

SEADOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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To say that we are homeless at the time of writing is not quite true, but our possessions are scattered between four separate addresses while we wait for the builders to finish the new house. Work started in the garden at 'Ashlett Meade' in September last, but we sold the house in January and since then have had to adopt a nomadic existence between a caravan on the site, a small house in Southampton, and two relatives in Salisbury and Marchwood.

Now it is March, with Spring well on the way and "The Belvedere" nearly finished. The dictionary says that a Belvedere is a small turret or summerhouse from which to look at a beautiful prospect, and we felt that this was indeed appropriate as we shall have an even more extensive panoramic view over Southampton Water than we had before, with Ashlett Creek in the foreground and 'Tresco Maid' on her mooring in the centre.

With all this going on I haven't been able to do more than run the Perkins occasionally and make sure that the storms haven't done any damage, but the much better weather of the last week or two makes summer sailing seem much closer. A much smaller garden should give me more time to cruise, and this year looks as though it will be a busy one. The Spring Rally is at Beaulieu River on May 1st, A Plymouth meet is also proposed on May 29th, The Tall Ships Race ends at Southampton this year, The 'Mary Rose' may be raised from the seabed off Southsea in late Summer, and the Autumn Rally is at Yarmouth on October 2nd.

I hope we shall all have a good season and I look forward to seeing many of you on the water.

THE NEW OWNERS LIST

Yes - at last - I began to fear it would never be completed, or accurate, but as far as I can be sure it does represent the position at March 31st 1982, although one or two transfers are in the pipeline. The number of missing boats is reduced to perhaps seven, and of the 134 Seadogs with known names the owners of 104 are members of the Association. Now it is your chance to check the list and let me know of any mistakes, keep a look out for the non-members and use the form at the end of this newsletter to bring them in.

My sincere thanks are due to Peter French who has bought DOGMATIC, he has had the list typed on a sophisticated machine which has greatly improved its legibility.

FINANCE

After posting this newsletter I shall have about £250 in the Deposit account. Interest and subscriptions have just about kept pace with expenditure, but only because the printing cost is met by very good friends. Several members when writing to me for information have enclosed a small sum as a donation which is a great help. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope anyway, and in the case of overseas members do remember that these postal rates are now much higher.

Please Note the new address of the Secretary

F.Murley F.P.S. The Belvedere, Stonehills, Fawley,
Southampton SO4 1DU

My telephone number is still Southampton (0703) 891353.

THE AUTUMN RALLY AT YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT, OCTOBER 3RD

Having been disappointed so often by the weather and sailing conditions last year, I was not too surprised when, after receiving 42 provisional acceptances from 14 boats, the depressions rolled steadily in from the Atlantic.

Several reasons genuinely reduced the numbers but when some 'regulars' had to scratch I did begin to despair. The more so when the wind refused to ease on the Thursday and the 'further outlook' was as bad as the weather at the time. However Clare and I left Ashlett on the Friday afternoon in a 'Bright Interval' cheering ourselves with the thought of a clearance until we rounded Calshot and met the usual Solent Chop with a F5-6 against the West going tide.

A wet rough trip until we were able to tie up in Yarmouth and get our heads down early hoping for a calmer Saturday.

Next morning was however almost as rough with blustery showers and F 6-7 most of the time. The George Hotel told me that two more boats had apologised by phone. We were relieved to see EASTRA II from Gosport coming alongside later in the morning, followed by GLASS LADY, MOHICAN, and AHMEEK. When we were joined in the bar of the George by Bryan Westwood whose SIREX was in the river above the road bridge for laying up, it seemed that we were just six boats and fourteen members.

The hotel made up for our disappointment by giving us a combined table which we ranged ourselves around and tucked into a very good meal. It was a most pleasant evening and I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. Much later when we went out to row back to the boats it was calmer and clearing a little. The harbour was quiet but the wind returned during the night with gusts of F9 - 10 and the clearance didn't come through until later in the morning.

It did ease gradually and we left at 11.30 for a fast downwind run with the tide under us. So fast in fact that we had to wait for water to get into Ashlett and indeed 'drove' onto the mooring over the mud, which is the easiest way to be sure of picking up the gear first time!

