

# SEADOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Writing now at the end of the sailing season, I have very mixed recollections of the summer months, and I expect that most of you share this. The dreadful weather of the early part didn't worry me too much for I was quite as busy as had been predicted, but the hot sunny days in August did give rise to many longing glances seawards. Most of the local sailing that was possible seemed to have been taking visitors out for short trips but as they all seemed to enjoy it tremendously I can't grumble at all, especially as the new house is at last taking shape and should be finished by the Spring.

## The Newsletter

Having now had a year of the work I can begin to formalise things a little and plan ahead. It is obviously much easier to collect all the material and cope with typing, printing, and posting a newsletter during the winter period than it is when there are many other things to do in the Summer, quite apart from finding time to sail.

I would hope to post the Spring Newsletter in March or April, and the Autumn one in September or October. This latter one however will be shorter to make this possible.

## Future Rallies

As far as the Solent area is concerned I hope that this will settle back into a regular pattern with a Spring one somewhere on the mainland so that owners whose boats are not in commission by then can attend, and the Autumn one on the Isle of Wight. It comes harder to find a suitable venue with each season as the most popular places become ever more crowded, but now that I have overcome some of the difficulties which arose through having to take over at short notice, we should be able to use Yarmouth again on a regular basis.

Beaulieu river was quite successful this last Spring although a little restricted for the meal, and I would welcome any suggestions for an alternative location.

There are at least 14 boats in Devon and Cornwall waters and if anybody would like to arrange a meet locally may I suggest that you contact Bill Pounder at Plymouth (Lytra) or Peter Bragg at Pill Creek (Palafox II) and see what you can do.

## Finances

Quite a few boats have changed hands and the extra subscriptions, together with a small surplus from the Spring rally, have enabled me to build the account up to about £260.

This is entirely due to the kindness of business friends in printing this newsletter without charge or at cost, without this help it would be a rather different matter.

## OWNERS REGISTER

The attached list of amendments is definitely the last to the old (1979) printing. Its replacement has been very carefully checked and will be typed over the winter ready to go out with the next newsletter. I just could not get it ready for this month I'm afraid and there are still several other changes of name or ownership pending.

### Your Contributions

Not so many this time, but as mentioned above it would be better to have them from now on for the Spring issue.

Please do keep me up to date with your cruising, and anything else of interest about the boat itself or how you sail and use her.

### Dates for 1982 (provisional)

Spring Rally - Royal Southampton Yacht Club  
Gin's Farm, Beaulieu river.  
MAY 1st. N.B. This is a Bank Holiday weekend.

Autumn Rally - Royal Solent Yacht Club  
Yarmouth, Isle of Wight  
~~September 25th.~~ Oct 2

Perkins 2-day Owners Marine Engine Courses for 4.107 & 4.108 owners at Peterborough.  
January 4/5th; 18/19th; February 1st/2nd;  
March 15/16th; 22nd/23rd; 29/30th.  
Apply soon to Perkins Engines Ltd.,  
Peterborough, PE1 5NA marked for the attention of Peter Burdett.

### THE SPRING MEETING AT GIN'S FARM, BEAULIEU RIVER MAY 2nd. 1981.

Unable for the first time to use Yarmouth I.O.W. for a meet, this was largely an experiment and although it did not have the advantages of the shops and facilities of Yarmouth town, I was hoping that the beauty of the setting and its ready accessibility for members wanting to come by road would more than compensate.

In the event the beauty of the river was hidden by rain and the weather generally kept several boats away.

Don Fair was already there with OFFENBACH when John, my elder son and I brought TRESCO MAID up river and we were soon joined by APRIL DAWN, SEADOG, SALUKI of ARNE, SEACANIS, SEAFLEUR, ANTANA, and TUGRADO. Mike Walter in his first trip with SEEHOND rather expected a firework reception! SUEBRE came under false colours as a sloop, work still being in progress. PIELAGO was the last to arrive as her new owners Mr. & Mrs. Boddy had had several problems to overcome.

