M,7D), though just (22%) 238 days or 2285 hrs en route. Distance 10 088nm, out of these (98%) 9869nm sail-powered, (2%) 219nm motored, with 93 litres of fuel consumed. 221 anchorages. 17 cruising guides read. Cost AUD \$400/month per person. Boat refit AUD \$10 000. Human kindness 100% from the friendliest blend of landlubbers and sailors.

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The Down Under Rally would like to take this opportunity to wish all the crews aboard the many yachts who have called Australia home for the past few years who are about to or have already departed our shores fair winds & following seas & may the memories made on those new horizons last a lifetime.

