

Correspondance Sunday Times

Second message

Dear Robert Riddell

I could not send you the first message because no ship come close enough. JOSHUA is now between Canaries and Cape Verde Island. Here are the days run since 1<sup>st</sup> of September:

2<sup>nd</sup> September 136 miles

3<sup>rd</sup> September 150 miles

4<sup>th</sup> September 168

5 178

This is written on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. The wind is good for the moment. I will probably continue toward South, between Africa and Cape Verde Islands as the wind is OK for the moment, force 5 from the NE. The usual route for a sailing ship should be west of the Cape Verde Islands, but I think that passing East of these islands is not bad in September, according to the average wind and current conditions shown on the Pilot Charts for the month of September. And also there might be some hurricane forming on the west of Cape Verde Islands, as the barometer is going down since yesterday, and the sea is abnormally rough, with swells coming from other directions than the NE wind. Anyway, you know that sailing sometimes looks like the poker game when you have to make up your mind about passing on the left or on the right of an Island, and I feel it is better, this time, to pass on the left of Cape Verde Islands.

Sorry for these long messages, the Lloyds will charge you a lot of money.

Kind regards.

Bernard

Please tell Mr CLEMENTS, sailmaker in Plymouth that the work he has done on my sails is a very good job, very strong.