I heard afterwards that 'GLASS LADY' had a water-pump failure and had to be towed into Lymington, which was bad luck. After two stormy meetings in one year is it too much to hope for a really pleasant weekend at Beaulieu in May?

NEWS OF DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS

Mr.P.Webster has bought DOG ROSE from Alan Miller.

Mr.Brook is buying SARAH NOELLE II.

Mr.Beesley and Mr. Smurthwaite have bought MELISSE

Mr.Gillett has bought SEAWOLF from Peter Stolper.

Mr.A.Chivers has bought TARRY from the Gosdens.

Eric Hanks has bought GAY MADRIGAL and become a member of the Association. She is kept at Red Wharf Bay in Anglesey.

Mr.R.W.Dash of Ruislip has bought THELPHINI and become a member. I believe she is being kept at Portsmouth.

NEWS OF DOGS AND OWNERS (Continued)

Mr. Moriarty of London has bought SUEBRE from James Hughes and Sue Pitcairn.

Dr. Lodge has changed Marecane's name to SOLWAY DOG. He has been seeking the answers to one or two queries after his first season. His letter and John Freeman's detailed answers are too long to reproduce in full here, but the main points were:- The wiring of the Auto Pilot (Pinta version), The purpose of the limber hole and its threaded plug in the engine room bulkhead, partial flooding by rainwater finding its way to the bilges via the chain navel pipe (J.F. suggests the provision of a separate fore deck drain if it is likely that you will, as in Dr. Lodge's case, have the boat settle and dry-out bow down on your mooring.) Removal of the cabin headlinings for access to the chainplates and drainage of the gas locker were also discussed (Ref. Newsletter No. 13) A rather intriguing point also mentioned was that some fuel dipsticks are marked wrongly, having the graduations spaced regularly. Worth checking perhaps? If anyone else has similar queries or has had problems associated with these items, please be in touch.

John Freeman thinks he may have traced MARIPOSA and is also still trying to trace the true owner of CANICULA.

BLEIBEN - formerly Floodtide, has been bought by Professor B.J. Vorath of Emmerich, West Germany. She is kept at a small dredging lake on the Rhine near their home. Last year they cruised in Dutch waters and on the Belgian Coast. This year they hope to visit Solent waters in July, thence to the Channel Isles and back along the French coast. The crew are normally just his wife and 5 year old son.

Capt. Groves wrote from Malta where FURAH is based, for details of Peter Stolper's Osmosis treatment as he had found some evidence of this malady when stripping the hull down to bare gel-coat this winter. Tiny blisters were seen in bands, each one less than $\frac{1}{4}$ " across with a radial or segmental crack, but without liquid within. A tedious task to deal with them, but practicable. The Groves winter in Malta from November to May and during the last five years have cruised the Eastern Med, Turkey, Crete, The Aegean, The Ionian, The Adriatic, Sicily, and Southern Corsica. They plan to look at the Balearics this Summer.

Commander Manners sailed SEASCAPE back from Gibraltar to Emsworth last October. A rough trip was complicated by water in the gearbox. I see from the Cruising Association's bulletin that the 'cruise' was logged as 1305 Nautical miles in 24 days.

EREMUE is of course another Seadog in the Med. After a winter working in Colombia, Mike and Linda Fulford will shortly be re-commissioning her in Malta and will be cruising in Greek waters this summer. John (my elder boy) has been able to liase with them in the United States and assist in one or two ways during the winter - he hopes to join them for a part of his summer break.

CONMARA Captain Murdoch found that the lower bearing of the rudder was loose and the pin worn. I have a copy of John Freeman's reply describing the structure of the rudder mounting and the method of removal for repair if it proves necessary, together with a sketch showing the arrangement clearly. Anyone needing a copy please send a large envelope and cost of postage.

OFFENBACH - Don Fair has sent me up to date information from The Chichester Harbour Conservancy News 1982 with detailed information on the Bar, Visitors' moorings, Anchorages, and the CH Radio Beacon. Of great use and interest to anyone visiting the harbour this year.

