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Dear friends of Sir Robert,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your great support, with which you gave the lady the necessary care in the desolate Corona times for tourism. This brought the Sir Robert to the crucial goal of 'top condition'. With this great commitment, all sponsors have shown how much Sir Robert Baden Powell cares about everyone in these difficult times. Thanks to you, the lady can now look forward to a stable future with her new steel corset.

The whole campaign has taken much longer than expected, but as everywhere, Portugal has had delays due to understaffing. The guys on site put in even more effort and thus achieved the best results. There was so much to do, several square meters of steel, welding work, pipes, sandblasting, installations in the engine room, and and and...

So we could only start at the beginning of June 2021. We then quickly went directly to Mallorca and Menorca to equip the ship on and below deck, so that we were finally rewarded at the end of June with the start of a very nice summer season.

What a great pleasure it was for Sir Robert, for us and our dear loyal guests, to finally be able to enjoy the sailing summer again in Sardinia, Corsica, on the Cote d'Azur and in Provence. The Lady with a fresh hull was 2-3 knots faster, freshly rigged in white - this time a very special eye-catcher - which was particularly good for our ship's souls after these difficult long months. At the end of October we sailed from Marseille to the Balearic Islands and spent the Sir Robert at her winter berth in Port Mahon. This time in a particularly exposed place to present them in all their glory - a highlight. By the time we had lowered the sails, moved the deck boxes and carefully put away the equipment in the store room, completely dry, it was almost Christmas.

Dear friends, dear sponsors, we apologize at this point and against this background that we have not yet completed the promised documents about the Portugal project. We have thousands of images that need to be sorted and it's not that easy to show a before and after. For this we use creative support to bring the whole thing into a handy format.

The past two years have kept us so busy that we can now 'process' this and other projects with peace and time. After all, the ship is in such good condition that it will not have to leave the water this year. The strict class office has never done that before. Even if Corona is still present, we find that the travel mood is more stable, so we are enjoying firm bookings and are confident about the summer. We are also very happy if someone else finds their way to us on board again - who has not been with us for a long time.

So once again: a thousand thanks for your generous support

*Karsten and Karin*

P.S.: The lady is turning 30 and this is still being celebrated...

