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Coming Home To Paradise

MANHATTAN EXPRESS

A quick tour of New York City

NEW YEAR COUNTDOWN PARTY

Bringing in 2009

The saying – “all good things come to an end” – was sadly true, with regards to our time with sailing vessel *Infinity* – we had a date with the owner, to return her on September 1 and that day was rapidly approaching.

We embraced this inevitable departure, with the conviction that every completion brings a new beginning. The final months leading to the deadline was rewarding – it was a time to honor the last several decades and our years together sailing the world’s oceans. And, it was also a time for making plans about our next projects and our futures individually and collectively.

To harvest this special time, we held a week long festival onboard *Infinity* while anchored off Tulai Island in Malaysia. PCRf Board members and friends joined us onboard for these festivities. We reminisced with sea stories, dove daily on the reefs, held a “floor pong” tournament (Captain Eibes won!), danced in the rain, read poetry and excerpts from journals, became merry pirates for a day, and launched candlelit boats at our finale dinner on deck under moonlight – each boat was hand made with pandanas reeds from Tokelau Island in the Pacific Ocean.

Days later, we set sail for Singapore and returned to our Home Port of Raffles Marina, where we were met by our friends and sponsors.



It was a great reunion and we began many talks and discussions about our future at sea and in Southeast Asia!

While our future is unknown in detail, we are incorporating our non-profit society in both Singapore and Indonesia and we are looking for another vessel to continue our work at sea. In the coming year, we have been invited to visit the islands of Anambas, Bali and Banda on marine conservation and community outreach programs, and further our work online with films, Google Earth and coral reef publications. While we will not be sailing in the next year, please *Join the Voyage* and follow our progress online at www.pcrf.org!



The PCRf Crew

SV *Infinity* Farewell

By Abigail Alling