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## 2020 Photo Competition: 'Seascapes and Landscapes'

December 2020



## Turtle, Iztuzu, Turkey



I Love this picture because how the ocean and the land seems to blend together. This is taken in Turkey at Turtle, Iztuzu, Beach where the Dalyan river delta is. In season this is a very popular and busy spot, but in November we were all alone



## Approaching Porto Santo



My photo was taken before dusk approaching Porto Santo in mid October. I remember feeling relief to sight land after recurring engine and battery trouble, quickly replaced by a sense of intrigue as the island seemed brooding and mysterious in the last light of the day.





## Nearly Summer Solstice at Seal Bay, Vinalhaven, Maine



A 2020 June morning, 3 days before Summer Solstice, beautiful light and still air made Seal Bay, Vinalhaven, Maine a perfect place for COVID respite and reflection.





## Time for a Sundowner, Jussaro



The photo was taken in June 2016 while on a cruise from Kalmar, Sweden to Tallin, Estonia and back to Kalmar via Finland. Our yacht was Sirenuse, a Hallburg Rassey 31 owned by my sister, Janey Devine. This picture was taken in Jussarö, the southernmost Finnish island. The title is 'Time for a Sundowner'. Apart from straightening the horizon, the photo has not been digitally manipulated. As two ladies of a 'certain age' we are becoming fairly well known in the Baltic as the two sailing sisters. For the last 6 years we have been sailing together exploring the Baltic, spending 3 months on the boat each summer. This year, due to Covid, we didn't expect to be able to go sailing, but then in July the Schengen countries opened up their borders and we were able to spend two wonderful months sailing in Denmark.





## Post lockdown escape to Mallaig, Scotland



View taken from outside our B&B in Mallaig Harbour.





Mull, Summer 2020



This is our boat 'Balou' the end of our career break after sailing back across the Atlantic earlier than expected due to COVID. We made landfall in Scotland and this was our favourite destination of the entire trip.



## Oberndorf/Oste, Germany decorated for Christmas



It was taken in our hometown Oberndorf/Oste (Germany) in front of the church. 'Heimkehr' is decorated for Christmas.







## A Step Back in Time



The Bay of Virgins in the Marquesas Islands is one of the most iconic anchorages in the world. Its dramatic spires, rugged mountains, and lush tropical verdure are so splendid as to seem unreal. Add to this the magic of landfall in the first South Seas islands that a sailor sights after weeks crossing the Pacific. It's the rare sailor who doesn't dream of finding himself alone here, like the pioneering small boat voyagers – Slocum, Robinson, the Smeetons. Of course we know that today we'll be lucky to find room to drop the hook among the hundreds of yachts passing through the Marquesas every season. And yet, maybe, if you're very lucky, you might get a day like this, when the wooden sloop Celeste arrived to find the famed Baie des Vierges as quiet and empty as it was a hundred years ago.



Rockland Maine before Storm







## Dipping below the Ocean Swell



This photo was taken on January 20, 2018 with a Nikon Cool-pix camera from the cockpit of SV MITHRIL, a UK registered OCC 46' Prout catamaran owned by our OCC friends Roy & Madeline Hibberd. We were aboard for 6 weeks of cruising with them in the Abacos and Eleuthera in the Bahamas. At the time of this shot, we were underway offshore from Lynyard Cay at the south end of the Abacos headed south across the NorthEast Providence Channel 50nm away to Royal Island on Eleuthera. I don't have any details on the vessel in the photo other than to note that it was at least a 13m mono-hull with a dark blue hull. Here is the log entry for the trip. Sat 20 Jan 2018 We were up at 1st light thinking we would get underway at ½ past six. A couple of boats had left early at 4am before light. We waited and got the anchor up around 6:45am then set the sails and headed for the Little Harbor Cut. It looked like it was breaking at the cut but it was only at the north end of the bar. We passed through quickly and rolled and crashed a bit, but once through the water deepened quickly and it got a bit calmer. Even so, it was rougher than we thought and the waves were more on the beam than we expected. We accelerated to 8k and had a very fast passage. We were in the cut and anchored by about 3pm. It was about a 50nm passage and we averaged 7k.



