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Project Slow Marquesas

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Sharing stories of sustainable, local adventures in French Polynesia, from a catamaran!

After 20,000 miles at sea, Captain Aline Dargie on SV Pizza makes a multi-year stopover in the Marquesas, the world's most remote archipelago.

American sailboat captain Aline Dargie has embarked on a voyage named SLOW: 'sail low on the world,' a project to make ecological multimedia journalism. For the next few years, she will make month long stopovers in small villages, crafting stories and living an eco-conscious lifestyle. French Polynesia's territory includes 118 inhabited islands, throughout five archipelagos, covering an oceanic territory as large as Europe. Staying in the same country, she will not run out of new places to sail to with her 1991 Edelcat 35 Open catamaran named Pizza!

Propelled by wind, sun, and inspiring connections with local movers and shakers, she shares stories of these islands today: deep pools of strong characters, living traditions that resist and evolve with modernity, landscapes to take your breath away. Verdant, deep colors that exist only here... starting in the Marquesas archipelago.

In July, Aline visited her hometown of Andover, Massachusetts, and gave multimedia lectures at both Memorial Hall Library and Phillips Academy Andover. Her vision is, "I wish to entertain everyone with stunning photographs and unique short videos, telling positive stories about ecological cultural traditions, and inspiring young people to travel, to broaden their horizons and share their gifts with the world."

Currently, Aline is on assignment with a French photographer for GEO magazine in France, making a multimedia reportage about the Marquesas. Seven months of interviews and photographing local artists, politicians, and unique citizens living at the end of the world, is now all coming together for the story. In French Polynesia, Project Slow Marquesas was featured in a double spreader in La Depeche de Tahiti for 26 consecutive Saturdays. The newspaper series followed the Slow Marquesas sailing stories, perhaps inspiring another generation to travel to these islands.

A growing number of young people in the Marquesas are on Facebook, making it one of the most efficient ways to share stories with Millennials, promoting traditional Marquesan cultural practices to the next generation. Social media stories on diverse subjects, from tiki sculptors to canoe fishermen, are frequently posted on the Slow Marquesas Facebook and Instagram pages @slowmarquesas.

What's next? Aline will return to Hiva Oa island in the Marquesas archipelago in November to paint, install new safety and sailing gear, and work on SV Pizza. Then Pizza will be splashed back into the warm South Pacific water and go sailing to the Marquesan Arts Festival on Tahuata island in December!

Aline sustains her single handed sailing lifestyle through with generous support from technical sponsors and project partners, and through sales of her writing and videos. At age 26, she is just getting started, and already has a lot of momentum. Look forward to upcoming stories in American sailing magazines, covering the creative refit of Pizza, all the while foraging for food with local friends in the abundant natural habitat of the legendary Marquesan islands.

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