

# Aventure : more than a word, a way of life.

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Bayok has made a nice meeting to another corner of a marina: *Aventure*, a 95 foot wooden sailing yacht with a classic look and its owners, Elisabeth and Christian. And obviously the boat lives up to its name!

There is a moment in life where everything can become complicated, stressful. A time when it is necessary to change lenses, where one realizes that his career is not as rewarding, a period in life when we still have lots of energy and full of youth dreams to achieve.

It was by chance, in 2007, looking at *Thalassa*, a show dedicated to shipwrights south of the island of Sulawesi (Indonesia) that the life of Elisabeth and Christian flipped.



Luggage doing, the couple flew to the region where all wowed. The location, the knowledge, the local population, a change of scenery. The adventure started a year later!

This project desired by her husband soon became that of Elisabeth. The yacht of 16 meters originally planned soon evolved into a ketch of 29 meters.

Back in France, and during this year, Elisabeth and Christian prepared their departure. After contacting a naval architect for the plans (hull, rigging), they did make the templates for the keel, and couples to ensure full compliance between plans and manufacturing, but also find a head shipwright for construction and a place to host the building site and themselves.

Once in Bira (Sulawesi island village), they were learning the Indonesian language without which nothing would have been possible.



The project is the pride of the natives. Elisabeth and Christian will have built a shed and even a road, but it's mostly the way they built the boat and the first to have done that sparked university and Jakarta television interest. Unlike local customs (Bugis begin with the installation of lined and then more or less randomly laying couples and serres), Elisabeth and Christian decided to start with the skeleton of the boat before asking lined with Western traditional method.



If Bira was a haven for travelers in search of exoticism, it was also a great place to find experienced shipwrights and timber. But this postcard had its downside: the supply. No high-standard manufactured product. If it took 5 hours drive to stock up on butter and milk is in days or in month that the reckoned to supply all the equipment necessary for the construction of their boat. Everything had to be ordered JAKARTA, SINGAPORE or EUROPE.

The Elisabeth architect training was particularly helpful for all site supervision. Her technical but also her rigor and her tenacity were necessary, otherwise the 15 shipwrights site would soon improvising at their convenience. Find and select suppliers and equipment, organize imports, draw all the development plans, the bridge, tanks, plumbing systems, electrical, engine, a great experience for Elisabeth ... every day new challenges and learned so many things.

Once dubbed the boat in accordance with traditional ceremonies, the hull was put in the water pulled by a ferry. The ship sailed from place to place depending on the know-how and technological resources sought. Which will lead them to Bintan south of Singapore and then again on Phuket in Thailand.



There are a thousand stories to tell to get to this day, and a thousand others to read.

Such as the construction in 2010 of laminated poles stuck in the depths of a mangrove, among mosquitoes and varans on the island of Bintan ...

A year spent quite different from previous ones where they took wherever term corruption and scams and they almost lost everything.



Arriving in Phuket in 2011 was seen as a great relief! Everything seemed so much easier after their previous trials. They have considered the end of works far more serene way. Hydraulics, rigging, finishes.

They settled from Phuket and are now working in the commercial development of *Aventure*, this amazing private ketch of 29 meters, with all the charm of a Gentleman's yacht, fitted with the utmost modern navigational equipment allowing safe and 'easy' sailing. Elisabeth and Christian offers for 2 years cruises aboard *Aventure* between Myanmar, the Andaman Islands, and Malaysia.

You can find all information relating to S / Y *Aventure* on: <http://www.sailing-aventure.com/index.html>