## Cape St Vincent, Portugal



s/v Persephone







The view from my former living room in Portola Valley CA looking East across SF Bay





Gallanach Bay on the Isle of Muck, the cows looking for relief from the heat



Just to prove you can get hot hazy days on the West Coast of Scotland! Gallanach Bay on the Isle of Muck - the cows looking for relief from the heat







## South Pacific idyll, Hanamoenoa Bay



South Pacific Idyll, Hanamoenoa Bay: Rowing ashore and hauling our little dinghy out of the waves (spot her at far left) brought back a cascade of memories of our first visit to the Marquesas Islands of French Polynesia in 2007. Then, this idyllic bay, with its soft golden sand, was one of our very first encounters with the South Seas Islands, after the first ocean crossing that my husband and I made. We shared the bay with fellow sailors who became instant friends over a potluck supper and bonfire under the stars. Twelve years later, we found that Hanamoenoa Bay still retained its magic, its silence broken only by the rustle of the coconut trees and the rhythm of the surf, and its teal green waters still graced by manta rays feeding on krill.



## Magical Maupiti, French Polynesia, October 2020



s/v Two Drifters is anchored bottom left on the sand bank. Photo taken with a drone, Phantom 3 Pro. No filters, no adjustments.





## Sail training vessel, ILEN, built in Baltimore



This photo is of sail training vessel ILEN she was built in Baltimore west cork in 1920 s then she was sailed to Falklands where she was used as a mail boat After she was decommissioned and fell into disrepair she was brought back to Baltimore and was repaired and re launched 3years ago last summer she sailed to Greenland and back.







## Beach gathering





Found on a broken mask, Conception Island



This was taken from Conception Island in the Bahamas. I found it in a broken mask laying on the bottom.





## Dolphins jump for sunset



This photo was taken close to sunset mid-Atlantic from S/V Cloudy Bay. The dolphins seemed to love performing to us around this time of day, almost as if they too were keen to see the magical light of an Ocean sunset. It was wonderful to capture 3 of them in mid-air.







## Anchorage in the small island of Uvar, off the Southern coast of Norway, July 2018



The picture is taken of our Anchorage in the small island of Uvar, off the southern coast of Norway. The sailing dingy is ours and the beautiful cottages are converted fishing shacks for the well to do. We had just sailed from Kristiansand, Norway to the island. We explored the island for two days (July 3-4, 2018) and left on July 5th crossing the Skagerrak to Hanstholm in Denmark. We have been cruising Europe from 2013 to the present for 3 months each year until this past year, when we were unable to travel due to Covid 19. Our boat, Nellie, is currently at Walstead's Boat Yard in Denmark awaiting our return.



## Strongbow off Mull, passing the McBrayne ferry leaving Oban



This photo taken from the shore by a friend, Ursula Mönch, of us on passage towards the Sound of Mull. Our boat, a Contessa 32, Strongbow, is one of the first Contessa 32's built in 1971. We are about to pass the McBrayne ferry as we leave Oban with a view of Mull in the background. A beautifully calm day as we hopped to Loch Aline to sit out one of the named storms due to blow through the next day.





Sailing into the Sunset, at anchor in St Martin looking towards Anguilla, June 2020