The new owners of NICHOLA JANE, the Grundy family were able to come by road, as were Reg. and Hylde Freeman, CENEREA not being in commission, and also George and Mrs. Gauld of GALWYN, and Joe and Mrs. Lyons of HIBOUX

A total of 45 sat down to a meal in the R.S.Y.C. clubhouse. It was rather crowded but a very pleasant evening and I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

I had my own difficulties with a fast disappearing voice, and after my family had left, John being due to fly to the U.S.A. from Heathrow next morning, I turned in fairly early.

Being the Bank Holiday weekend I had hoped that we could have the whole Sunday to get together, visit Bucklers Hard, or just chat before leaving on the Monday. We woke on Sunday morning however to appalling weather, a NW gale F8-9 with a Storm Force 10 forecast. The barometer dropped from 1006 to 996 and the clearance didn't come through until 18.25 when the wind backed to SW and dropped somewhat. TUGRADO got away early before the worst and ANTANA left with Don Fair's anemometer showing 35-45 kts.

We learned later that many boats were in difficulties in the area and indeed one yacht was stranded on the Shingles Bank and two lives lost. All this restricted visiting somewhat but I was extremely grateful to Peter and Lee Ashley for their kindness in looking after me so well on board SEADOG, my voice having gone altogether.

Next morning dawned clear, bright, and breezy, OFFENBACH was first away, and SEACANIS soon after. SEADOG and TRESCO MAID left together, and I had a fast beat back to Ashlett where with the wind on my tail I made a mess of picking up the mooring (which is bow on to the bank) and it took me half the day to sort things out.

### NEW MEMBERS

Colin Scott, whose GUNDOG is based at Hamble has now joined.

Doctor Lodge of Brampton in Cumbria has bought MARECANE and is changing her name to SOLWAY DOG. He is the Secretary of the Vanguard Sailing Club of Workington and also the Honorary Local Representative (H.L.R.) of the Cruising Association for the English Solway. He made 'a leisurely circumnavigation of the Isle of Man' this August and found one of the missing seadogs - BELHOUND - in Castletown harbour.

Mr. & Mrs. Boddy bought PIELAGO and after coming to the Spring rally, have taken her to Gravesend.

J.R.Grundy has bought NICHOLA JANE and she is now based at Poole. They were unable to sail to Beaulieu but the whole family came to the meet by road.

Peter Jennings of Lee-on-the-Solent has bought EASTRA II and keeps her at Gosport. He has had a good first cruise in her to the Brittany coast, and spotted TUGRADOG in Lezardrieux, and POTHOS at Paimpol. The latter looks very sad and neglected, the hull has been painted black and she is not in commission. We still don't know who owns her.

Everyone will surely be glad to know that Dennis Emerson's beloved EMRA has found new owners. They are Alec and Mollie Matthews of Wareham and she (the Boat) will be kept at Ridge Wharf, Wareham. Mollie tells me that Alec is a professional Sea Captain and I believe he commands very large ships in his work. Emra will be quite a change and I am sure will enjoy her new master.

Brian and Laura West have bought SIRIUS of ARNE, and she is moored off Loe Beach in the Fal, just round the corner from Peter Bragg's PALAFOX II in Pill Creek.

TIWANA has been bought by John and Barbara Cook who had their previous boat for 15 years and already find themselves very pleased with her after a good delivery trip from Beaulieu to Topsham on the River Exe. She will be based there even though the Cooks live in Gwent.

MISSI was a name we did not know and we are glad to have her owner Dr. Willman of W.Germany as a member.

ZEEPAD is another new name, given to HONEYSUCKLE ROSE III by her new owner A.J.H.Hermans of Stiens in Holland.

ALL the above have joined the Association and as at October 1st we now have 112 members, and there are only 18 known owners who haven't joined. There are still eight boats whose owners are not known, and I believe about eight others missing altogether from the register.

Just carry on the good work and drop the membership form on the end of this newsletter on board any Seadog you see which doesn't have SOA against it in the register.

