

# FREERIDE Availability 2024



COMRADES



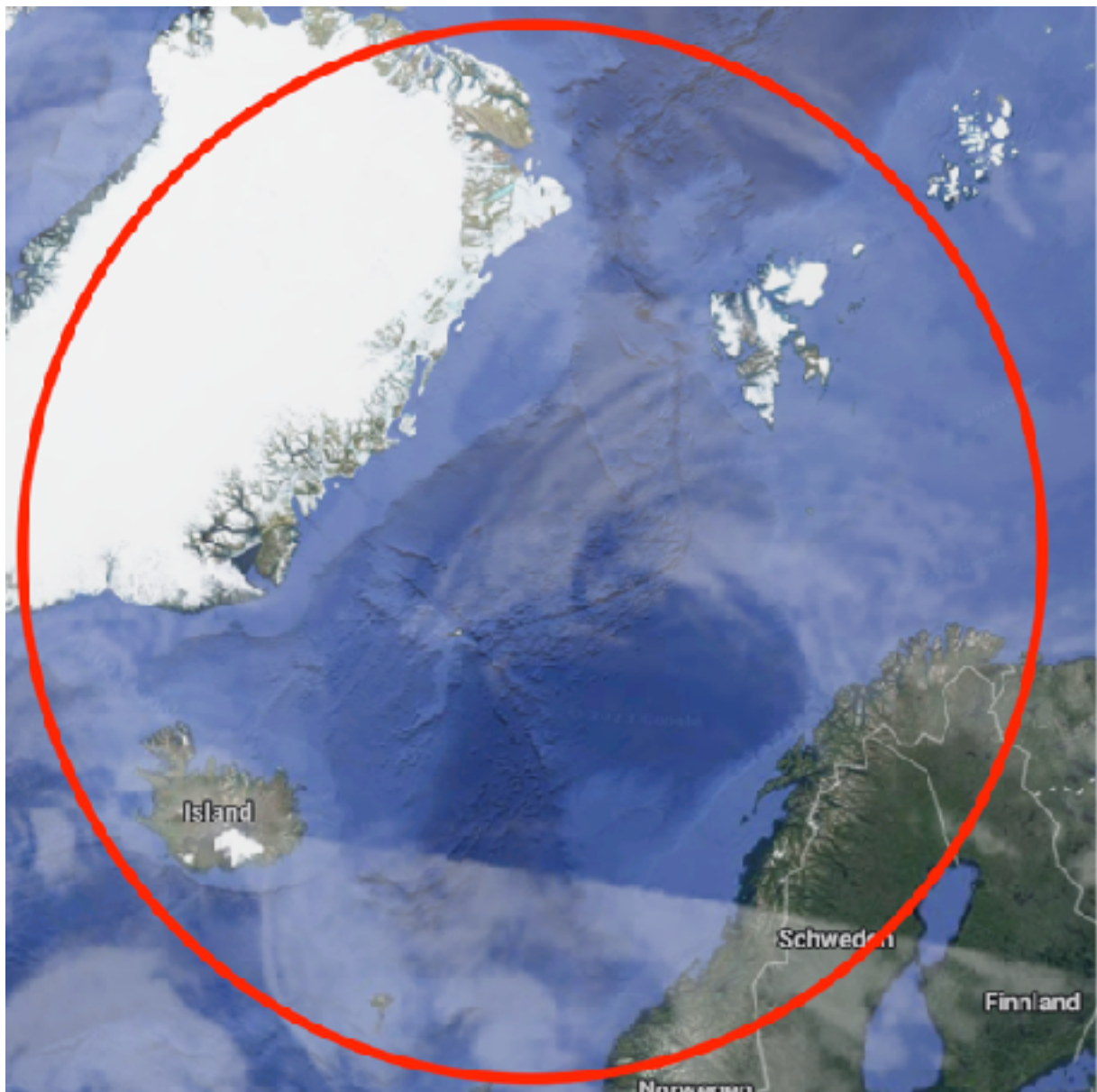
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# NORTHERN LINE

NORTHERN LINE is the adrenaline, dopamine and endorphin loaded positive and natural MindVirus for the next years starting in 2024.

