

Correspondance Sunday Times

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Dear Robert & dear Steve,

This is most probably the last letter I write you before passing cape of Good Hope. My position at noon today is 9°28 Est and 36°06 South. Normally, I should be more South, but I may try to meet a fishing boat who would take the parcel and post it to you. If the weather is good when approaching Good Hope, I will pass close. If weather deteriorates, I will have to pass far away, near 39 or 40° South to avoid the meeting of Agula current and the East going cold current: this meeting makes a dangerous sea especially in bad weather.

My spirit is very good, and I loged several times more than 175 miles a day since Trinidad (the best run was 182 miles from noon to noon). I had only one gale (moderate) the 12th October and force 7 the 14th. My average from noon to noon since Plymouth is 129,9 miles a day only because I got some calms on the way (only 22 miles loged the 4th October!.. and 93 the 3rd)

Please send photo copies of all the letters I wrote you to Pierre LAVAT 71 rue Fondary Paris 15e Tel SEG 1185 (revue Bateaux). Give him any photo he wishes, Pierre is one of the very few reliable friend I have, so please do your best for him.

Kind regards

Bernard TSVP

Too morrow I will try to take a complete roll of 36 photos of my log book. If you see that roll in the parcel, please take a copy of it (a complete copy) and send it to Pierre Lavat. PLEASE do all you can to help Pierre.

Bernard

PS Enclosed a letter for Pierre Lavat. You can read it before you send it to him. Thanks. Please send my regards to Nigel next time you contact him by radio. Tell him that if he never comes back I will ask Evelyn to marry me!... (that will keep Nigel alive!)