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#### NEWS OF BOATS AND OWNERS

Don Fair in OFFENBACH, seen in Cherbourg in June was off for three months cruising. He now tells me that he has to miss the Autumn rally as he is in California with his wine club visiting the vineyards and sampling the produce.

AMERUS - Martyn Davies has been working in Exeter since May, and now lives at Dunsford. He is hoping to keep her in the Dart - Kingswear area and says he will miss the Yarmouth meets. I think there is a large enough 'Pack' in that area to run his own very successfully. Amerus is resplendent with new sails, roller furling jib, and power winch.

BOLD BUCCANEER was lost off the French coast this year, no casualties fortunately, but no more details at present.

PALAFIX II cruised from Falmouth eastwards this year visiting Plymouth, Salcombe, Brixham, and Topsham, hoping to go up the Exeter Canal to the City Basin, but it was closed by work at Turf Lock.

SAINT IV - I am glad to have been able to make contact once again with Sam Ferguson Musser in Pennsylvania U.S.A. Dennis had corresponded with him some years ago and I'm pleased he still owns Saint IV and has bought a Burgee and Brooch. John has spoken to him by phone and hopes to meet him next season.

EREMUE - John has been the contact here as well; Michael and Linda Fulford were back in New York again after the summer when they cruised to Tunisia and back to Malta. The boat with its new sails performed well and the Perkins gave more power and used hardly any oil after the winter overhaul. At the moment Mike is working in a Nickel mine near Bogota, Colombia, and in his ten week holiday will probably take Eremue back to Greek waters. I have his address if anyone wants to follow up his offer in the last newsletter.

#### THREE LOST DOGS HAVE BEEN FOUND

BELHOUND - Spotted by Dr. Lodge in Marecane on a mud berth at the top of Castletown harbour I.O.M. with her masts down and has apparently been there for two years. She is owned by two brothers who are thinking of selling her in a half-hearted way. She is a Bilge keeler, number 27, and is in fair condition.



NAUSIKAA - Seen by Rex and Joan Tapley in Tawny Owl when they were in Breskens this summer. Rex put a note aboard which produced a letter to him from the owner. This is a deep keel version, number 135, one of the last batch, and was delivered in 1974 to the present owner, Rupert de Wachter, whose family was then 2 plus three youngsters. He now finds her rather small for five adults and she too is for sale.

MISSI - Another continental Seadog, kept at Wilhelmshaven by her owner Dr. Willman who last year retired from his practice and cruised her this summer westabout to Ireland Scotland and the North Sea. While in Weymouth he met George Blunt of Canute who gave him a membership form which he used to join the Association.

Dr. Willman has a problem with a leak from the hull/deck join which has resisted treatment over some years. Replacing part of the filler material between the two mouldings in the gunwale with a rubber compound has helped. John Freeman is advising him, but it might be helpful to know if any one else has had this problem.

Missi is a Bilge keeler, Number 42.

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#### ANOTHER CAUTIONARY TALE

Tjarko and Marion Huisman of BIZZIELIZZIE write from Holland to suggest the following Experiment:-

1. Plug the Outboard hole of the port deck drains.
2. Check the Bilge Pump
3. Lift the engine room cover and the port cockpit locker lid.
4. Take a drink, sit back and wait for the next rainshower.
5. When the shower arrives (which might take two drinks in the English climate !) - Study the ways that the rainwater which is now filling the gas bottle locker is taking to get to the bilge.
6. Draw conclusions or postpone them in an emergency.
7. Unplug the drainhole and start pumping.

Their conclusions are that if the drain hole is below the actual waterline, the gas bottle locker is not properly drained for gas. Secondly their gas bottle locker is neither gas nor water tight. Thirdly - anything washed into the deck drain and blocking it at the outlet is a hazard as rain water can then be channelled to the bilge.

Apparently they were lucky and only got wet feet learning !

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#### EQUIPMENT

Peter Stolper of Emsworth, the owner of SEAWOLF tells me that he has been involved in the development of a new design of self-steering system for yachts of 30' to 80' L.O.A.