NORTHERN LINE is executing high Quality Boat-based small Expeditions in the Arctic Coastal Zones and Fjords, on many interesting snowy Mountains with interested and like minded people who enjoy the beauty of Splitboarding and ski touring. Motivated people together with Professional & Experienced mountain & sea Crew are ready to leave comfort zones and choose to target SAFETY at risk management and commonly share the love for free riding, exploring the unknown and the massive nature in the Arctic. Jürgen

This is the Northern Line small Expedition Zone for the next years starting in 2024.  
EXPLORE, climb and ride the finest snowy coastal Arctic Mountains based from offshore vessel  
COMRADES.



# COMRADES

was built in 1958 in Scotland and its 53 foot hull is PRESERVED in EXTRAORDINARY good conditions. She is built of heavy RED LARCH planks on massive sawn oak FRAMES.

Until 2018 she has BEEN fishing in the North Atlantic waters around the Shetlands.





From 2019 to 2023 Comrades underwent a custom designed refit in order to serve her new purpose as small expedition vessel for Splitboard and Ski touring Expeditions in the Arctic Regions.











In 2023 Comrades got permission and duty to fly the Austrian Flag. Comrades is now a REGISTERED offshore pleasure craft for world wide cruise with all mandatory and extra safety equipment for the Arctic.

She had a complete overhaul inside and outside, below and above deck. She can accommodate 6-8 Charter guest and 2-4 crew. 3 double cabins, 1 Loft, 1 FIRESTOVE open cabin, heating systems, freshwater, sauna, hot tub, 1 Shower, 1 Toilet, 2 saloons, a Bridge and a Galley, a landing craft, etc....It was a lot of work and now I am happy she is basically finished. JÜRGEN



































When we started with the refit of comrades in autumn 2019 we were told that some sails could be easily fitted because that was a main criteria for our Arctic Vessel. Ok, I did not know good enough that time and I believed that story. After some years of experience with her we start experimenting with some kites and it looks like good pull force can be achieved.



# BackYard Snowboarding

is a Snowboard and powder riding enthusiastic undertaking since 2012 and has developed to an Austrian certified Snowboarding School that has specialized in Freeride Guiding, Splitboarding and the Finding the Powder for motivated people. Since 2016 I am guiding small groups on safe, custom and snowy mountain adventures. Jürgen.

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# Small FREERIDE Expeditions Availability 2024

From March 2024 to May 2024 the NORTHERNLINE Splitboard and SKI-touring Expeditions based on Ship Comrades ARE taking place on various spots in coastal NORTHERN NORWAY. BELOW you find the WEEKS for individual berth charter or private charter in different ZONES with different LEVELS of small Expedition Intensity. RESERVATION ARE OPEN FROM October 1st 2023. Confirmation 1.2024



