

THE SOUTHERN CROSS CREW

GLOBAL CRUISERS

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cutter-rigged sloop, as their long-distance cruiser. In 2002, after five years of refitting and sea trials, they moved aboard *Southern Cross* and left Annapolis, Md., for Europe. Their Atlantic crossing included calls to Bermuda and the Azores before making landfall in Ireland. They went on to cruise the waters of Scotland, Ireland, and the English Chan-



nel before crossing the Bay of Biscay and entering the Mediterranean, where they have sailed as far as Port Said, Egypt, and the western Black Sea.