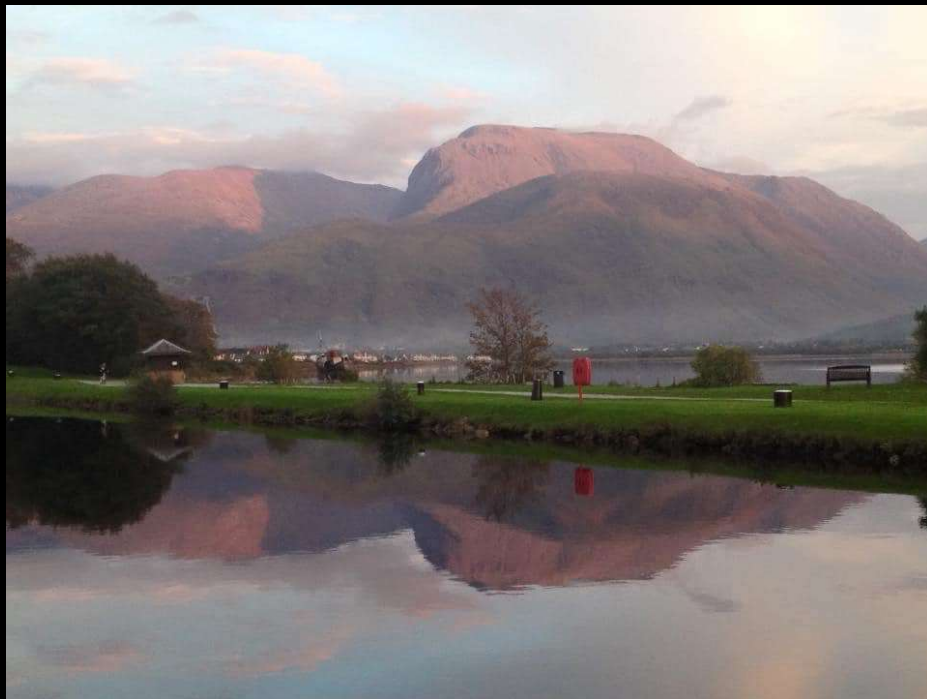


Photograph taken whilst at anchor in St Martin looking over towards Anguilla, June 2020





Ben Nevis from the first lock of the Caledonian Canal





## Lady Liberty Watching over the Harbor



This photo of the Statue of Liberty and the Battery in New York City, snapped from the deck of our Sundeer 56, Mantra of Glasgow, at an autumn sunrise. Early the morning before, we had pulled up anchor at Cape May, New Jersey, with my husband Peter Brown as the ever cherished and resourceful captain, me (Sherri Brown) as first mate, and a young couple from Baltimore. I was a bit nervous about sailing with people we hardly knew, but Enis and Ula proved themselves to be invaluable crew in so many ways and became treasured friends who we always joyously welcome aboard.

Thrilled at the prospect of anchoring near the iconic Statue of Liberty (except for me, all on board are immigrants to the US), the four of us kept busy on deck as we navigated through New York Harbor. There were numerous large anchored cargo ships to avoid but not much traffic after the entrance, and we were all exhilarated to see the Manhattan skyline emerge from behind the glittering Verrazano Narrows Bridge and loom larger and larger as we approached our destination. The sky was just beginning to brighten with natural light when we dropped anchor behind the Statue of Liberty at 6 a.m. on a Saturday morning. We tidied the boat up and then relaxed to watch the sunrise over the city before going to bed for a few hours.





## Trekking the Andes



Trekking the Andes and leaving *North Star* behind, brought us this lake and mountain view, bringing water and mountain together.







## Mountain God



This is the reflection of a mountain in Lake Hallstatt, Austria. The image was intentionally taken with the landscape set vertically to complete the illusion of a giant being.



A glorious sunset, seen from s/v *Two Drifters*, at Clifton Bay, Union Island in The Grenadines in 2018



A glorious sunset, seen from s/v *Two Drifters*, at Clifton Bay, Union Island in The Grenadines in 2018, Watching the sun set, as we sail around the world, is one of our favourite times of the day.





## Poll Na Gollum, west coast of Ireland



I practice a number of sports aside from Sailing. One of these is caving (or spelunking/potholing). The picture I've taken here is in a cave in the west coast of Ireland (County Clare) called Poll Na Gollum. It is here that it is widely thought that J.R. Tolkien's got inspiration for the Lord of the Rings. She has been known to spend some time in this area. In the photo we see stalactites and stalagmites formed through the chemical interaction of the slightly acidic water and the limestone rock.





s/v *Touché* in Fritjov hamna, Svalbard





Rabbit Island, Hawaii







From the transom of Remedy in Bora Bora



Taken just this morning (December 1, 2020) from the transom of Remedy in Bora Bora following a brief but heavy rain, this end-to-end rainbow crosses the sea to connect land on both ends. It was stunning in person.





Watching nature in action and alive, Icy Straits, Alaska



58°16'41"N 135°38'48"W



## San Benedicto, Revillagigedos



This is the western side of San Benedicto Island, the northern most island in the Revillagigedos. It shows how powerful the seascape can meet the landscape. I suspect those cliffs were over 50 feet tall.





## Caverne Dufour, La Reunion







## A superb anchorage off the Wester Fjord in Arctic Norway



A superb anchorage off the Wester Fjord in Arctic Norway: calm evening: smooth sea, glaciated mountains: smooth rock, crisp, clear air: sharp colours. Following our own cruise to Norway's North Cape in 2009 we lent our charts and pilot books to friends who invited us to join them for further explorations in 2011. In these high latitudes the scenery is amazing: trees are sparse and stunted, ground cover is low- growing shrubs and lichens. This evening we were ashore gathering Cloud Berries, a Norwegian delicacy.



