

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

President: R. F. Freeman A.R.I.N.A. Newsletter No. 9 1979

Soon Christmastide will be with us so to wish all members a Very Merry Christmas and more particularly for sailors a superb New Year with a beautiful HOT summer. It is about time!

This year we had a very quiet cruise, mainly in company with 'OFFENBACH', just around the Channel Islands, Granville, St. Malo and then the west country. The highlight being when crossing from Dartmouth to St. Peter Port when we were played with by Dolphins. Beautiful! Rushing along the side of EMRA then jumping in pairs ahead of the bow. The camera was overworking.

EVENTS 1980

Spring: April 26/27 Meeting of Seadogs at Yarmouth
May or June. The Royal Lyminster Yacht Club Ware & Power Cup Motor-sailing event around the Isle of Wight. Followed by dinner at the R.L.Y.C. Kindly organised for us by Edward Pratt of 'TUGRADOG' Full details in the Spring Newsletter. Won this year by Maxwell New in 'AFARON'

Autumn: Aug. 30/31 Meeting of Seadogs at Yarmouth
(If these dates sometimes appear inconvenient it is due to the very full calender of events at the Royal Solent Y.C.)

SALES: Burgess £4.25 direct from Freeman
Brooches £1.50 from D.E.
Sail Plans 399/ £1.00 "
444 "
Mast Lowering Gen - SAE "

R.F. FREEMAN & PARTNERS: (Reg, Hylda and John)
27 High Street, Milford-on-Sea, Lyminster, Hants. T. Milford-on-Sea 3000

Seadog spares: Seadog Insurance (20% NCB) : Brokerage; Chandlery ;
Canopy frames and covers: Fasteners for screen hood securing.

MEMBERSHIP

A number of members who have sold their Seadogs have asked to stay in the Association and have participated in the meetings at Yarmouth. Therefore a NON-SEADOG SECTION (NSD) has been formed. But I will have to ask NSD members to contribute another membership fee to cover the extra expenses of circulation and postage - as we are still a non-subscription organisation! The yachts in this section will be listed at the end of the Register. With the Post Office constantly raising postage, as from January 1st the membership fee will have to be raised to £5. The first Newsletter in 1975 cost £3.77 in postage, this one, No. 9., will cost about £10.

RAMSGATE SEADOG RECEPTION

Rex and Joan Tapley now have TAWNY OWL at Ramsgate as their home port and have kindly offered to help Association members travelling east or west, especially as a reception for Dutch owners.

Contact: Rex or Joan Tapley, Little Densole Farm, Densole, Folkestone.
Tel: Hawkinge 2337

SPRING MEETING AT YARMOUTH APRIL 28/29 1979

Present: ANTANA : EMRA : GLASS LADY : GUN DOG : JACANA OF PYRFORD : MICHETTE
MOHICAN : OFFENBACH : SEACANIS : SEADOG : SEA WOLF : TAWNY OWL :
TRESKO MAID : TUGRADOG : and LADY MY WAY : CENEREA.

The largest meeting of Seadogs yet - 14 - plus an ex Seadog owner in a Halbadier and of course Reg and Hylde Freeman in CENEREA, The weather kept to its usual Seadog reputation and blew quite hard from the North which gave most crews a good fast passage to Yarmouth.

After this 'pack of dogs' were made fast to three trots in a maze of warps, Fortytwo owners and crews met initially in the bar and then the usual excellent dinner at the Royal Solent Yacht Club. Sunday followed with the inspection of different 'dogs' and also a demonstration by Don Fair ascending his OFFENBACH mast using the Bird Bosun Rope Mast Ladder.

A big hand must go to Rex and Joan Tapley in TAWNY OWL who came from Folkestone, an excellent effort considering the blustery weather and the start of their first season with their Seadog.

