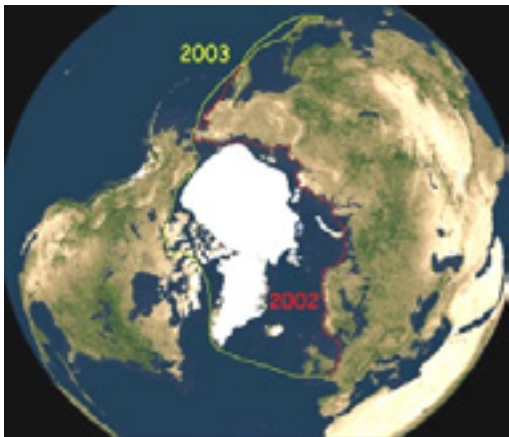


# Vagabond around the Arctic



Vagabond is an **expedition yacht** designed to sail in ice. Since year 2000, her captain Eric Brossier prepared her as a unique logistic support, a floating and moving base camp for scientists, sportsmen, or artists fond of Polar Regions.

- On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2002, Vagabond left Saint-Quay-Portrieux (Brittany, France) with equipment and food for more than one year, ready to winter somewhere in Siberia...
- On 31<sup>st</sup> August 2002, Vagabond crossed Bering Strait and became **the first yacht to sail the North-East Passage without wintering**, and without icebreaker. Her crew has won Awards from Alain Bombard, the Yacht Club de France, the Royal Cruising Club, and the Ocean Cruising Club.
- On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003, the polar yacht will leave **Kamchatka** where she is wintering, and will sail to **Japan** for a very expected stop in Nagoya, birthplace of the captain, where is taking place an important sailing event at the end of May ; she will also assist a sea kayak expedition around Hokkaido.



- In June 2003, Vagabond will sail across North Pacific up to Bering Strait. She will pass Kuril Islands, following the route of La Pérouse, and stop at **Bering Island**, named after death of the famous explorer ; she will then sail to Yttagran Island in Chukotka, where is the shaman site Whale Alley, before reaching **Uelen**, a village of walrus hunters, just behind Bering Strait.
- In July 2003, as soon as ice conditions will be fair, Vagabond will enter the **North-West Passage**, the sea route going from Bering Strait to Greenland, via Alaska and Canada. Besides completion of the first Arctic circumnavigation, by sailing the two famous Passages one after the other, Vagabond will contribute to some research on **Franklin's wrecks**, Terror and Erebus, with experts and specific equipments.

Vagabond is expected in Saint-Quay-Portrieux, her home port, in October 2003, if ice conditions in Canadian Arctic are favourable, then in **Paris Boat Show in December 2003**.

In spring 2003 will be published the **story** of the 2002 expedition, the North-East Passage, and France Television will broadcast a 52 minutes **film**. The second part of this expedition, the North-West Passage, will be shared live with **Internet** (satellite link from aboard), then with several **films**, a **book**, and **talks** in France and abroad.



In order to better prepare the coming part of this ambitious expedition, and to share more the adventure, we are looking for a **sponsor** who wish to enter in close partnership with Vagabond's crew, whose cohesion and commitment allow to discover on sail the most remote places and people in the Arctic.

Becoming a sponsor now will give us time to setup our collaboration. Welcome on board!

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