



Leif B was invited to sail first mate onboard a training ship – T/S Prolific – 30 m l.o.a., 6 m beam, 3 m draught, 70 tons, 30 m mast – ketch rig – and more than 400 sq.m. of sail.

He boarded in Cowes in England and left in Albufeira in Portugal, just less than three weeks later. Prolific had on board 12 crew from second grade in High School, Maritima Gymnasiet på Orust, and four officers. The trip started in Orust but Leif B joined in England.



Prolific is build from ideas of the traditional English Cutter, which sailed at the Swedish west coast around 100 years ago. There was one, called Prolific, built in 1898 and sailed to USA in 1945.

Today's Prolific is modern in her design with most modern equipment and optimized as a sailing training ship. There are 20 fixed bunks and four cabins and a galley to support a full crew.



The man behind T/S Prolific and the maritime ideas is Holger Formgren, the Master of all Trades and a well known character in maritime circles in Sweden.

We made three stops en route. Brest in France, A Coruña in Spain and Cascais in Portugal before reaching our destination Albufeira, Algarve, Portugal.





Assembled before take off from Orust in September.

All on deck after Arrival in Albufeira in mid October.

The only difference being the change of the mates



The watch was three crew – one at the helm, one at the stern as watch out and one in the navigation area. One officer served on each watch as well.





Two crew were girls,  
Madde and Helga.

It was not so easy to see  
where you are heading when  
you are short.



A very different experience to sail a cutter – a sailing boat but  
still not a real sailing boat! To much comfort – to little speed.



Entrance to Albufeira and last meters  
of sailing for the year onto the jetty.



Tide up for the winter. Next sail will be  
in April 2007 when sailing back to Orust in Sweden.