AUTUMN MEETING AT YARMOUTH SEPTEMBER 8/9 1979

Present: AFARON : APRIL DAWN : BIZZIELIZZIE : CENEREA : EMRA : GLASS LADY :
GUNDOG : JACANA OF PYRFORD : LADY MY WAY : MOHICAN : MICHETTE :
OFFENBACH : SEADOG : SCUBIDOU : SPINNER I : SPINNER II : TARA :
TIWANA :

A record attendance with 18 Seadogs and 55 members, crews and friends dining at the Royal Solent Y.C. Of course initially welcomed as usual to the moorings by Charlie Attril and his staff who always receive us with great friendliness and co-operation. Then to the welcoming Clubhouse of the R.S.Y.C. and a most excellent dinner prepared by Mrs. Simmonds and her staff who are always so very helpful.

We were very pleased to welcome Tjarko and Marian Huisman of BIZZIELIZZIE of Holland. And for once, the first time since we have started these meetings the winds did not blow hard and it was a fine September week end.

My thanks to Don Fair for doing all the dinghy jobs, such as distributing the programmes for me.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Unfortunately the completely free and easy booking of berths and dinners will have to go and the following points apply:-

- 1: Restricted to only an Association member and his crew aboard his yacht.
- 2: All bookings for attendance and dinner advised by the Thursday previous to the week end of the meeting at the very latest and any dinners booked and not cancelled by the Saturday morning will have to be paid for.
- 3: All yachts attending must check in at Yarmouth by 1600 hours on Saturday.

I apologise for these three points but they will give great help to the catering department of the Club, ease the efforts of the Harbour Master, especially when the Harbour is officially full and also enable us to enjoy the Saturday as well.

Jan and Lidv Carree - 'NAMASTE'

After crossing the Atlantic to the Caribbean they cruised to the inter coastal water way and have left their Seadog with friends at Chesapeake Bay. And then have flown home to Holland. When back they will cruise south again to the Virgin Islands, Curacao, Venezuela, Grenadines then eventually back to Europe via Bermuda and the Azores.

PERKINS 4107/8

To date I know of five cases where the braided pipes to the oil cooler have fractured. Not noticed by one owner, not a Seadog, until the engine had siezed. So I have had words with the Perkins engineers. The very latest 4108 low line - at the Southampton Boat Show - did not have an oil cooler as the company have decided the oil runs too cool.

A modification can be supplied which is available from Perkins agents. The bracket, onto which the oil filter is screwed and also has the unions for the braided pipes to the oil cooler can be replaced by a modified bracket that does not have the unions. (The oil just does a U turn within it) The bracket is fitted to the crankcase on two studs so it should be fairly easily carried out. (So they tell me).

RADAR

Scanners are sprouting in profusion on the Mizzen masts of Seadogs. Decca 050 Decca 060 - Seascan III - Seaveyor. And it is intriguing the position of brackets, types of brackets and the various ideas on re-rigging the jumper and possibly the triatic stays. Also the position of the display head. Although the re-rigging goes from one extreme to the other as yet no reports of a fracured mizzen!

While modifying our navigation department, I removed the back panel behind the chart table and replaced with $\frac{1}{2}$ " marine ply vertical panel gaining just over 2" which allowed the display head to be fixed that much further back. The panel also supports the remaining radio.

We have removed the quarter berth mattress, reversed the hinges on the chart table and the space below is used for all the extra charts.

MAST STEPS

After the introduction last spring of the Birds Bosuns Rope Ladder, we have found on EMRA this to be invaluable. One occasion on a modification of the triatic to an aerial meant two ascents of both masts, This was reasonably easy with the ladder but would have been hard work for the two of us even with our 4-part tackle.

Contact: Neil and Ruby Bird

67, Manor Road North, Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey.

And please state if it is for a Seadog.

DOLPHIN WATCH

If you have the wonderful experience of Dolphins playing with your Seadog send the following details to :-

Mr. D.A. McBreaty, Dolphin Survey Report, Dept. of Anatomy
University of Cambridge, Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DY
Giving :- Date/Time/Position/WX conditions/Number (Adults & Juniors) Approx.
Size/Description/Activity.

More information on Dolphins can be found in the Dolphin Spotters Handbook
£1.75 (inc. p.p.) from International Dolphin Watch

Parklands, North Ferribly, Humberside HU14 3ET

OCEAN DOG

John and Gladys Panton have bought TARA, the Reg. Freeman designed, 33' wood construction 'Seadog' and brought her to the Autumn Meeting.