<b>COMRADES CHARTER ZONES 2024</b> max ppl.	<b>Splitboard &amp; Ski Touring - Intensity Level</b>	<b>EMBARK DATE EMBARK TIME VESSEL PORT FLIGHT AIRPORT</b>	<b>DISEMBARK DATE DISEMBARK TIME VESSEL PORT FLIGHT AIRPORT</b>
<b>Charter E1 LOFOTEN &amp; NORDLAND</b> 7 ppl max	private charter only	<b>08.03.2024</b> TIME 1700 Bodø PORT, NOR Airport Bodø, NOR	<b>15.03.2024</b> TIME 1000 Bodø PORT, NOR Airport Bodø, NOR
<b>Charter E2 LOFOTEN &amp; NORDLAND</b> 7 ppl max	Enjoy & Explore Level 2-3  or private charter	<b>15.03.2024</b> TIME 1700 Bodø PORT, NOR Airport Bodø, NOR	<b>22.03.2024</b> TIME 1000 Evenskjer PORT, NOR Airport Evenes, NOR
<b>Charter E3 SENJA</b> 7 ppl max	Enjoy & Explore Level 2-3  or private charter	<b>22.03.2024</b> TIME 1700 Evenskjer PORT, NOR Airport Evenes, NOR	<b>29.03.2024</b> TIME 1000 Tromsø PORT, NOR Airport Tromsø, NOR
<b>Charter E4 LYNGENALPS</b> 7 ppl max	Enjoy & Explore Level 2-3  or private charter	<b>29.03.2024</b> TIME 1700 Tromsø PORT, NOR Airport Tromsø, NOR	<b>05.04.2024</b> TIME 1000 Tromsø PORT, NOR Airport Tromsø, NOR
<b>Charter E5 LYNGENALPS</b> 7 ppl max	Enjoy & Explore Level 1-2  or private charter	<b>05.04.2024</b> TIME 1700 Tromsø PORT, NOR Airport Tromsø, NOR	<b>12.04.2024</b> TIME 1000 Tromsø PORT, NOR Airport Tromsø, NOR
<b>Charter E6 LYNGENALPS</b> 7 ppl max	steeper & deeper Level 2-3  or private charter	<b>12.04.2024</b> TIME 1700 Tromsø PORT, NOR Airport Tromsø, NOR	<b>19.04.2024</b> TIME 1000 Tromsø PORT, NOR Airport Tromsø, NOR
<b>Charter E7 LYNGENALPS &amp; FINNMARK</b> 7 ppl max	Enjoy & Explore Level 2-3  or private charter	<b>19.04.2024</b> TIME 1700 Tromsø PORT, NOR Airport Tromsø, NOR	<b>26.04.2024</b> TIME 1000 ALTA PORT, NOR Airport ALTA, NOR
<b>Charter E8 FINNMARK</b> 7 ppl max	Enjoy & Explore Level 1-2  or private charter	<b>26.04.2024</b> TIME 1700 ALTA PORT, NOR Airport ALTA, NOR	<b>03.05.2024</b> TIME 1000 ALTA PORT, NOR Airport ALTA, NOR
<b>Charter E9 FINNMARK</b> 7pp max	Enjoy & Explore Level 4  or private charter	<b>03.05.2024</b> TIME 1700 ALTA PORT, NOR Airport ALTA, NOR	<b>10.05.2024</b> TIME 1000 ALTA PORT, NOR Airport ALTA, NOR
<b>Charter E10 FINNMARK LYNGENALPS</b> 4 ppl - max  Private charter only	SLUSHY OCEAN COULOIS Level 4  or private charter	<b>10.05.2024</b> TIME 1700 ALTA PORT, NOR Airport ALTA, NOR	<b>17.05.2024</b> TIME 1000 Tromsø PORT, NOR Airport Tromsø, NOR



ONCE your individual berth charter is confirmed with mail your spot is RESERVED and other individuals will join.

PRIVATE CHARTER is available as available.

PLEASE take your own responsibility to align your travel itinerary with the embarking and disembarking times as accurate as possible.

In case of questions or logistical difficulties please ask for help.

Comrades have intention to leave the port in the evening as soon as everybody embarked the vessel on day of arrival.

Early morning flights on disembarking days are no problem since we arrive the night before in the harbor and transports to airport can be arranged

Flights to Vessel Location and Transport from Airport to Port is your own responsibility.

On Comrades it is mandatory to have a snowboard guide, ski guide or mountain guide with you in order to do Landfalls in the Arctic.

After embarking we check equipment and you will receive safety instructions for Comrades. After that, we leave port on Comrades and go on anchor towards our first tour.

Our daily main mission for 6 days is to do the most safe and awesome Splitboardtour on one of the coastal mountains in the given zone.

According to weather, snow conditions and guides decision we get dropped off at the beach from Comrades landing craft.

Usual accent is 700 - 1400 vertical meters and we start touring at sea level. After we have toured up, enjoyed the views at the top we ride the safest and most appealing run to the beach. Single or multiple accents available.

ALSO WE HAVE KONVOI POWDER SURFER FLEET on Comrades just in case there is need to feel EXTREME ELEGANCY.