This is the SIRIUS pendulum or servo rudder gear. It looks like the long established ARIES pattern but there the similarity ends.

He has re-designed the hydrodynamics of the paddle and the aerodynamics of the vane for Brian Ellis & Co., the producers, to overcome the problems found with long keeled yachts - namely, an area of dead water astern of the main rudder thought to be caused by the turbulence of the dragging propellor and the rudder profile itself.

The new design has been tested in SEAWOLF and the results are dramatic. The course keeping ability is as good as, or better than the more expensive autopilots, and the 'wandering' effect is reduced to 2-3 degrees only off the set course (Seawolf is a bilge keeler) and better than this in a fin keel boat. An Independent assessor sailed for an hour and a half without touching the helm into Chichester harbour by the Bar and into the Emsworth channel at an average speed of one knot in a 'steady' Force one.

Anyone who would like more details should write to Peter direct.

Peter has also given me details of his cheap, easy, way of dealing with Osmotic blisters. This is too detailed to reproduce here, but I will send a photocopy to anyone interested. (Large S.A.E. please)

Mike Walter of SEEHOND tells me that the suppliers of the galley foot pump have been taken over and enquiries should go to Mr. John Barker, Jupiter Pump Co. Ltd., Rue a Chiens, St. Sampson, Guernsey. (Tel: 0481 57943)

F. Walford Taylor of ALAKIEFIK II has fitted Colnebrook Roller reefing and cannot now imagine life without it. Derek Baynham of TLC Marine, Botley is the agent and did a first class fitting job.

He also asks - 'Has anyone fitted a Taylor Diesel Heater' ?

Peter Jennings of EASTRA II has fitted Seasure foresail reefing gear and was able to use the existing genoa by replacing the piston hanks with plastic slides which the luff spar of the Seasure accepts. The sail sets and furls quite well and the gear is a boon in fickle wind conditions. The drum and gear is Stainless steel with roller bearings and thus effortless in operation. No husband & wife team or other shorthanded crew should be without it!

Fred Ellingham of SEACANIS Has fitted Double Glazing, and has very neatly trimmed the focsle with headlining. He has also fitted a change-over valve on an engine driven bilge pump so that it also operates as a seawater pump for deck or anchor washdown besides being instantly available for an emergency pump-out e.g. a broken water hose.

Mike and Linda Fulford of EREMUE sent their Sharp Autopilot to Clifford Marine Services of Ramsgate, and were told that servicing was only available for 'Ocean Pilot' and 'Sea Pilot' units. Has any one else had this difficulty?

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGISTER OF SEADOGS AND OWNERS.

This is the last set of alterations to the 1979 list, the new one is almost ready and will be sent with the next mailing. Please note that these amendments are additional, and NOT cumulative.

AMERUS	Alter address to:-	Park Gate Cottage, Dunsford Exeter, Devon	
BELHOUND (Castletown:B:27)	R.G.Gardner	16 Malew St. Castletown, I.O.M.	---
BOLD BUCCANEER		Delete whole entry.	
BOW-WOW	Amend name to:-	CHIEN DE MER	
CAMBRIA	Amend name to:-	CIMÔR	
CANICULAR	Delete owners name and address		
DAGOTIA	Insert :-	(Wareham:B:1)	
EASTRA II (Gosport:B:85)	P.Jennings	96 Portsmouth Rd. Lee-on-the-Solent Hants PO13 9AF	SOA
EMRA (Wareham:B:133)	Capt.&Mrs.Matthews.	5 Hollow Oak Rd. Stoborough, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5AH	SOA
FLOODTIDE ( :B:79)	Delete owners name and address,	delete SOA	---
GAY MADRIGAL ( :B:10)	Alter entry:- L.E.Hanks	Pine Ridge, West Rd. Noctorum, Birkenhead Merseyside	---
GLASS LADY	Insert (Pre-production Boat)		
GUNDOG	Insert:-		SOA
HIBOUX (Christchurch:B:52:2436Y)	Alter address to:-	-6 Avon Wharf, Bridge St. Christchurch, Dorset	SOA
HONEYSUCKLE ROSE III		Delete whole entry (renamed ZEEPAD)	
MARECANE (Workington:B:24)	Dr.R.M.Lodge	Howgill House, Walton, Brampton, Cumbria CA8 2JR	SOA
MISSI (Wilhelmshaven:B:42)	Dr.H.Willman	Rostocker Strasse 44 2900 Oldenburg W.Germany	SOA
NAUSIKAA (Belgium:D:135)	Rupert de Wachter.	Ter Ramenlaan 9 9120 Destelbergen Belgium	SOA

