

SEA RESCUE IS NOT A CRIME! AND MIGRATION NEITHER.

In summer 2020, we plan an anti-racism action and net-working tour with our sailing vessel LOVIS. We demand safe refugee routes and the decriminalization of the sea rescue. We plan to sail from Germany along the coast (Netherlands - Belgium - (GB)) to France. We want to participate in the international harbour festivals in Brest and Douarnenez in July.

“We” are a group of around thirty people who operate LOVIS as a political and self-governed ship project since almost twenty years. Seminars and activities on social, ecological and political topics, music and theater projects, exchange and networking take place aboard the vessel. Our ship is a two mast gaff sailing vessel (logger) which is 36m and provides (sleeping) space for 33 persons. All sails are managed together by hand and additionally, everyone is involved in navigation, cooking, cleaning etc.

We are looking for people along the North Sea coast and the English Channel coast who are active in anti-racism conflicts. We want to support local people. How will this look like? We don't know yet, because we don't want to bring a fully completed project which comes from far away. That's why we try to understand what is going on locally and what could be of help as a support and not be an additional burden.



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The planning of our campaign trip in June/July 2020 has just recently started and we need your support: Antira – and Refugee groups from coastal towns, who want to work together with us, musicians using the vessel as a stage, harbour festivals, concerts, networking meetings, panel discussions, exhibitions, event location, starting point for demos, the mainsail as open-air harbour cinema, the ship as a framework for hanging banners... The sailing vessel LOVIS itself is an object of attention and as such facilitates access to people who are in the vicinity of the harbour. If we open the ship for visit, people will come, at least “to look at the ship”.

A very important topic for us is the “non-rescue” of migrants in the Mediterranean Sea (and at other borders). One of the fundamental principles of seafaring is the rescue of people in distress. But the current practice in the Mediterranean ignores this principle. There shouldn't be any doubt on the central issue whether people in distress are rescued or not. What point have we reached as a human race if that doesn't count anymore? This can be discussed with many people in the harbours. In general, we like to politicize people, showing them that all of us take part in shaping this world, and that there are moments when you have to say “no”. So that this “no” is heard and understood, we need many people and not only those who are already active and involved in many struggles.

Relating to this topic, the complexity of the problem could be discussed further: neocolonialism, racism, the “good life”, global connections and necessary transformations, ... And (local and global) alternatives and ways to a more horizontal, gentler, fairer, more ecological, ... world could be pointed out.

**WE HOPE THIS PROVIDES YOU AN IDEA OF OUR PLANS!
WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS ON THIS TOPIC?**



If you want taking part in this project, please don't hesitate to let us know and contact us!
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