SHILLAY - Captain Taylor writes that he has taken early retirement and now hopes to be able to cruise more extensively. Last year he was restricted to the Isle of Man and the Scottish side of the Solway Firth plus a cruise to the Bristol Channel and Lundy Island via the Lancashire and Cumbrian coasts. Anyone cruising in that area and needing help or advice is welcome to contact him, by letter or on 0248 712956.

MICHETTE - Brian Jackson tells me that the noise insulation in the port locker (mentioned in the Index to modifications in Newsletter No.12) is definitely NOT a good idea and is in fact a fire risk. He has had to replace the outer propellor shaft because of corrosion, attributed by the surveyor to the use of graphite based packing. In a later letter he returned to the matter of the stern gland which still runs hot, though not so hot as to be untouchable, and asks, "Is this general?" He has been told that it is normal but would like to be reassured. Has anyone else had similar trouble, and also have any boats had remote greasers fitted?

While in Guernsey last year Michette was put on the wall and pressure cleaned by John Webster (0481 - 53755) who is also a diver and a member of the lifeboat crew. Reasonably priced and highly recommended, as is Keen International Marionics of Worthing for VHF work - the service manager is Michael Cheesman.

TIWANA - John and Barbara Cook who bought her late last season, and keep her at Topsham on the river Exe, managed a 4 day visit to Dartmouth and Torquay during a very 'grotty' last week in October. They were delighted with her performance in strong winds and rough weather but found after a particularly bad spell that the drinking water tasted 'sweet'. A wash out was needed and they are considering fitting a filter into the system. They also mention that Sadolin has been replaced by 'Beautinox' and will report on this at a later date. Has anyone else used this preparation on teak or other woodwork?

WHO WAS IT? No, not the name of a boat - I had a phone call from an owner who was out in the Solent in that awful January weather on the bridge of a large ship, that the only sail in sight was a Seadog manfully battling its way into Beaulieu river. It was too murky to see the name but one wonders who, and why?

WHIMSY OF WESTON Robert Francis has written from Massachusetts with several queries which I am trying my best to answer, the most teasing of which has been raised by one or two other owners. Where are Dennis Emerson's templates for Treadmaster which he made in 1976? In Newsletter No.3 he reported that he had cut a set from wallpaper and these enabled appropriately shaped sections to be cut from nine sheets of 4' x 3' material for a full deck layout. These patterns were loaned to more than one owner but they were not among the papers etc. passed on to me after his death, and cannot now be found.

Will anyone who has a set, the originals, or copies let me have them to make a further set for reference.

SAINT IV - Sam Ferguson Musser who wrote last summer from Pennsylvania has been in touch with John in New York and tells us that he is contemplating Hood roller reefing, having been passed on his way South by a large ketch with twin roller reefed headsails set. He has re-arranged the after cabin to enlarge both bunks and put in much thicker mattresses. A 'cold machine' remote condenser has enabled a top loading frig to go opposite the galley, its top providing the navigators space. Hand operated wind-screen wipers have proved invaluable in bad weather, and a hot water system with the heater under the companionway ladder gives pressurised supplies to the galley and the heads. The latter also has a hand spray for use as a shower with the surplus being cleared by an automatic bilge pump.

PERKINS ENGINES - OWNERS' MARINE COURSES

Two days of familiarisation with the 4.107 and 4.108 engines. Their functioning, operation, servicing, maintenance, and fault finding. These courses are often fully booked well in advance so here are the dates for later in the year.

September 6/7th, 20/21st: October 4/5th, 18/19th: November First/2nd, & 15/16th.

The current fee per person is £19.55 (inc. VAT) and further details are available from the Product Training School, Perkins Engines Ltd, Peterborough PE1 5NA (0733-67474 and ask for Mr. Burdett)

The school can also supply anyone with a workshop manual for either engine at £6.00 per copy (+50p. p.& p.) Its a very worthwhile investment. Spare Operators handbooks are supplied free of charge at the courses.

INSURANCE - From Hylda Freeman.

