

NEWS ALERT

In Search of Marine Debris and Pollution



Our research vessel "ByGolly" with crew Bavarkica & Munchkin at the beginning of her voyage on St. Croix River before joining Mississippi, the longest river in North America, 6,000 miles (10,000km) north of Gulf of Mexico.

Marine debris and pollution is an ecological problem with significant implications for the earth's coastal ecosystems. There is a vital need to manage the issue through involvement and education. Boris Miksic, President/CEO of Cortec® Corporation and his crew Bavarkica (Ines Miksic) and Munchkin will be setting off on the adventure of a lifetime to educate both themselves and us as they set sail in search of marine debris and pollution on their research vessel "By Golly". As they travel, the goal is to monitor the amounts of marine debris, highlight the main sources, and what impact it has on the environment, animals, and population.



<http://www.mote.org/index.php?src>



Mote Marine Laboratory was created to improve the connection between science and society and strengthen the scientific basis of public policy and societal decision making — especially as it relates to economic development and the sustainability of our oceans and coastal ecosystems.

They embark June 11, 2012 from the world famous Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Florida with stops at ports of call all along Florida's West coast. The first stop will be at Captiva Island, known for its abundant Manatee population. Then, on to Everglades City in the heart of the Everglades National Park; where the alligators are plentiful. Key West is next, located in the Florida Keys, known for beautiful reefs and diverse marine life. From Florida it will be on to the coast of Cuba; before arriving at Biminis, Bahamas. This first leg of the trip will end with a crossing of the Gulf Stream to Miami where "By Golly" and her crew will part ways as she is loaded aboard a yacht transport vessel traveling to Toulon, France.



<http://www.yacht-transport.com/homepage.html>

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<http://www.marineclean.eu/>

Project MarineClean (11/2011 – 10/2014) involves partners from Slovenia, Croatia and Lithuania. The project deals with decreasing of marine litter – one of the major ecological threats.



<http://www.mbss.org/portal/index.php?lang=en>

The Marine Biology Station Piran MBS was founded in 1969 as a Unit of the Institute of Biology, University of Ljubljana. Like its predecessor, the Board of Marine Research, the MBS was established because of increasing public interest in the sea, practical need and for fundamental reasons of environmental concern.

When ship and crew meet up again in the Mediterranean they will commence from Toulon, France along the coast of the French Riviera. Some of the famous ports they will investigate will be St. Tropez, Cannes, Antibes, Nice, and Monaco. From there they will commence the Italian voyage, the longest segment, docking in San Remo, Portofino, and Capri to name a few. The ship will cross the Adriatic Sea from Gargano Peninsula to the island of Palagruza, Lastovo, and Dubrovnik along the coast of Croatia to the final destination Piran, Slovenia. The ending of this fact finding trip will be hosted by our partners in the Marine Clean Project: the Marine Biology Research Station of the University of Ljubljana Slovenia.



Florida, Cuba, & Bahama's Route



European Route