Amendments to the Register (Continued)

NICHOLA JANE J.R.Grundy (Poole:B: :917Y)	Southlands, 1c Alderbrook Rd. Solihull,W.Midlands.	SOA
PIELAGO S.F.Boddy (Gravesend:B:49)	2 Templemore 73 Sidcup Hill,Sidcup Kent, DA14 6JA	SOA
SARA of WYRE P.F.Dijkstra (Willemstadt:B:37)	Sibelliusstraat 729 5011 JR, Tillburg Holland	SOA
SCOTTISH LASS.Brig.C.T.Shortis. (Poole:B:99)	32 Wellfield Way Hampstead Garden Suburb. LONDON N.W.11	SOA
SEEHOND	Insert:- (Hamble:B:93:2662Y)	
TIWANA J.Cook (Topsham:B:3:2291)	Pine End, 240 Llantarnam Rd. Cwmbran, Gwent	SOA
SIRIUS of ARNE. B.West (Falmouth:B:70)	21 Robartes Terrace Illogan,Redruth, Cornwall TR16 4RX	SOA
ZEEPAD A.J.H.Hermans (Workum:B:72)	Uniaweg 15, 9051BB, Stiens, Holland	SOA

Reg. Freeman

Reg. recovered well from his operation and was able to come to the Spring Rally. He has had a setback more recently, but I am glad to say that he is making progress once again. I am sure you will all join with me in sending our best wishes to them both for continued good health and happiness.

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Lymington, Hants SO4 0QF

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Hylda has renewed her confirmation that Seadog Insurance rates are unchanged.

They will of course be happy to help any owner anywhere with spares, materials, and information needed.

SALES LIST

Burgees - New stock is at £4.95 plus p.&p.15p.

Brooches - £1.50 + 12p. p.& p.

Sail Plans - £1.25 + 12 p. p.& p. (sent folded in envelope)  
Please say whether your boat is the 399sq. ft.  
or the 454 sq.ft. rig, and if you are not sure  
give the height of your main mast.

Working Drawings - Cooker Gimbals	} Large S.A.E. please.
Mast Crutches (pair)	
Reprint of Mast Lowering data)	



HELP ! Postage is my largest single item of expenditure.  
A stamped addressed envelope is always welcome.  
Overseas correspondents particularly can help  
considerably by a contribution, but please note  
that overseas cheques are discounted by about 10%  
by the banks. A currency note in the envelope is  
probably the best way of circumventing this.

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Please use this form to enrol any non-members you may  
come across when cruising.

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Membership Application

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

Please enclose a cheque, Postal Order, or cash to the value  
of £5.00 as a once only subscription to the Seadog Owners  
Association, and send to the Secretary :- F.Murley FPS  
Ashlett Meade, Stonehills, Fawley, Southampton SO4 1DU.  
Telephone:- Southampton (0703) 891353

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SPRING MEETING AT BEAULIEU RIVER-MAY 1st.1982.(Provisionally)

I would like to come to the meeting, please send me full  
details and a booking form when arrangements are confirmed.

\*I would bring my boat and would require a mooring

\*I would like to come to the Saturday evening meal by road.

\*I would want .....evening meals for myself and crew.

\*Delete as necessary

Name of Boat.....Owners name.....

Address.....Telephone.....

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N.B.This is only a preliminary enquiry, NOT a firm booking.

Only members of the Association and their crews can be  
accommodated.

No further mailing will be made and details with a booking  
form will only be sent to members who return this slip to  
the Secretary.