

----- SEADOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION -----

President: R.F. Freeman A.R.I.N.A. Newsletter No. 8 1979

A hard winter has passed and may we hope for a superb summers sailing. The Association prospers with 108 members having joined and the finances good with £200+ in the deposit account. I apologise if the Newsletter is a trifle short but with hospitalisation and the weather this winter, working time has become fully utilised with the boat and cottage. And Spring is not too far away! Many thanks to the stalwarts for sending a few articles and of course the usual request for more to swell the Christmas Newsletter.

EVENTS 1979

APRIL 28/29th

SPRING RALLY AT YARMOUTH

Only managed to organise this date a few days ago. May 5th. would have possibly been better but this also coincides with the R.S.Y.C. dinner and a bank holiday with Labour Day on the Monday. The Solent tide starts running west at about 1235 (local) (BST) which gives the opportunity for members to have the tide serving from east or west. Usual procedure - meet about 1900 Saturday in the bar at the Royal Solent for dinner at about 2000. Sunday - natter day. Charlie Attril, the harbourmaster, allocates us two trots. Kindly send the form attached as soon as possible.

JUNE 9th

ROYAL LYMINGTON Y.C. WARE & POWER CUP. Motor-Sailing event around the Isle of Wight. Followed by dinner at the R.L.Y.C. All organized for us by Edward Pratt of TUGRADOG. Once again details on the attached form.

SEPTEMBER 8/9th

AUTUMN RALLY AT YARMOUTH

Exactly as above. Will members who can possibly attend kindly note on the attached form and then details will be sent them. This saves postage on a total circulation.

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SALES: Burgees £3.75 from Freeman  
Brooches £1.50 " " or D.E.  
Sail Plans £1.00 " " "  
Mast Lowering SAE from D.E.

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Freemans - Reg, Hylde and John. (R.F. Freeman & Partners)  
27 High Street, Milford on Sea  
Lyminster. Hants  
Milford-on-Sea 3000 )

They have a 33' wooden Seadog on the books. Also Reg has a 37' - thru-way, wheelhoused, ketch on the drawing board. Looks good. They have produced prices (at this time) of a number of Seadog items:-  
Mainsails £198 : Extra Large Genoa £210 : Rotostay Reefing £285  
Mast Steps S/S £6. : Canopy hood frame in S/S £144. Canopies - front £72  
Aft £72. : Crutches - Main £29 Mizzen £35 : S/S fasteners for screen hood fastening 30p ea. All plus VAT  
And of course Seadog insurance - now with a 20% NCB

### OVERSEAS MEMBERS

Would you kindly take note of the following letter from the bank manager after I wrote regarding a foreign cheque drawn for £10 sterling, which we were credited but £9. '..... and I write to advise you that the Bank charges incurred upon foreign cheque collections are 2% with a minimum of £1, and a maximum of £15. Therefore with the small cheques to the Association we will always be debited £1 ! So, gentlemen, kindly increase your cheque a little or for minimum amounts send cash.

### UP WE GO

Our well known star of stage, screen and television was recently seen in Tomorrow's World appearing as "an experienced yachtsman" - what, Old Brian, dear, dear, must be someone else. (Better known to SOA members as the most experienced bleeder (engines) in the C.I's - D.E.)

All the same he was to be seen in the role of the idiot boy pulling on a halyard tail as the lead artiste was hauled aloft, more or less, per ardua ad astra. This was to demonstrate the old style mast ascent with bosun's chair. The contrast was the new BIRDS BOSUN'S LADDER which briefly is a rope ladder that goes by slides up the mast track pulled by the halyard and is rigid. The advantages are : Light; compact; rigid; allows mast to be climbed if necessary single handed with a harness line around the mast but also simply with one other to tend a bosun's chair line for long spells. No hauling needed, Ladies, and much cheaper than mast steps, so you may get those front room curtains at last.

A 30 foot ladder for this standard Seadog costs £27 with VAT or in kit form with all materials £21.60. (Mk 4 Kit - £25)

Write to GRAY GOOSE ENTERPRISES, 67, Manor Road North, Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey KT10 OAB

Please mention SOA membership. At present ladders are in EMRA, MICHELLE and OFFENBACH. (Demo's at the Spring Rally - DE)

B.J.

### DOWN WE GO

Further report on STUGERON for seasickness prevention - YM July 1978 and Jan 79. The Idiot Boy (see above) was out sailing in January (No hero Brian Jackson - it was off Cape Town! - DE) with a heavy swell and spent some of the time upside down in the diesel department (not MICHELLE this time) fortified by STUGERON. No problem, no sickness, no sleepiness, and eating hearty. Eldest son was then sent to Gibraltar for further tests on behalf of SOA. Forces 8/10 continuous and reported completely successful.....

Who knows, Blossom, we may make Bembridge yet.....

B.J.

