

Jumping ships – By Camilla PART III

Three years went by in what felt like a second. I finished high school, and for my parents the time had finally come for the beginning of their next journey – a **circumnavigation**. So I spent some time working and saving up money, and then flew out to Panama to join them for the pacific crossing and French Polynesia. It was so cool getting to spend some time cruising with my parents again, after spending the past 3 years sailing on such an old school boat. I was in heaven as we sailed the beautiful and remote little islands in the Pacific. After a few months of cruising my money had **run out** and it was time for me to **head back home** where I eventually started medical school, which has really been an adventure in itself. By this time in my life I was very ready to be **stationary** for a while, and I spent one and a half years living the most normal life, going to school, hanging out with friends and getting into the routine of everyday life.

Meanwhile, my parents had sailed their way to South Africa and I decided it was time to fly out and see them again. Mahi Mahi, which is the name of their boat, was **tied up** in the V&A Marina in Cape Town where they were going to **stay put** for a while to celebrate Christmas. It was so amazing to see them again and be able to share everything that had happened since last time we spoke without the constant bad connection of skype and Facebook calls.

circumnavigation - sailing all the way around the world

run out - *'We ran out of gas.'*

head back home - go back home

stationary - not moving (= still)

meanwhile - while something else is happening (= in the meantime)

tie up - to attach a boat to a fixed object with a rope

stay put - *'He chose to stay put while the rest of us toured the area.'*