

YEAR END LUNCH POINT YACHT CLUB DURBAN 3rd DECEMBER 2011

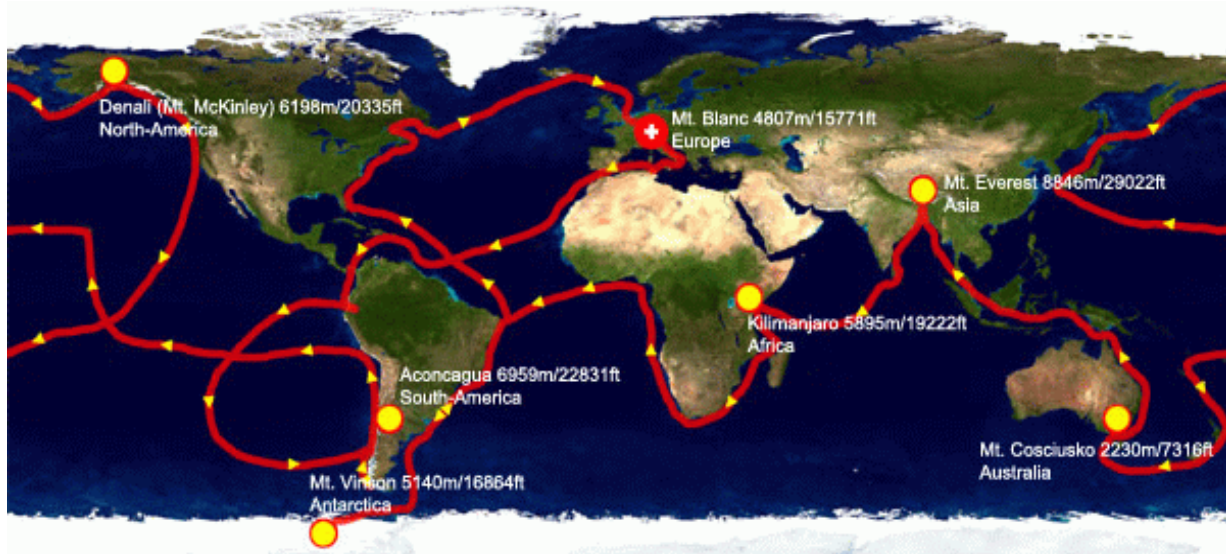


During the 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) the Global Climate Expedition Team Top to Top anchored their sailing boat in Durban. Dario Schwörer, the Expedition Coordinator offered the Swiss club a presentation.

Dario Schwörer is a climatologist and international ski and mountain guide. His wife, Sabine is a nurse. They decided to embark on this voyage when they saw the impact climate change was having in the Alps. In 1999 they started with a tour through Switzerland.

They set the target to climb the highest points of all seven continents. Avoiding non renewable energy, they are using wind, solar and muscle power. To date Top to Top has sailed over 40 000 nautical miles, cycled over 18 000 kilometers and climbed more than 400 000 meters in altitude.





Their vessel Pachamama is build of aluminum. Pachamama is an Inca word that means much more than "Mother Earth". It suggests a lifestyle in harmony with nature.

The length of the hull is 15.15m and the breadth 4.57m. At the moment 4 adults and three children are living on board of Pachamama, far too crowded for me.

The children were delighted when Father Christmas paid a visit.



Philippe Lanz
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