Pass into BoraBora, Sept 2019







## Sunset on Long Lake, Traverse City, Michigan Summer 2020



Western smoke enhanced eye popping super sunsets for about a week. Taken with an IPAD by Mark Hoenke 06 October 2020, 7:10 PM Sailing November to June on ROXY, 1984 Camper & Nicholson 58 ketch in the eastern Caribbean. Presently in Jolly Harbor on the hard working to launch in five days.







## Isolation at Goat Horn Point, Poole



My photo of Goat Horn Point Poole. "Isolation during Pandemic" . Taken from "*Pandra*" our Swan 38 in September 2020.



## Hiking the Quiraing Circuit trail on the Isle of Skye, Scotland



Ronna is wearing her red foulies. It was cold and rainy most of the time, but this was a brief moment of blue sky on Skye. Photo taken from an adjoining cliff.





## Sorarnoay



Whilst sailing in May 2018 from Scotland to Tromsø, via The Faeroe Islands and the coast of Norway, I stopped in a beautiful little island called Sorarnoay for a BBQ on the beach.

Originally making landfall in Norway, we were welcomed by a pod of killer whales on our way into Hollandsfjord. From an overnight stay alongside and a trip to the Svartsen glacier, we sailed up through the skerries and a pod of pilot whales followed us near to the harbour in Sorarnoay. We had a BBQ on the beach and after the BBQ, a light drizzle started. Originally the rainbow was a faint double rainbow, the faint halo of the double is still visible. As the sun started to head around behind the mountain to our North West, the light scattered through the orthographic clouds of the mountain and the rainbow became really intense.

I whipped out my phone and took a quick panorama. The rainbow is actually to the South East and the mountain to the North West.

For my clients it topped off an amazing end to their trip (They left 2 days later from Bodø). I carried on heading North for another few months.







## Tasman Island



It is of Tasman Island on the southeast corner of Tasmania and is one of the last “rounding marks” in the annual 630 nautical mile Sydney to Hobart race. The nearby 1000 ft cliffs make the winds around here pretty exciting. I’ve experienced 25kts becoming 42kts almost instantly.



## Sippican Sunset, Marion, Massachusetts, USA



Taken in in September 2018 in Marion, Massachusetts, USA. We had just returned from Nova Scotia on our way south to the Caribbean for the winter. Marion has a special place in my heart. It's where my uncle kept his boat Mashantam (a Vindo 50) for years. During the summer I'd make my way down and meet him there for a day or two of sailing for as many weekends as I could get away for. Without those years of experience, I doubt I'd be cruising today. When this photo was taken we'd had a rough ride leaving the Cape Cod Canal. Wind on tide exiting the canal made for steep standing waves, and the afternoon didn't improve. Finally, though, we rounded Bird Island light and tied onto a mooring in Sippican harbour. The weather cleared in time for this spectacular sunset.





## Solo Sunset



It was taken on July 9 last year on a solo voyage between Shetland and Norway, from aboard my 32 foot sloop Irish Eyes.







## Village Bay on St Kilda



A couple of OCC boats and a couple from Clyde Cruising Club. St Kilda is a group of the islands in the open Atlantic West of the Hebrides. Prior to their abandonment in 1931, they islands had an amazing history of human survival.



Pipe Creek, Exumas, The Bahamas









Beez Neez taken from Baby Beez in Bok Hong, Phuket



This is a picture of Beez Neez taken from Baby Beez in Koh Hong, Phuket. Hong meaning room. Hongs make for an interesting and unique topography. Towering up, many of them have entrances to charming caves and the bigger ones have 'hollow' centres where trees grow, and they appear to have their own beaches.





## Morning light, Huahini, French Polynesia



This photo was taken on my old iPhone while at anchor as guests aboard OCCers, Frances and Rob Lythgoe's s/v *Alia Vita* in Huahini, French Polynesia, February 2020.

It was morning and I was shooting into the sun.



