

SEADOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

President: R. F. Freeman A.R.I.N.A.

Newsletter No.11 1980

This newsletter comes to you in the middle of summer rather than in the autumn for a very sad reason. Some of you will know that Dennis Emerson died on May 18th last, after a long time of suffering which he had fought indomitably. Our thoughts and condolences must go to Betty and their family on this sad occasion of their great loss.

Dennis was not just the Secretary of the Association he was its founder and its mainspring. We shall sorely miss him, and his inspiration and hard work. It will be very hard to follow him, but I will do my best to continue to act as a link between Seadog owners in exactly the same way.

It would have been much more difficult to pick up this duty but for the meticulous way Dennis had indexed and correlated everything in the books and files, and moreover had kept all his entries right up to date.

He had even written up the rally held at Yarmouth I.O.W. on April 26th which he had attended although obviously very ill, and this is his account as I found it in the file:-

YARMOUTH RALLY. Isle of Wight April 26th 1980.

Once again reasonable weather, a light cold northerly with occasional light rain and the odd shaft of sunshine, all helped to make an enjoyable meeting. We, in 'EMRA', arrived on Thursday at about 22.00 to a dark but absolutely calm Yarmouth. Seven association boats followed on Friday and Saturday, being moored together on two trots.

Unfortunately our President, Reg Freeman was unable to bring 'CENEREA' across due to various misfortunes, and Tony Baylis in 'GLASS LADY' had an engine which would not respond to the GO Button.

Seventeen members and crews sat down to the usual excellent dinner, following which we joined the R.S.Y.C. for a 'LIONHEART' Road show. We learned a lot of interesting facts about the 'Lionheart' Project and they gained some profit from the large number of 'goodies' that were purchased at the stall.

On Sunday the light rain stopped early so that the 'Seadog Modification Inspection' could be carried out. Members then slowly prepared ship and gently motored away.

ATTENDING were:- ANAHITA II : EMRA : HESTIA : LADY MY WAY : OFFENBACH : SEACANIS
SEAFLEUR : SEAWOLF :

N.B. 'Hestia' is not in the list. This was R. & J. Tapley of 'TAWNY OWL' from Ramsgate in another boat.

Reg Freeman writes....

No doubt you will have all heard by now the sad news of the death of Dennis Emerson. The Seadog Owners Association owes its being to Dennis, his unfailing cheerfulness and organising ability is something we shall miss and we have all lost a friend. Our sympathy goes out to Betty and the family.

May we long be able to carry on the good work which Dennis started and maintain the standard he achieved.

On board TRESCO MAID at Pill Creek — Monday July 28th 1980.

I'm on my own today. John, my elder son, and Tony (his friend since schooldays) left last night to go back to the grind of business and study. We had hoped for a good July weekend of sailing, but as on so many occasions this summer, the weather wasn't kind. We pottered about Falmouth harbour on Saturday but yesterday was a little brighter and we had a stiff beat to the Helford river, with an exhilarating broad reach back to Black Rock (Staysail up) and a steady spinnaker run back to the mooring at Pill. We saw CANUTE going the other way both times but couldn't contact her.

Having cleaned ship and done several of the odd jobs on the 'work sheet' I'm sitting down to the task of putting this Newsletter into something like sensible form. To begin where I should, at the beginning:- I am Fred Murley, I live at "Ashlett Meade", Stonehills, Fawley, Southampton SO4 1DU and my telephone number is Southampton (0703) 891353.

My Seadog- "TRESCO MAID" is usually moored at the bottom of the hill from the house at Ashlett Creek, just south of the Esso Marine Terminal in Southampton Water. It is much more pleasant than it sounds, and apart from being a drying creek, is a most convenient point for sailing to the South Coast, France, and the Channel Islands.

My progression from dinghies to cruising was sparked off by a determination to recover from a coronary, and after three years with a 24' Trident, I retired from business and bought a Seadog. I had read Mark Brackenbury's description of KURI MOANA in the Cruising Association Bulletin and felt that it was the right boat. John Freeman found TRESCO MAID for me and for the last three years I have started to cruise more seriously. However, by comparison with most members my experience is very limited and hence my diffidence in taking on Dennis Emerson's work.

I can only repeat that I will preserve his simple format and do the best I can, for a while at least. I shall need your support in terms of contributions for the Newsletter, anything of interest about, on, or for the boat, where you have been, and any difficulties you have met and overcome.

