



Waiting, exploring & paint excitement



Zeezwaluw is still swinging at the mooring buoy in Porto Santo Marina. The orders for the new back stays to replace the broken one are delayed. This is due to the fact that the manufacturer of the terminals went out of business (bankrupt).

It happened just 2 day after we ordered them through an internet company in Holland. This company is searching "hastily" for another "manufacturer of terminals" but it takes more time as we thought.

In the meantime we explored the Porto Santo Island, which is very nice but tiny so after a few days we had seen every bit of it twice.

Therefore a new project was started, a painting for the "Wall of Fame". The whole western breakwater is full of paintings made by visiting-sailors from all over the world. Triggered by these beautiful products of so many sailors, the crew tried to develop a creative wall painting by themselves.



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A few days full of activity with pencils, scissors, paper, glue, the original Zeezwaluw-design After 3 days the templates were ready to take them ashore to accomplish the trick.

The dinghy was being laden with steps, different colours of paint, brushes, garbage bags and other bits and pieces and finally the crew of course.



To find an empty spot was difficult but after a while they found one that suited them. In the gusting wind it wasn't easy to tape the large template, 1.6m x 1.0m against the wall, but they succeeded.

After a few hours the painting was done, it was recognisable as a "Zeezwaluw" although it wasn't a Picasso, but it will do.

The crew was pleased with their creation and felt happy to be back in kindergarten, completely covered with paint except for the protective gloves.



Once in the mood of painting projects the crew performed another creative thing. The blade of the Monitor wind-vane was still dull grey.

This blade became the next paint object. They started painting (each side of the blade) with the Dutch flag (red/white/blue) in the top part, the Zeezwaluw and underneath the bird, the name of the boat. A few coats of varnish finished this job.

Now it shines proud and beautiful on top of the Monitor



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