## Cloud, light and shadow

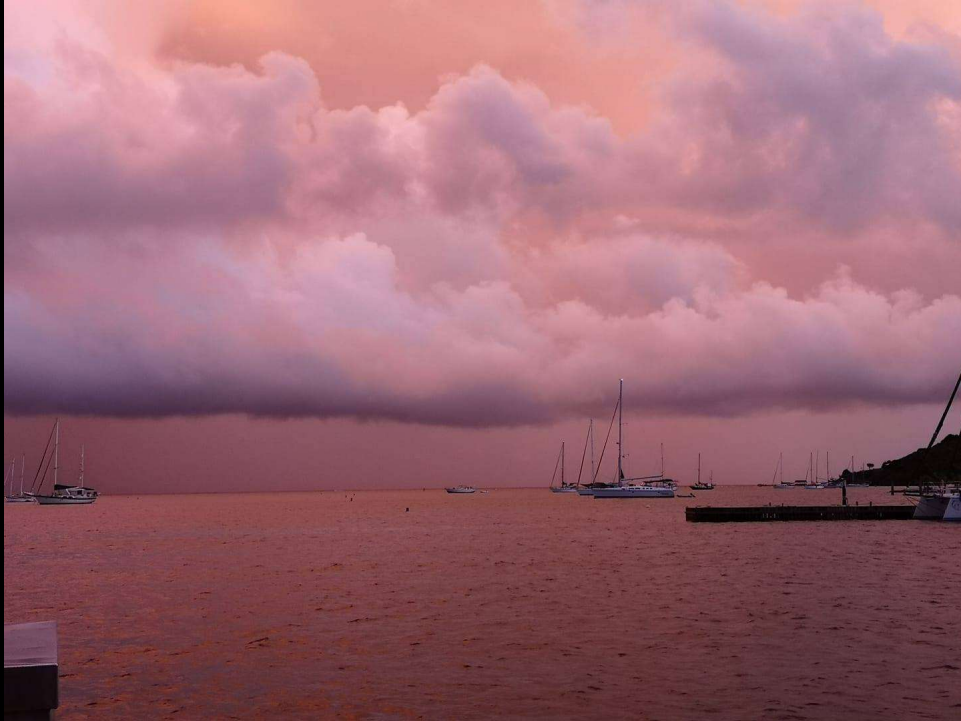


Photograph taken in 1987 in Chilean Patagonia from Isla Skyring (between the the St. of Magellan and the Beagle Channel) on a circumnavigation of South America, 1985-'87 aboard Rhodora. Bob Lux, Bow, NH, USA





Pretty in pink, Grenada, West Indies



2018





## Gulf of Corryvreckan



March 2020



## Mount Etna erupting, Sicily



We (Gyp-Seas) were sailing past Sicily in 2018 and watched as Mount Etna was erupting. At first we only saw the glow on top of the volcano and thought it was strange to have a red light up there. Then the next day we discovered that this amazing, beautiful, devastating natural occurrence was happening in front of us. It was definitely a highlight of our sailing journey.





## Kayak Island, Alaska



Captain James Cook visited the island in 1778.





Wolfhound, observing Social distancing, Golfito, Costa Rica, May 2020







## Greenland



Due to the pandemic we had to change our sailing plans and ended up in Greenland. The scenery was just amazing and the feeling of getting close to ice and wildlife was like a dream. We stayed near by this glacier for a couple of hours and listen to the sounds of the cracking ice and all the birds.





## Reflections after the rain, Curio Bay, New Zealand



Reflections after the rain. Curio Bay, New Zealand.







## Alagranza



I choose this one for Seascapes and Landscapes purely because for both aspects the sea is beautifully clear and the landscape is an astonishing volcano that looks like it's melted into the sea.

Well it basically has done and the striking rock formations continue under the water. The island is Alagranza, the most Northerly of the Canary Islands and rarely sees yachts visiting as the island is a reserve and you need special permission to visit or land. Fortunately we met and made good friends with the eccentric owner who allowed us to visit and even walk to the top of the volcano in which is father is buried. It's been in their family for generations. (Taken by a DJI Spark.) Drone.



## Sun setting behind the Skelligs, off the coast of Kerry, Ireland September 2020



This is a photo of the sun setting behind the Skelligs, off the coast of Kerry in Ireland. The photo was taken on Sept 16 2020 from our anchorage in Derrynane Harbour.





Picture taken from a hill in St Lucia







## The calm after the storm



The calm after the storm. "Telefon Bay, Deception island"



## Sunset in Clew Bay



Tonight's sunset in front of our house on Clew Bay in Ireland. That's a little Christmas tree on a raft erected by Alex (it will be lit in a few hours) and the Holy Mountain Croagh Patrick in the distance. It's where St Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland.





