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NORWAY

SAILING AND SKIING

EVERY YEAR DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, CELESTE SAILS TO NORWAY. WHETHER YOU'RE AN EXPERIENCED SAILOR OR A BEGINNER, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME ALONG ON THIS ADVENTURE. BENGT TARRE, CELESTE'S SKIPPER, TALKS A BIT ABOUT THE TRIP CALLED SAILING AND SKIING, AN EXPERIENCE OFFERING THE BEST OF TWO WORLDS

WHY CHOSE WHEN YOU CAN GO both sailing and skiing? For those looking for an adventure, there's the opportunity to go sailing to the Norwegian fjords for some fantastic summer skiing at the Folgefonna Glacier in June. The 14-person team sails Celeste, a Farr 65 r, from Långedrag to Norway and Jondal in the Hardanger Fjord, a distance of about 300 nautical miles. The trip lasts for nine days, of which six are spent sailing and the remaining three skiing and doing other things – for example climbing the magnificent Prekestolen.

The trip, which you can make regardless of sailing experience, begins with a thorough run-through of Celeste. It's important that everyone feels secure on the boat and confident to be part of a watch team. Departure is from Långedrag for a few days of sailing on Skagerrak and the North Sea. We pass by the Skagen lighthouse and reach the Norwegian south coast the next day. We pass the notorious area at Lindesnes, between Kristiansand and Lista, where we often encounter rough weather. This is when the real sailors feel right at home!

We continue gliding along the Norwegian west coast and pretty soon we'll be able to see the high mountains. If the weather is too rough, we'll enter a harbour to catch our breaths. Early next morning we head for the Hardanger Fjord and Jondal. From the fjord you will see a fairyland – a guaranteed memory for life. We land just below the high snow-capped mountains, not far from the glacier.

We have set aside about 2 days for skiing in a fantastic environment where sea meets mountains. There is guaranteed to be snow and wonderful Nordic light evenings and nights. Celeste will be moored close to the glacier and the ski centre where you will experience wonderful summer skiing. It only takes 15-

20 minutes by bus from Jondal to Folgefonna as the area is called. Skis and ski boots can be rented on location for those who haven't brought their own equipment. There are of course other things to do besides skiing, like hiking the fantastic trails or other nature activities. We live on the boat and round off our days by going for a swim in the fjord. After all, it is adventure sailing!

After two incomparable days skiing, we enter the scenic Lyse Fjord to magnificent Prekestolen. Those willing and able are given the opportunity to climb this well-known steep cliff. On our way home, we sail through the nice Norwegian archipelago and then out on the North Sea. Before we reach Långedrag, we usually have time for a last stop at Skagen to round off the adventure. The trip is a unique once in a lifetime experience.

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It's important to remember that sailing is something we do on nature's terms. We always take the crew's health and skills into consideration. Sailing at sea can be very demanding in rough weather. Safety always comes first. In other words, the weather decides. Are you interested? Visit Celeste's homepage www.farr65r.com or go to her blog www.farr65r.blogspot.com for more information.

THE YACHT

Farr 65 r Celeste is a delightful cruising and racing yacht with all conceivable safety, comfort and navigation equipment. She is registered in the British ships register with the highest safety rating and is approved to carry 16 people on an ocean passage. She is always crewed by internationally certified skippers with a captain's license for smaller commercial vessels (Master of Yachts).

