



Southern Star arrives at Dennis Conner's North Cove

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The first yacht ofer, um.... well, it's not quite spring, so instead, let's just say the last yacht of winter arrived yesterday at Dennis Conner's North Cove.

New Yorkers who woke up and walked, jogged or bicycled around North Cove this morning were greeted by **Southern Star**, a vision of things to come as winter gives way to spring and summer.

Southern Star is a 75 foot sloop rigged cutter designed by William Tripp. She was built in 1965 at Stephens Marine and is an endurance cruiser. She has already completed 8 Arctic expeditions.

Her skipper is Olivier Pitras and he is currently leading a group of sailors on a circumnavigation of North America. Beginning in Europe, she sailed up and over the top of North America via the Northwest Passage. Then she traveled down the Pacific Coast, through the Panama Canal and now up the East Coast. In all, she will be traveling 12 months and complete 21 ports of call.

The purpose of the voyage is to better understand global warming. At each port of call, the expedition interviews experts in various field. The focus in New York City will be on local and international government responsiveness and responsibilities. The expedition is sponsored by the French consulates in San Francisco, Vancouver, Miami and New York City.

You can find out more at the expedition website at www.69nord.com/english/expe/index.html

Be sure to check the link for the "Daily Log Book." You can see some pictures of what it was like to sail in the ocean when temperatures were below freezing last week. Great pictures of ice on the yacht. You can also find a link for the onboard team.

Southern Star arrived in NYC on March 6 and is expected to depart March 13.

North Cove is happy to welcome Southern Star to the island of Manhattan. Their visit coincides with the best weather so far this year. **Enjoy your Big Apple experience!**

And to all of our other yachting friends out there around the world, best wishes to you as well. We hope you will come visit North Cove again this year. You can make reservations any time at www.TheNorthCove.com. We'll leave the lights on for you and roll out the red carpet. It's been quite a winter and we look forward to the return of the beautiful yachts this spring!

- your friends at Dennis Conner's North Cove