## Brighton Marina entrance



Brighton marina entrance a few years ago. If running east, it's reckoned to be better to continue to Newhaven!



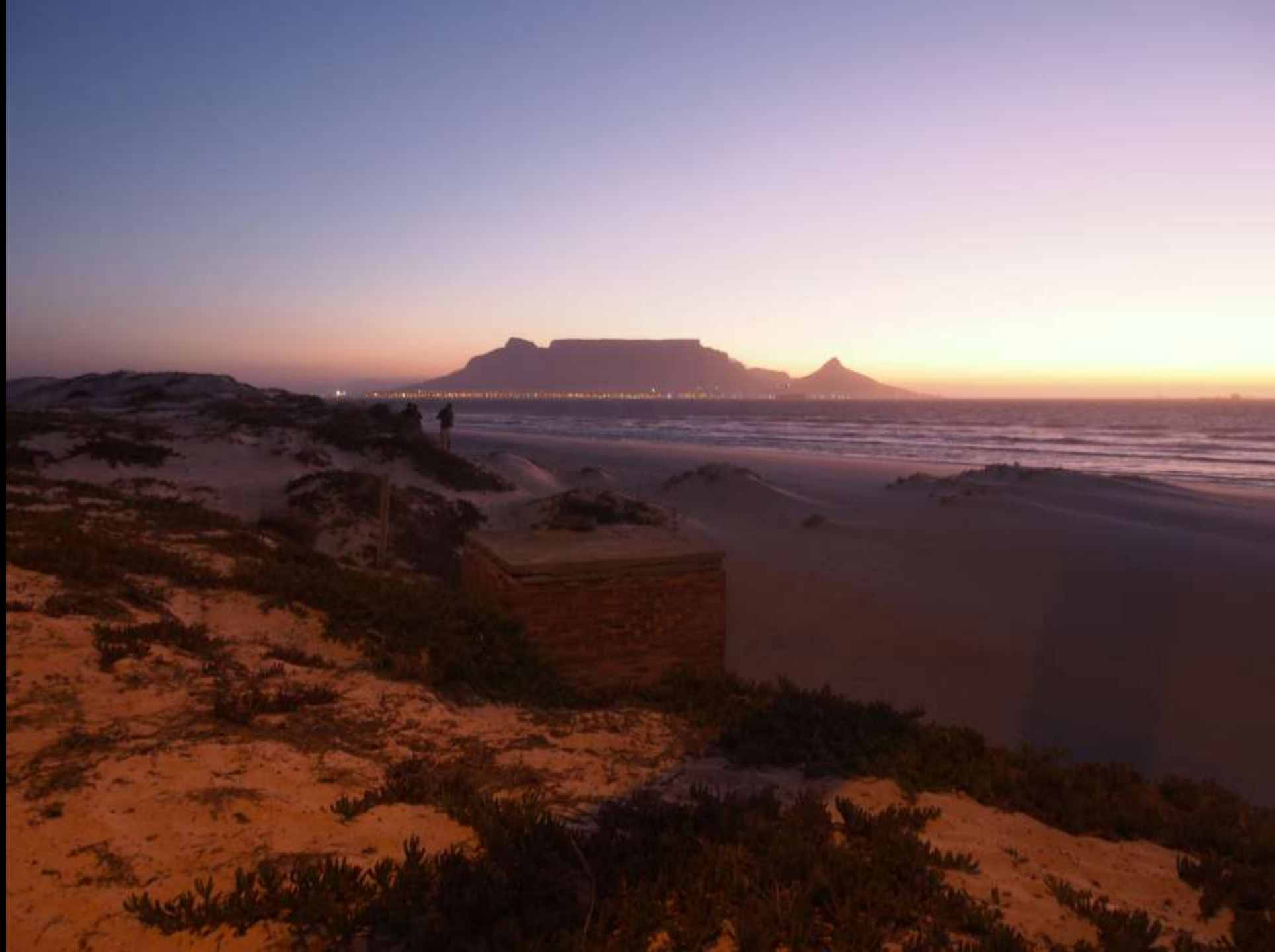




## Solent shore



A January view from the Solent shore, looking southwest towards Hurst Castle and the distant Needles.



## Big Bay Beach, South Africa, 10 January 2016



We have left *Sage II* in Durban and are on a road trip. Looking back at beautiful Cape Town before heading to the wonders of Namibia.