

Punta Pulpito to Santispac

1-14 We awoke to calm seas and light winds. Without an accurate forecast I could only surmise that we



might have the start of some calm weather. We would know by early afternoon if the weather would hold. This left us with a nice warm morning to do something. Now we have large vinyl bags, clear on one side and black on the other. When filled with a couple of gallons of water and set out in the sun they are supposed to get hot enough for a shower, in theory. With the strong winds blowing it kept the temperature down. Now we could bring them to shore, place them out of the wind on a perfectly angled rock and make some hot fresh water showers, Yes! I rigged up a frame from some drift wood and a large rock to hang the bag from. Moved a few rocks around to create a nice sitz shower and we were in business. After an hour or two of reading in the shade of an umbrella and checking the state of the sea on the north side of the peninsula (it was calm), we were ready for the shower.





It was way hotter than the “hot showers” we paid for in the marinas here. We air dried and packed up all the gear and headed back to the boat by 1pm and by 2 pm were underway headed 40 miles north to Bay of Concepcion, Pyla Santispac. We knew we were going to arrive long after sunset but as I mentioned previously, it would not be a problem.

By now the wind had swung around to NNE and we could motor sail on a starboard tack the whole way up the rugged and deserted coast. Alice navigated while I took a nap and awoke reenergized, oh and smelling pretty darned clean. While the sky was still bright but the sun was just behind the mainland, we saw a wonderful sight. A small pod of dolphins swam parallel to the boat a short distance off. One pair of dolphins was

a mother and a tiny baby. The mother would come up for air and you could see her upper back and head come out of the water before smoothly going down. The exuberant baby on the other hand would follow her mama very closely but would leap high into the air each time the pair surfaced

The sun set leaving only the stars and partial moon for light. We had the InaviX on the iPad so navigation and speed over ground along with ETA to the waypoints were all there. When the glow had completely vanished from the western skyline the bio-luminescence was remarkable. Our wake was a glowing band punctuated with bright lime green crests from the wavelets we created that stretched behind us like so many fluorescent chevrons. The best part about this phenomenon was when the dolphins came back. Each left a glowing wake under the water and when they surfaced it was as if someone had painted them with green fluorescent paint which was glowing under a black light. We were treated to this show for the next 15 minutes, a really remarkable experience.

We rounded Punta Concepcion and shortly after, the dangerous Punta Hornitos with a lot of off lying rocks guarding the entrance to Concepcion Bay. For the next 10 minutes only, we had cell reception as we were passing by Mulegé to the west. We finally threaded our way in the partial moonlight to our anchorage at Santispac another 7 miles further south, setting anchor at 10 pm. So, 2 hot showers, fluorescent dolphins and 45 miles in one day, not too bad.