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Happy to be stranded

Report by **Charlie Parkinson and Paul McMullan**

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"With the interviews and publicity we are getting for us, we will be telling everyone about Whitstable and the wonderful geological possibilities of the town."

One million stoves

The pair set off from Harwich Thames on April 15, and after completing their 4,000 mile trip in October, after six months in a million odd stoves.

They moored near the village of Faversham, at Faversham while they waited for the weather to improve. Faversham is a town in Giacomo's home town of Italy. "The people here have been so generous and kind, showing us a beautiful town, with historic buildings and a lovely atmosphere which makes me think of home."

To follow the pair's journey visit www.museumbritain.com

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Waiting for the tide:
Giacopo Ebis, Jacopo Ebis, and Giacomo de Stefano

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They were offered emergency accommodation by Whitstable Yacht Club, before making their way to Faversham to repair their boat, Clodia.

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"Our trip is to promote sustainable tourism, as well as encouraging the local economy. We eat horrible plastic food, which is the same the world over, and when I went out in Whitstable and was offered a cappuccino, I said 'no'. I wanted a good local cup of tea.

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One million strokes

The pair set off from Henley-on-Thames on April 15, and hope to complete their 4,000 mile trip in October, after an estimated one million oar strokes.

They moored near the Shipwrights Arms, at Hollowshore, while they waited for conditions to improve. Faversham also won a place in Giacomo's heart. He said: "The people have been great, so generous and kind. Faversham is a beautiful town, with many old buildings and a town square, which makes me think of home."

To follow the pair's progress, visit www.manontheriver.com