



Around the world in 2,555 days



"We need to make the 'puddle jump,' as they call it, for the Galapagos and Marquesas in February 2006," she said, explaining that February is the best time to set sail across the Pacific, and February 2005 did not give them enough time in Mexico.

The Galapagos Islands are 650 miles west of Ecuador.

"Our biggest constraints are the weather and the seasons," Amy stated. "We want to spend a season each in New Zealand, Australia, the South Pacific, the Mediterranean and Europe."

Their course is roughly mapped to accomplish all this and travel at the safest times of the year. While excitement is not new to the couple, who met through their shared love of skydiving, they take pride in their approach to adventure. "We'll do this like we skydive," Amy stated, "safe and reasonable with no unnecessary risks."

They plan to finish their voyage on the East Coast of the United States in six to seven years or sail "until it's not fun anymore."

"This happens to be our dream," Amy stated, advising, "Whatever your dream is, set your goal and keep moving toward it."

The couple will be keeping a Web log of their journey at www.eleytheria.us. **Feel free to ...**

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When Amy Brandsborg Oros (93C) and her husband, Abe, set sail Sept. 6, it wasn't just on a voyage – it was on their dream.

That day, the couple left San Francisco aboard a 44-foot sailboat for a six-to-seven-year circumnavigation of the globe.

And while a feat of such magnitude is notable under any circumstances, it is all the more amazing because the couple did not own a boat of any kind until 2001.

According to Amy, it all began on a July 4, 2000, trip to Monterey, Calif. One of them – they can't remember which – said something like, "Wouldn't it be really fun to live on a boat and go wherever we want, whenever we want?"

Seven months later they had a boat named Eleytheria, which, Amy said, means freedom in Greek. Two months after that they made Eleytheria their home, and since that time, all of their efforts have been focused on their goal of sailing around the world. They worked at their jobs – she as a customs broker, he in computers – until late summer when they began final preparations for their odyssey.

After spending some time in Southern California, the couple set out in late October for the western coast of Mexico. They will explore Mexico for about 16 months before heading across the Pacific.