AFTER OUR splitboard and ski tours WE get picked up from the HB217 Landing Craft that brings us back to Comrades again.

THEN WE usually start to CRUISE with COMRADES to the next spot. During this CRUISE and the rest of the day you can enjoy the wildlife and the absolutely mega nature scenery, get hot in the Sauna and Hot Tub, fish our dinner, BBQ, have some BEERS and enjoy our dinner from our private chef.

On the Last EVENING before disembarking WE will land on port again and enjoy our Last EVENING on Comrades OR WE eat out in a local RESTAURANT and CELEBRATE the WEEK. GROUP consent decision.



## RESERVATION PROCESS:

Individual berth RESERVATION, PLEASE WRITE an EMAIL with YOUR PREFERRED intention on which Expedition you would like to join. ALSO DESCRIBE shortly YOUR PREVIOUS FREERIDE EXPERIENCE

[juergen@backyardaustria.com](mailto:juergen@backyardaustria.com)

Private charter on Comrades is WELCOME. If you wish your own TRUSTED mountain guide WE designed a dedicated program to EXECUTE private and individual charter according to guests DESIRES and LEVEL of intensity.

Private Charter maximum 9 guest.

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Snowboard Guides, Ski Guides and Mountain Guides with own GUEST ARE WELCOME to RESERVE a private charter OR to join a charter WEEK with your guest. Mail for more info.

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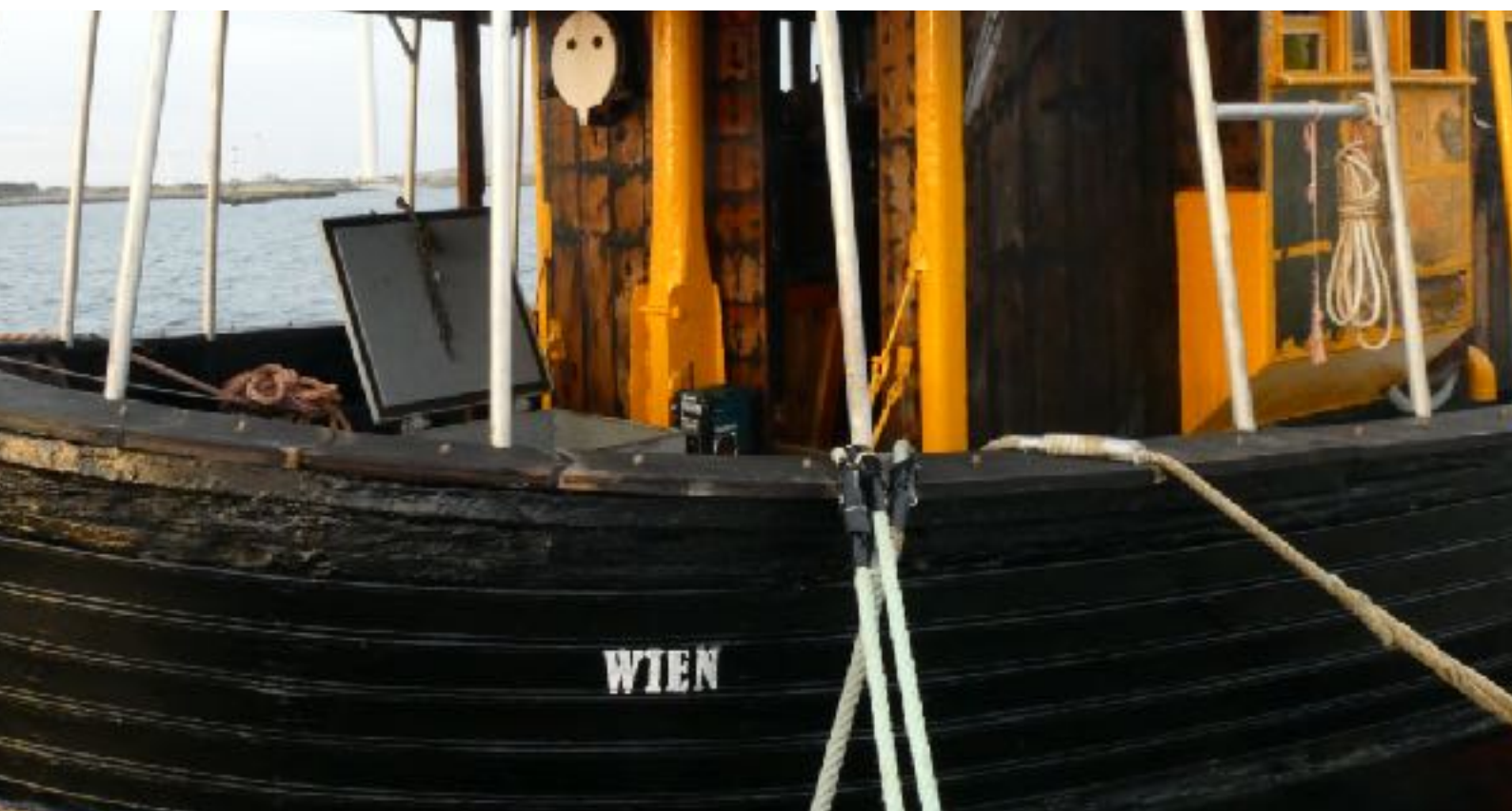
# Payment:

