

Captain Claus Tober

Date of Birth: 16th January, 1966.

Nationality: German

Professional Positions:

Captain, Research Vessel *Heraclitus*

Director, *Ecotechnics Maritime*

Fellow, *Institute of Ecotechnics*, UK/USA

2012 - present

Directing rebuild of RV *Heraclitus* in Roses, Spain.

1992 - present: *Heraclitus* captain, mate, sailor, mate, expedition coordinator.

1995 - 2000: Captain of the *Heraclitus* during the *Indian Ocean & South East Asian Archipelagoes Expedition* which collected data of coral reefs for coral reef and climatological studies in conjunction with the *Scripps Research Institute* (USA) and the *Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory* (USA).

During the expedition, Claus Tober captained the *Heraclitus* from Belize in Central America to Bali in Indonesia, and was in charge of collecting coral cores during hundreds of dive hours.

Ports of call 1995 - 2000:

1995: Belize, Central America; Miami, USA; Madeira Island, Portugal; Livorno, Italy; Malta; Crete, Greece; Port Said, Port Suez, Hurghada (Egypt).

1996: Hurghada, Aquaba (Jordan); Giftun Island, Wadi Gimal (Egypt); Port Sudan (Sudan); Aden, Yemen; Salalah, Al Hallaniyah Island, Masirah Island, Muscat, Daminiyat Islands (Oman); Bombay, India; Galle, Sri Lanka.

1997: Galle; Maldives Northern Atolls; Male, Isle D'Arros (Seychelles); Mombasa, Kilifi (Kenya); Maldives Southern Atolls.

1998: Addu Atoll, Maldives; Indonesian Archipelago (Sabang Sumatra, Pulau Simeleu, Pulau Nias, Pulau Siberut, Bengkulu, Pulau Engano Sumatra, Sunda Straits, Bali); Darwin, Australia; Sulawesi, Indonesia.

1999: Sulawesi; Sabah, Malaysian Borneo; Singapore; Tioman Islands, Malaysia; Kho Samui, Thailand; Nha Trang, Vietnam; Manado (Sulawesi), Wakatobi Island, Comodo Island, Bali (Indonesia).

2006 to 2010: Captain of the *Heraclitus* during the *Coral Sea to Mediterranean Sea Voyage*, sailing from Australia to the South Indian Ocean, rounding the Cape of Good Hope, then onwards to Brazil, the Caribbean and Europe.

Ports of call 2006 - 2010:

2006: Cairns, Coral Sea inland waters, Lizard island, Lockhart River, Thursday island (Australia); Torres Straits; Timor, Pulau Dana, Sumba Island, Bintan Island (Indonesia); Malakka Straits; Phuket, Phang Nga Bay (Thailand).

2007: Phuket; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Padang, Sumatra; Antsiranana, Nosy Bay (Madagascar); Richards Bay, South Africa.

2008: Richards Bay, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Mossel Bay, Simonstown (South Africa).

2009: Simonstown; St. Helena Island; Paraty; Angra dos Reis; Abrolhos Archipelago; San Salvador; Natal; Isle Croata (Brazil); Trinidad & Tobago.

2010: T&T; St. Vincent and the Grenadines; St. Lucia, Dominica, British Virgin islands, US Virgin islands, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba (Caribbean); Bahamas; Azores, Portugal; Tangiers, Morocco; Valencia, Spain.

2010 - present: Captain of the current Mediterranean Expedition: *Lives and Legends of the Mediterranean Sea*.

Certified RYA Yacht Master Offshore, NAUI Rescue Diver and licensed Radio Operator.

Onshore:

2000: Horse training and cattle farming assistant to station manager, *Birdwood Downs* Horse & Cattle Station, Kimberly (Australia).

2001-2006: Construction Operations Manager and Assistant to the Artistic Director, October Gallery, London.

Languages

Mother Tongue: German

Fluent in English and conversant in Spanish.

Interests

Theatre: Participant in over 30 theatre performances onboard the R/V *Heraclitus*, in London and Germany.