

Face à la mer

CHRONIQUE DE 50 JOURS EN MER

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Grégoire Korganow boards the French container ship *Marius* and crosses the Atlantic, then the Pacific. From Le Havre to the Panama Canal, from Tahiti to Sydney, he shares the daily life of a cosmopolitan crew and reveals the discreet beauty of gestures, faces, and machines.

No heroes or mythical silhouettes here: concrete men, confined to tight spaces, bound by rules and watches, with the horizon as their accomplice. Ports, captured at the blue hour, slip from the functional into fiction; the sea becomes substance, a writing of light — its intensities, its shadows, its reflections.

Conceived as an artist's book, the volume unfolds in five leporellos: on the recto, seascapes; on the verso, portraits of the sailors and views of the ports. A separate booklet gathers Grégoire's logbook — notes, schedules, snippets of what he hears and feels — for an immersion in which time dilates. Three worlds brush against one another: the sea, the machine, the men. Storms, silences, camaraderie, repeated labors: the ship becomes a workshop, global transport a stage. Both poetic and documentary, *Face à la mer* recounts life on board anew and makes the crossing not a border but a path — work, light, and sharing.

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