Reg, Hylda, and John Freeman are relatively near me, and I shall be calling on their help a great deal. Contact them if you can't get me or if you want anything for the boat itself.

Why am I at Pill Creek? — I should explain that just as KURI MOANA sold the Seadog to me, so TRESCO MAID sold the Seadog to Peter and Deidre Bragg, friends of longstanding who live here at Ponsmain. When I cruised to the Scillies they came with us for a day sail while we were waiting for a good forecast. They have bought PALAFOX II and after a lot of hard work over the winter she now looks very fine moored not far away, and last night we had our own mini rally anchored behind Turnware Point. Any Seadog owner cruising west and using Falmouth as a stage for further west or Ireland would be welcome to call them on Truro (0872) 862530 for any help they can give.

I sailed from Ashlett to Plymouth on my own earlier this month, John joining me for a last leg to Falmouth, and I'm now waiting for a friend to join me for the trip back. I shall be in Scotland for my younger son's wedding in August but will be back in time for the meeting at Yarmouth on the 30th/31st. If you can come please turn to the last page, fill in the form and post it off to me right away.

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGISTER OF SEADOGS AND OWNERS

DAFILA — Delete whole entry (see Scorcere V)
CUSHAG OF MAN — Insert SOA
EMRA — Delete reference to 'Hon. Sec.' Insert SOA
GAY DUIKER — Delete whole entry (see Kyson Koba)
MER CALEB — Insert SOA
SARA OF WYRE — Add (Willemstadt:B:37) SOA
TRESKO MAID — F. Murley, Ashlett Meade, Stonehills, Fawley, Southampton SO4 1DU
(Southampton:B:69) (Hon. Secretary)

NEW ENTRIES AND OWNERS

GEISHA Christian Cederby, Simbinge S23020 Klagstorp, Sweden.
(Sweden:B:87)
KYSON KOBÄ D. Chadwick, Kyson Cottage, Broomheath, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
(Woodbridge:B:497Y) SOA
PALAFOX II Peter and Deidre Bragg, Ponsmain, Pill Creek, Feock, Nr. Truro, Cornwall.
(Falmouth:B:112) SOA
SALVADOR J. C. Clarke, Christmas Pie, 2 Princess Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
(Pwllheli:B:130) SOA
SCORCERER V G. Jackson, 1 Ridgeway Gardens, Wimbledon, London SW19 4SZ
(Hamble:B:6) SOA

Please check your own entry and let me know of any errors or other amendments to the last register. I will try to produce a new one in the New Year.

There are 91 members of the Association, plus CENEREA and three other "Non-Seadog" members. With the 32 known non-members and the 8 "Lost Dogs" this makes a total of 131 Seadogs altogether.

About 140 hulls were moulded, and some sold for home completion may not have been registered so there are still a few more not accounted for. Keep your eyes open!

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SEADOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Application Form

Name of SEADOG.....Works number.....(on the plate behind the wheel)
Sail number.....Bilge Keel or Deep Keel.....
Normally based at.....
Owners name.....Telephone number.....
Address.....

Please enclose cheque for £5.00 (once only subscription) made out to The Seadog Owners Association, and send to:-

The Hon. Secretary: F. Murley, Ashlett Meade, Stonehills, Fawley, Southampton SO4 1DU

LOST DOGS

I don't have the names and addresses of the owners of the following boats:-
Gundog, Mariposa II, Phillypas, Pothos, Rohan, Sayonara, Sundog, Spinner.

If you see them while cruising, try to catch them and rope them into the Association, or at least try to get a name and address for me.

MISSING OWNERS

If "SOA" does not appear against an entry in the register it is because the owner is not a member of the Association. I shall be trying to contact every one of them over a period, but if you come across them while sailing or cruising please try to pass them the application form at the bottom of the previous page and invite them to become members.

There are 32 of them so that the membership fees would be very useful in securing our finances.

I have the following items available:-

Burgees £4.25 + 15p Postage.

Brooches £1.50 + 12p Postage.

Sail Plans (Please state weather 399 sq. ft. or 454 sq. ft. rig) £1.25 incl. postage (folded)

Working drawings for Cooker gimbals)
Mast Crutches (two)) Large S.A.E.
reprint of Mast lowering gen.)

