85 days as a schoolteacher on board the Pachamama

means

* to teach 4 levels (5,7,9,11 years) at the same time
* to teach them mostly from 8 to 12 o’clock or longer – depends on the interruptions
* to stay together around the big table under deck or around the small one up in the cockpit
* to share sometimes the table with a lot of food which has to be stored somewhere for the offshore-weeks
* to stay always in movement because of the waves
* to fix or hold bags and school materials by the same reason
* to teach even you feel seasick
* to have 4 children liking sing, move around and play
* to laugh a lot
* to interrupt the work for a sail-change or to haul inboard a fish from the hook
* to learn that the children are missing other children in the same age (for „competition“)
* to accept that they are doing this „competitions“ between themselves in other ways
* to see that homeschooling is always a mix between home and school
* to have your clear educational objectives anyway
* to help and teach them to concentrate on the schoolwork
* not to have big space to work / prepare classes
* not to have a printer or copy-machine or other electronic media
* to stay together with the children 24 hours
* to be confronted with their whole-day moods
* to have sometimes the possibility to send a child to an adult helping to read, to write….
* to be really flexible about the day programme, specially onshore
* to make sport and gymnastics on 5m2
* to have visits from a bird needing an offshore-break
* to stay in the middle of the whole family-dynamics
* to learn about sciences in closest contact to the environments
* to have beside of you an experienced professor in nature- and global scienses (Dario)
* to be also babysitter, nanny, sailor, housewife, friend,or even foe …..
* to be more or less tired about the night-watchings
* to create learning with less material
* to stay in a deeper relation with the school children
* not to expect that it is easier to teach them
* to live in an ALL-inclusive situation
* to have the chance to make absolutly exceptionally experiences!

I wouldn’t miss anything!

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