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Viking visits with his old sea-dog

VIKINGS in Middle Harbour? A wolf baying at the moon? Not quite.

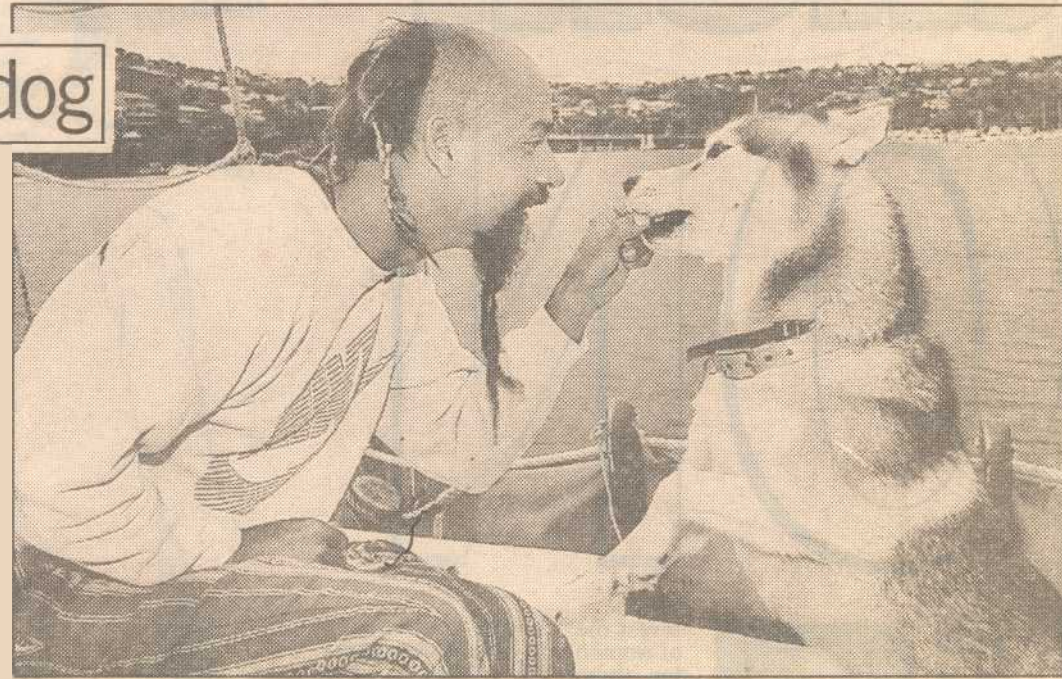
It's Dane Boris Valentin aboard his replica Viking ship Bifrost, accompanied by trusty companion Aiko, a quarter alpine wolf.

Boris anchored off Beauty Point in Middle Harbour last week, the latest port of call in a journey that has taken him from Ecuador to Portugal, the

Galapagos Islands to New Caledonia, over the past three years.

"Since I was 15 I have dreamt about one day sailing around the world — and so it developed that I wanted my own ship to sail in," Boris said.

His father was a professor of Viking History. "When I finally came to building my own ship I knew it had to be a Viking ship," Boris said with a grin.



Boris Valentin and his part-wolf Aiko aboard the Bifrost. Picture: Roy Haverkamp