

Sunday 23 June Day 9

Being Sunday they had a later start. Through friends of friends we had managed to secure a day's sailing on Palma Bay as the Aloha J is unfortunately still out of the water and not available to give them hands on sailing experience. So with a lot of networking we manage to find Thomas and Endrik (A big thank you is due), who came to the rescue and took them out free of charge and were absolutely fantastic. What a find! I have put what the youngster wrote in red and Terry's (who went with them) comments in green to see how this works?

Sailing with Mediterranean Yacht Club

We went sailing on Bavaria 42 with Thomas Arendt and Endrik Ostendorp. The boat is 10 years old with teak wood decking. It is 42 feet. It is usually used for training lessons for the Mediterranean Yacht Club and is sometimes chartered by members. Their other boat in Mallorca is used by the club for racing and actually won the Admirals Cup in 1993! We all got the opportunity to helm. The boat was built in Germany. The boat takes a maximum of 5 crew. Both Thomas and Endrik are members of the Mediterranean Yacht Club and mentioned they would love more young sailors to get involved.

TERRY: MYC is a nonprofit organisation for the promotion of water sports, especially sailing. Registered in northern Germany and based in Palma de Mallorca. The Team got a lot of hands on experience with the sailing in good 20knot winds under the patient guidance of Thomas and Endrik, including having to reef the sails as the wind picked up. We also were lucky enough to see some dolphins out there jumping around. This is an extract from their website at: <https://www.myc-club.com/> which is an interesting concept and very affordable.

“The Mediterranean Yacht Club is a multinational sailing club - with German roots, situated in Ahrensburg, and with a sailing base in Mallorca. We offer professional race training and race sailing with a legendary racing yacht, day sailing and cruising, and a lot of fun! Our members come from all parts of Europe - some live on Mallorca, others fly in and enjoy Mediterranean sailing and atmosphere. New members are welcome - join the club!”

Their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/medyachtclub>





Owami at the helm.

They came back in just before 17.00hrs after an exhilarating day on the water. Anthony then took them for a visit to the sleek and lovely 37 meter yacht “A Sulana”



Here is what the kids had to say!

Yacht Visit to A Sulana

A 38 metre super yacht that was built in Holland in 2006 and registered in Valetta. The super yacht has an anchor chain that is 180 metres long. It is an aluminium boat with carbon fibre sails and is mostly used for cruising. It has a hydrostatic vang which is one of the best design features of the boat. It accommodates 6 crew and 7 guests. The boat is run by hydraulics. It also has a jet tender. The unique feature on the boat is that the owner's cabin is at the bow. There are also two qualified captains on board.

Braai with Mike and Tanya

After a long day of great sailing and a fascinating boat visit, we had a delicious dinner at Mike and Tanya's home in Saint Maria. Kaveshnie, Owami and Juilian wanted to cool off in the pool while Salmon and Kumeshnie stayed dry. We ate burgers for supper which tasted amazing.

TERRY: They also sang their songs they sing with the Lawhill Choir which went down really well. Anthony and Emma had the guitar so a lot of music, good food and good company.

The San Juan (St John the Patron Saint of Palma) Correfoc Celebrations were still going strong when we got back to town and as it was close to the boat I took them down to watch the final bit of the fun and games in the streets with the costumed devils and the fireworks. This is an absolutely crazy annual festival with the city centre jammed with people who come to watch and fireworks and sparklers going off everywhere. An eye opening experience for all, with the sudden appearance of costumed devils appearing amongst the crowd every now and then and chasing people - all in good fun. It did cause the girls to make a hasty retreat, returning to our vantage point once the coast was clear again of devils in scary clothing!



I guess they were well ready for bed after this very long and eventful day!

Cheers - Phil