On 2024 Expeditions one spot for one person for one week is worth in money in total 3200 EURO.

Price consists of 2500 EURO for the boat berth charter and 700 EURO for the mountain guiding.

In January 2024 you will be asked to make a transfer of 700 EURO.

Before your embarking you shall have payed the rest in order to embark the vessel.





# Final Call to small EXpeditions

Comrades' small Arctic Expeditions can only happen with a certain amount of RESERVATIONS.

The demand for Northern Line small Expeditions will be evaluated on 31.12.2023

BEFORE that no down payments ARE NEEDED

On 1.1.2024 or before I will inform about the GREEN light of the small EXPEDITIONS 2024

AFTER that the flights can be booked.

JÜRGEN.

# What is included in one week Arctic Expedition in 2024 for EURO 3200 ?

Private certified Austrian Splitboard Guide with Local knowledge. Jürgen from BackYardSnowboarding.

Safety standards according to Austrian State certified Staatlich geprüfter Snowboardführer

6 days guided splitboarding and ski touring as interesting and challenging and enjoyable as possible EVERY single day. Focus is on safety, best snow conditions available and to hit the right LEVEL of beauty and intensity.

Average between 700 and 1400 Vertical meters ascent EVERY day.

LEVEL 1-4 according to description or according to private charter preference.

KONVOI SPLITBOARD - FREE RENTAL FLEET including amazing POWDERSUERFERS

Spark Splitboard Bindings for FREE RENT and spare

ABS Avalanche Airbag backpack rental if needed

Radio Communication Equipment

Private custom designed Expedition Yacht COMRADES for unlimited use.

Certified EXPERIENCED RYA Captain

Up to 40 engine hours (more than enough)

24/7 availability of 15 Horse Power - Pioneer Landing Craft - for unlimited landfalls



Boat insurance

Unlimited Anchoring

Autark Heating Systems

Firewood Stove

Sauna

Hot Tub

Music Systems

Fishing Equipment

Saloon in Wheelhouse

Saloon below deck

Immersion Life Suits

all mandatory safety equipment for on Board

Private Chef with possibility to shift meals according to prior knowledge of allergies and preferences.

Strong healthy breakfasts with Backyard Power Porridge

Lunchbox takeaway with sandwiches, fresh bread and fruits.

Afternoon Tea and Snack

Health tasty good rich dinner from our private chef

Tea & Coffee 24/7

Water





What is not included:

Flights and Transport to and from  
VESSEL

Alcohol and drinks apart from water,  
tea and coffee.



