

Local adventurers share tales of sailing/ skiing



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Fjords region, helping local tourism authorities explore opportunities for backcountry skiing and human powered recreation. They used a 58-foot-long sailboat as a "floating basecamp" and rowed ashore each day to access the region's snow covered coastal mountains.

"After breakfast on the boat, we'd spend the day climbing away from one fjord and skiing down into another," says Mohr. "While we skied, 'Captain Siggí' would sail around to meet us."

The region is also home to one of Europe's largest wilderness areas, the remote Hornstrandir peninsula — now proposed as a new national park.

"We were invited to Iceland to help build the case for the protection of Iceland's prized coastal mountains," says Mohr. "Activities like backcountry skiing, hiking and sea kayaking have the potential to really boost the region's economy."

On Thursday, December 27, Moretown-based adventurers/photographers Brian Mohr and Emily Johnson will bring their multi-media show, "Sailing and Skiing Iceland," to the Big Picture Theatre in

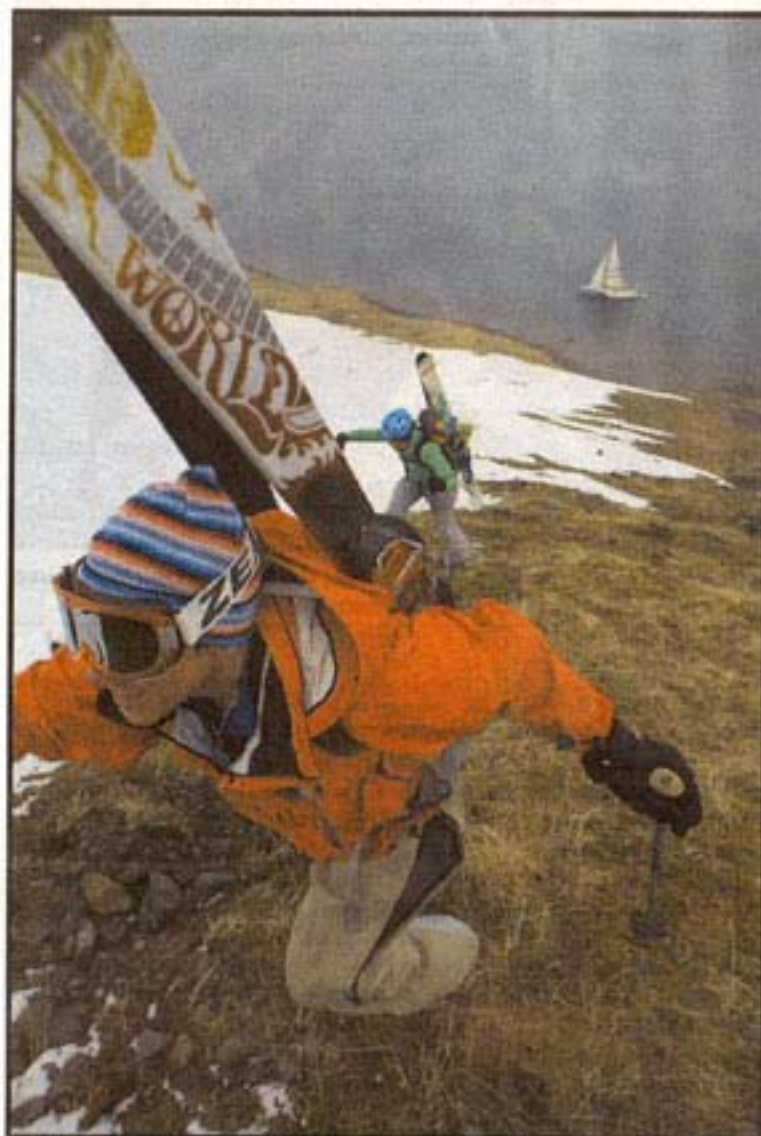
Waitsfield. The show is part of the photographers' ongoing Wild People, Wild Places program, and will start at 7 p.m.

This past May 2007, Mohr and Johnson spent several weeks in Iceland's West

others, and can be reached through their website at www.emberphoto.com.

The photographers' Wild People, Wild Places project is an ongoing series of exhibits and slideshows designed with the intent of inspiring the public to both enjoy and protect the places featured. Through their shows, Mohr and Johnson share stories and images from their backcountry skiing, paddling,

backpacking and bicycle touring adventures throughout Vermont, the Arctic, the southern Andes, Europe and North America. Their slideshow series will feature 12 shows this winter 2007-08. The next show is Saturday, January 12, 2008 — "Off Piste in the Northeast" — at Mad River Glen Base Lodge at 7 p.m.



Climbing up from the fjord. Photo: Ember Photography