

## "NORSEMAN", Walti's notebook, part 5

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Before I leave the crew and the ship, I sneak on board again, armed with paper, pencil and calipers, between the guests who have arrived in the meantime, to take the measurements of a missing piece of wood at the helm.

None of the new crew could have known that a cover was missing here unless they had been on the ship at the time. But each and every one of you will certainly remember this and the pictures will provide the explanation.



Monday, August 19, 2024 (full moon)

The parcel with the new generator should arrive today, at least according to the short message from the delivery service. Days earlier, however, I was told that the shipment would arrive on August 21 - apparently miracles still happen here too.

Italy has its own peculiarities. Until about 10 years ago, Italy went on vacation for at least 3 weeks during the Ferragosto (August vacation). Entire factories, branches of industry, even FIAT, shut down their operations and stopped production and services. Woe betide anyone who wanted an urgently needed spare part - chiuso per ferie - it was said succinctly.

Possibly because of EU legislation, or because we are moving closer to neighboring countries, these total plant closures have become fewer today - fewer, but by no means all.

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

HURRAY, the new generator was delivered yesterday evening! I cart the big package with the Garette to my workbench. The goods weigh 22 kg after all.

And now there are two types of people, namely those who open a parcel immediately, put aside all the enclosed instructions, WARNINGS, guarantee certificates and operating instructions, etc., or dispose of them directly in the waste paper basket and immediately start tampering with the ordered goods, "fiddling" with them.

Then there are the others who first take the time to read the manual or operating instructions carefully and mark important instructions directly with a red pen. I'm one of those people.

In addition to the generator itself, I find a number of accessories that will be useful for later service work. Even at first glance, the light green painted Italian-made device makes a good and robust impression.

I send a short message to LUCA that the generator has arrived. It takes less than 2 minutes for him to reply: "benissimo, grazie mille"!

And - we will be bunkering diesel fuel in Portoferraio today, where there is the possibility of bringing the genset on board immediately?

No, no, caro amico, first I want to familiarize myself with the generator right up to the test run, capito?



Filling the engine with oil and fuel, getting to know all the switches and displays point by point. I remove the side covers to gain free access to the engine. I remove the spark plug to write down its type and number. This information

For example, I was unable to find this in the manual.

I use my labeling device to print out all the important instructions and notes in Italian and stick them in the appropriate places.

the starting process and for switching off the unit via computer in large letters in Italian and print them out on half card in A5 format.

Following these instructions, I now start the test run. The engine (80 cc) starts on the very first attempt. It runs smoothly and without vibrations. I check all the systems for any leaks and let the generator purr for about ½ hour. The running smoothness is astonishing and at 68 dBA/decibel (at full load) can hardly be heard at a distance of a few meters.

I buy a box of spare spark plugs from the car accessories so that the crew don't have to worry about them or look for them later.

After that, I label the unit with the familiar NORSEMAN lettering, for which I made a template and sprayed the lettering on both sides.

Then I drive to LAURA, our gifted seamstress who has been making all the upholstery for years.

and awnings etc. for the boat and have a waterproof cover made for the genset.

I'm happy with that for now. The handover and briefing can now take place.

Saturday, August 24, 2024

LUCA calls me in the morning. We set the handover for 12:30. But shortly before that, he tells me that he's stuck in the chaos of hundreds of cars wanting to leave from the ferry docks at the port and can't move forwards or backwards.

No problem, I can still pick up the protective cover from LAURA, which has just been finished. Although 1 hour late, we all arrive almost simultaneously at the berth of the "NORSEMAN" arrives. Everyone is as excited as bowstrings to find out what Walter has brought back in the trunk of his car.



WOW.... Once again, the surprise has been a success! After the initial marveling and inspection, I take the time to familiarize all those responsible with the handling of the generator point by point. After all, they are not laymen, but all people familiar with the technology.

As mentioned above, I had prepared the device ready to start and left the crew to start it according to my list. The generator starts up on the very first attempt and immediately amazes those around it with its smooth running.

**"Joy - no, rather enthusiasm prevails"**

The thanks from the crew could not have been greater. The problems with the power supply on board should now be resolved once and for all. We will find out!

Last but not least, let's take another quick look at the tiresome matter of "Facebook". I had already written about this in one of my earlier notes. For better or worse, I had to create an "account" in order to be able to read and follow the "feedback", the experiences of the students and volunteers on the "NORSEMAN". So far, so good.

Unfortunately, I added a photo of myself as a former comandante as my profile picture. Since then, I've been receiving daily messages by email from people I know and people I don't know, asking me to add them all to my account as friends.

In the meantime, I could spend a lot of time every day with my "followers" (the first followers were Jesus' disciples) without having them.

Actually, I should have given details about myself in my profile, including my CV, chest size, naked facts and I don't know what else, but I'm not going to. I have also changed my profile picture in the meantime, replacing it with a photo of the "NORSEMAN".

Conclusion: Anyone who knows me knows who I am, what I do, what I've been involved with all my life and how you can find and contact me. Sorry friends, don't be angry with me if I don't respond to "Facebook" requests/messages etc., capito?