

Leaving Leros..... (not quite...)



A week has gone by...waiting for the winds to lessen so we can start our island-hopping west through the Cyclades and up to the Ionian. We'll have to dodge the "meltemi" en route. They say it will be extreme this year. It has been a lovely month but we are keen to get back on board.

02 June- problems with the sale of Dad's house surface and we feel it best to get it sorted out before we start and while we are in a safe harbour. Jan will leave and go home for a week of painting which we hope will boost interest. The weather forecast is, of course, finally perfect. Tuck & I must hold the fort at the house on the hill and waive our friends off.... Scheduled to sail 10 June now.

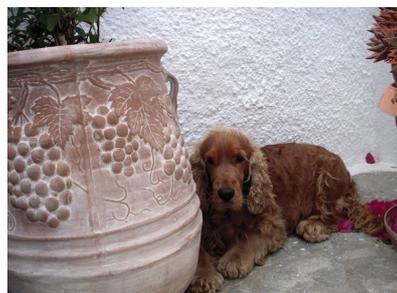


Crispy shrimp to be eaten whole.
Very delicious!



Celebrating Capt.Jeff's birthday with limoncello ice after a seafood lunch at Pandeli. Mackrel is a Lerian speciality.

Great carpet washing day!
Others do it at the car wash!
New pots provide welcome shade.
New hanging lamp of glass prisms and brass rods over the dining room table.





One of the most spectacular sunsets ever. It really looked like this. But it signals southern winds from the Sahara filled with red dust.



It was a great pleasure to meet up with Nira & Nati from Israel again. And they introduced us to a hidden gem of a taverna we had never visited- a beautiful old building (the sponge on the wall is 45 years old) and a superb, young cook who has little interest in attracting more guests (too much stress, no head for business),” I just like to cook”. So he cooks and you pick it up from the kitchen yourself and help yourself to wine from the fridge. He appeared with home-made fruit crumble with icecream and strawberries as an “on-the-house”dessert. This is typical Larian hospitality.



Old traditions continue in the tavernas of Aghia Marina. Ouzo is never served without a plate of mezes on-the-house(including boiled octopus legs (arms?) with suckers...)

”I’d like a table by the water,please.”
(The waiter walked out bare-footed, too).