### AUTO PILOTS

Had an amount of bumph from CERTREC extolling the Benmar Course Setter as fitted to a Seadog - KOHURAU. On EMRA we have a Sharps, normally controlled by compass but also a wind vane available. But the w/vane was used seldom due to having to change plugs. After conversation with Sharps at the Show they produced part numbers and drawing to make up a box with two sockets and a change over switch. The wind vane was modded to fit the top of the wind screen. All I have to do now is to solder all the correct connections!

D.E.

### ODDS & DOGS

Gordon Pugsley has sold KOHURAU and now has a much larger ketch named L'AIGLE D'OR. We hope to see her at the Spring Rally.

Notices to Mariners. Small Craft Edition: I have ordered these and had hoped they would arrive before typing the Newsletter but unfortunately no, so I cannot give members a pre-view.

Admiralty Chart D2675. IALA BUOYAGE - AREA 3 (1979) Southern Sheet English Channel - £1.25. - Not for navigation - Gives all the recent changes of buoys etc. Good value.

Bernard Leigh has returned from the Med. The yacht he was on - 'SCORPIO' sunk with all hands after he had left it. Now managing Seaway Yacht Sales of London.

R. Hudson of ANAHITA II used MICRON 25 last year and found it excellent. And it seems a scrub when out this winter almost removed the old coat. Obviously in good company they used Micron 25 on the QE2

Noticed BLACK DOG at Chichester without a trace of anti foul and looking as though it had just emerged from the builders. Complete with the grey strips at the bottom of the main and bilge keels which is the initial resin and slate dust mix.

Peter Stolper has bought KOHURAU and changed the name to SEA WOLF. Installing a hot water system through a heat exchanger, Also he has had a success rate of 90% at a cost of between £10 - £20 of curing OSMOSIS. .... Chisel open the blister to reveal the glass mat below, wash out thoroughly with acetone or cellulose thinners on a stiff brush. Latent heat will dry out the majority of water in the mat. Plug the scar with fresh gel and tape over with sellotape to cure. And a final comment that a Bargees trick of keeping drinking water was to pour a bottle of GIN to 100 gallons!

### ELECTRICS

It is often the simple well known things which get overlooked. I had trouble with charging the batteries on 'OFFENBACH', the control unit cut the charge rate to virtually nothing soon after starting the motor and long before either battery was fully charged. The alternator, the control unit and the batteries were all suspected as were the battery terminal connections. The fault was eventually traced to the small junction box where the heavy negative cables from each battery and the alternator are joined together. Poor contacts here when cleaned and remade solved the problem completely.

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### DOGGED BY MISFORTUNE - more warning "tails".....

A story common in the Navy was told of an inexperienced ordinary seaman who slung his hammock in the cable locker, and one night when the Captain decided to anchor, the unfortunate seaman found himself, wrapped in his hammock, being whirled up to the deck, round the cable holder, along the forecastle, down the hawse pipe and into the North Sea.

Priscilla Miller well known for her ocean voyaging told me of a story of a woman who came to cruise with her bringing several suitcases complete with large quantities of clothing, negligee and a wig plus numerous beauty pots.

She was told she was in the forepeak with her husband and that she should stow as much as possible in two lockers and leave the rest ashore. Later, on enquiry from Priscilla, she said that she had managed to stow everything by using also the nice little locker right forward. All her lingerie had been put in the chain locker and would have gone out with the chain at the first anchorage!

Take care, lads, remember the Christos Bitas wrecked on THE SMALLS 12.10.78.

B.J.

Amendments to the Register of Owners to the 11.3.79

AMNERIS	Delete now named DOGMATIC		
CUSHAG OF MAN.	Sold again		
KOHURAU	Delete now named SEA WOLF		
SEADOG OF POLRUAN (B) River Dart	W.D. Hepworth	50 West St. Bridport Dorset	SOA
SEA WOLF (B) Emsworth (82)	P. Stolper	Dolphin Cottage, Slipper Rd Hermitage, Emsworth	SOA
TAWNY OWL (B) Folkestone (39)	Cpt./Mrs. Tapley	Little Densole Farm, Densole, Folkestone, Kent	SOA
YOLANDA			SOA

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REGISTER: There are but 26 Seadogs in the register not with the association. Perhaps if you meet them while cruising.....

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WHIMSEY OF WESTON - Massachusetts - Bob Francis wrote that once again misfortune has struck with a fire in a boat, two boats away, in the winter storage shed. This caused damage to the canopy, screen and ventilator. Actually Bob will be over in England in August mainly staying in Essex and would like to meet some members of the association while over here.

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CANOPY. A trial canopy is being made in Plymouth in fine 3 oz. cloth. Actually being made for Neil Livesley of 'MICHCIKO II'. If satisfactory the hood from these new suppliers will retail for both sections about £140. from Freemans.

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