

The countdown is on ! We will meet in Ushuaia in just over a week! I will have a pre-expedition orientation and dinner next Sunday, **November 29th at 7 PM** at El Almacen de Ramos General on Maipu 749 in downtown Ushuaia. I will reserve a table in one of the back rooms, so you will need to walk through the main room.

We will meet up with Henk on Monday at noon on the Sarah and after clearing customs with Argentinian authorities we will head out on the Beagle Channel in the early afternoon.

Please find below some useful information and links. If questions come up, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Safe travels and see you soon in Ushuaia!

Laurent

#### E-Mail:

Every participant gets their own e-mail account. We use SkyFile Mail, which provides two-way email, fax and SMS messaging on Iridium mobile satellite terminals. We all use Henk's laptop for that. Because fast upload and transfer times, the cost is very low. Henk calculates how much each person will have to pay. This is for text communication only, and is not an internet connection.

### Phone Calls:

Phone calls are possible via the Iridium Satellite phone, however they are very expensive, around US\$5 per minute.

### Emergency contact:

In case of a family emergency, please contact Henk's wife Jacqueline Haas via e-mail [sarahvorwerkushuaia@gmail.com](mailto:sarahvorwerkushuaia@gmail.com) and she will contact the boat over INMARSAT-C, which works instantly.

### Power Source:

The plugs are European standards. **So those of us from North America need to bring adapters.** You obviously will need to bring your own chargers.

### Tracking data:

If someone wants to track the progress/location of our expedition, one may search the website [www.marinetraffic.com](http://www.marinetraffic.com) by using the vessels name **Sarah W. Vorwerk**,

Unfortunately, one now needs to sign up to get updated satellite data. I found this sometimes to be inaccurate and the tracking has flaws in it, as even some of the larger ships I have worked on (i.e. the M/V Plancius) would not always have updated information and

sometimes we would be in a communication hole, which would leave those following our expedition worried.

Around Palmer/Pleneau/Petermann (our southernmost location) there is good coverage of the signal and as long as the boat is there, it should work fairly well.

#### Useful weather links:

Passage weather - Drake Passage sailing forecast

Drake Passage Wind Forecast

Puerto Soberania weather forecast (South Shetland Islands, close to where we make landfall)

Palmer Stationn weather forecast