# EQUIPMENT LIST (mandatory)

LEVEL 1-4

Splitboard, Ski Touring or TELEMARk  
EQUIPMENT - COMPLETE and SERVICED

Crampons that fit your Snowboard or ski  
binding system

Climing Skins that stick nice and good

Airbag backbag

Pieps with NEW BATTERIES

SHOVEL, PROBE

Ducttape WRAPPED around your poles

Zipties

SUNCREAM

Toothbrush

Winter SLEEPing Bag (-20 comfort) -  
synthetic or down

MERINO UNDERWEAR

GORETEX SHELL pants and jacket

Facemask

BEANIE and/OR HELMET

Goggle

Sunglasses

Down or Loft Jacket for UNDER GORETEX  
Jacket

2 Pair of gloves

Light climbing harness with 2 carabiners  
and 2x5 meter 6mm Rope

only LEVEL 4

ICE AXE

Crampons for Snowboard or Skiboats

30m RESCUE and decent Line



# LEVELS

## LEVEL 1

i am a good snowboarder or skier

i can go down any piste safely

i can ride off piste in chopped and bumpy terrain as well as deep nice lovely powder snow

i never experienced split boarding before

i maybe never went with a guide before

i am maybe not familiar with basic avalanche training

In order to join an Arctic Expedition it is required that you join one of the preparation days in Austria prior to joining a trip.

## LEVEL 2-3

i am a good snowboarder or skier

i can go down any piste safely

i can ride off piste in chopped and bumpy terrain and usually strive to enjoy deep nice lovely powder snow in big open safe fields.

i am able to overcome (slide down) small key passages that are as steep as 38 degree without losing control.

i experienced split boarding or ski touring before.

maybe you already went with a guide before

i am familiar with basic avalanche training





## LEVEL 4

i FEEL VERY EXPERIENCED in FREERIDE snowboarding OR off piste skiing

i can RIDE snow in any condition

40-45 DEGREES descent (if safe) is not NEW to you.

I know what sluff management is.

I am able to think in challenging situations.

I enjoy life.



LEVEL 1,2,3,4 must be in physically good condition in order to ENJOY the TOURS. 1000 METER VERTICAL uphill on skins must be within comfort zone for all LEVELS.

# Preparation Days in Austria

Location - ZILLERTAL / Austria

PREP Days

11-14 January 2024 - max 7 ppl

25-28 January 2024 - max 7 ppl

8-11 FEBRUARY 2024 - max 7 ppl

22-25 FEBRUARY 2024 - max 7 ppl

FULL introduction into Splitboard Equipment. KONVOI Splitboardpool available with all around it.

Rental gear definition and adjust if needed

4 Days of Splitboarding

Practical Avalanche Training

Preparation and Safety management that are necessary for Arctic Expeditions.

4 days maximum powder riding beside the Learning program.

Book your own accommodation close to ASCHAU IM ZILLERAL in AUSTRIA.

We meet every morning on location according to evening checkup on weather and snow conditions.

Liftpasses may be required.

4 days x 120 EURO guiding fee per person

Payment just before we start

KONVOI SPLITBOARD RENTAL FLEET included

Mandatory for LEVEL 1, if you want to join Arctic Expedition

LEVEL 2-3 participants ARE WELCOME

Preparation Days ARE guided from  
JÜRGEN, Backyard Snowboarding



Thank you for READING this massive Long PDF.

This PDF is a heads up information for all my REGULAR GUEST who RODE SOME SNOW WITH ME THE LAST YEARS and PEOPLE who know that people.

AFTER a while this information will be ONLINE too.

SORRY, for all the EMAILS I did not RESPOND OVER THE LAST YEARS.

This was a Long PREPARATION and quite WORKY to get the boat up and READY. NOW WE CAN PROVIDE.

Looking forward HEARING from you.

JÜRGEN LEOPOLD HAIDER  
2nd Comrade  
Backyard Snowboarding  
NORTHERN LINE

Thank you my good friend, RILEY HARRIS,  
3rd Comrade, for all your massive help to  
make Comrades become reality.



Thank you my GREAT GREAT woman for all  
your support, the help to move Comrades  
through the baltic sea from Latvia to the  
Netherlands, all your physical help and  
compassion.  
Thank You JOE !!!





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