Please allow extra postage for overseas orders.

Hon. Secretary:- Fred Murley, Ashlett Meade, Stonehills, Fawley, Southampton SO4.1DU
Telephone:- Southampton (0703) 891353

R. F. Freeman and Partners (Reg, Hylda, & John)
27 High Street, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington.
Telephone:- Milford 3000

Seadog Insurance, Brokerage, Chandlery, Spares, Hoods and Covers.

THE FINANCES OF THE ASSOCIATION

As I mentioned earlier all the entries in the Cash Book were up to date and the very simple system Dennis had used made it easy to check and take over. There is a deposit account at the Nat West Bank which has been transferred to the nearest branch to me with a balance of £233.97. For the moment at least I will continue just as before and at the end of the year will get someone from among friends in accountancy to check the entries and include a simple statement in the next Newsletter in the New Year.

Income is derived from interest on the account, plus new membership fees, and the sale of Burgees and Brooches. It has just been sufficient until now but the only real items of expenditure, printing and postage are not likely to remain constant, so please try to find those missing owners, make certain you all have nice clean burgees and that all female crew sport the very attractive brooches. In addition, if you have to sell your boat do let me know in case I can introduce a possible buyer. A commission of say 1% would set us up for a long time. I'm sure that the original concept of a once only membership fee is right, let's keep the association as simple as possible just to keep in touch.

Do You want to CHARTER & CRUISE IN IRISH WATERS in 1980?

I have had a letter from the Rev. Hughes living in the U.S.A., the former owner of Seadog No.79 "FLOODTIDE", who is interested in a bare-boat charter of a Seadog or similar yacht for a month's cruise in Irish waters between late May and mid July 1981.

Rev. Hughes cruised his Seadog off France, Ireland, Scotland, the Hebrides, Norway, Sweden, and Finland. More recently, with his present crew, he has cruised in chartered boats in Canadian and Central American waters. Both he and his crew are Catholic priests, conscientious sailors, and non-smokers. He would consider starting at a West Country or West Coast port and finishing at Cork or another Irish port. This might well suit someone wishing to cruise south and west Ireland but not wishing to, or having the time to sail both ways.

Any member interested should contact the Rev. John J. Hughes direct at 6825 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, Missouri 63121.

SEADOGS FOR SALE

"FLOODTIDE"	in Germany.
"ONAR"	in Cyprus.
"GEISHA"	in Sweden.

AUTUMN MEETING AT YARMOUTH I.O.W. August 30/31st, 1980

Usually this information has been sent to those owners with boats in the Solent area or who have attended these rallies in the past. On this occasion I thought it best to include it with the general mailing to all owners in the hope that anyone with their boat in this part of the country at this time and any who are not yet members but would like to come along will do so.

For the benefit of anyone who hasn't been able to come before, the format is very relaxed and informal. TRESCO MAID will be in Yarmouth harbour from Friday onwards and Charlie Attrill the harbourmaster will keep a trot or two vacant for us, depending on the numbers booked in at the club. Members are asked to check into the harbour and to TRESCO MAID by 1600 on Saturday.

We will meet in the bar of the Royal Solent Yacht Club from 1900 for dinner at 2000. (N.B. Not formal, but tie and reasonably presentable turnout please). After what is sure to be (by previous experience) a very pleasant meal we can turn in or not as we please, and on Sunday morning there is usually a constant to-ing and fro-ing as we view each other's modifications, gadgets and ideas before dispersing later in the day as the weather and the tide serve.

Please Note Carefully — The booking of dinner at the club is only offered to a member of the Seadog Owners Association and his crew aboard his yacht. Non-members welcome, but contact me **FIRST**.

ALL RESERVATIONS must reach me by first post on Wednesday August 27th. I will do my best but cannot guarantee any later ones.

CANCELLATIONS The last time for cancellations will be midday on Wednesday August 27th, by letter, or by phone to me personally, or by phone to Mrs. Simmonds, Yarmouth 760110.

Any dinners reserved and not cancelled as above must be paid for.

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Autumn Meeting at Yarmouth I.O.W. August 30th/31st 1980

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Name of Seadog.....

Owners full Name and Address.....

Number of Dinners required for owner and crew.....

PLEASE SEND as soon as possible to Mr. Murley, Ashlett Meade, Stonehills, Fawley,
Southampton SO4 1DU