"As greater numbers of Seadog owners are placing their Insurance with us and in view of their generally excellent claims record, we have been able to negotiate a lower rate with Lloyds underwriters and as a result all new Seadog business and renewals will be at the rate of 0.9% w.e.f. 11.1.82 and Third Party cover will be increased to £500.000 All other conditions are unchanged."

Reg. Freeman continues to keep well and make progress, he sends his best wishes to everyone and looking forward to better sailing weather hopes to join us at Beaulieu in May.

PLYMOUTH - Saturday May 29th 1982

Peter and Deidre Bragg are hoping that Seadogs in this area will be able to join PALAFOX II in Barn Pool, west of Drakes Island in Plymouth Sound at about midday.

Depending on the numbers attending and the weather, a bar lunch may be taken in the Cremyll Ferry Inn nearby, or an informal snack on board. In the event of bad weather or for members from greater distances, the Mayflower Marina is just across the river. Alternatively there are quiet anchorages further up the Tamar.

No formality is envisaged, just a chance to get together and chat, but it would help to let the Braggs know if you can come. Please fill in the slip on Page 7.

YARMOUTH - ISLE OF WIGHT October 2nd 1982.

I am very happy to be able to return to our previous hosts, the Royal Solent Yacht Club for this event. Please note however that there may not be another mailing before this date, and I will only send a firm booking slip to those who return the provisional slip from page 7 now.

Go on, fill it in, you can always cancel later.

BEAULIEU RIVER - Saturday May 1st 1982

As I have in fact been able to send this out in time I can offer a second chance to anyone who can come but did not send in a provisional booking in October. The slip on page 7 is a FIRM Booking and must be accompanied by a cheque for the mooring fee (harbour dues) and the number of meals required, please return it to me by April 22nd at the latest.

- NOTA BENE
- (1) The meal price does not include wine etc. Please order this from the steward in the usual way.
 - (2) This is a Bank Holiday weekend, if you stay for more than one night please pay the extra to the Harbour Master direct.
 - (3) Space in the R.S.Y.C. club house is limited, priority will be given to those who have made a provisional booking already.
 - (4) If you do have to cancel for any reason please telephone me at Southampton 891353 a.s.a.p.
 - (5) Sailing and Road directions will be sent with the receipt.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Burgees - Is yours faded and tattered ? Sport a new one for National Maritime Year and the Tall Ships Race.

£4.95 + 20p. postage

Brooches - Are your female crew (and owners) properly dressed?

£1.50 + 20. p. postage.

Sail Plans - £1.25 + 20p. postage (folded) Say whether yours is a 399 or 454 sq.ft. rig, or give the height of the main mast.

All other data, copies etc. Please send a large envelope, stamped and addressed or a contribution towards the postage.

R.F.FREEMAN AND PARTNERS: 27 High Street, Milford-on-Sea,
Lymington, Hants, SO4 0QF

Insurance, Brokerage, Chandlery, Help and advice to all Seadog owners.

TELEPHONE:- Milford-on-Sea (059 - 069) 3000 or 3330

SEADOG OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Application Form

The Name of your Seadog.....
Bilge keel or Deep keel design.....
Works Number.....(On the plate behind the wheel)
Sail number (if displayed).....
Your permanent mooring or base for cruising.....
Owner's Name.....Telephone No.....
Address.....

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND TO THE SECRETARY WITH A CHEQUE
FOR £5.00 as a once only subscription to the association

Seadog Owners Association, Hon.Secretary:- F.Murley F.P.S.
The Belvedere, Stonehills, Fawley, Southampton SO4 1DU.
Telephone :- Southampton 891353

PLYMOUTH - Saturday May 29th 1982

I would like to come to the meeting at Plymouth

Name.....Name of Seadog.....
Address.....
.....Number of crew.....

Please detach and send as soon as possible to:-
Mr. & Mrs. Bragg, Ponsmain, Pill Creek, Feock, Truro,
Or for more details, phone 0872862530. (Cornwall.

YARMOUTH - ISLE OF WIGHT - Saturday October 2nd 1982.

PROVISIONAL BOOKING ONLY. I hope to be able to come:-

Name.....Name of Seadog.....
Address.....
.....Total No.(self & Crew).....

Please detach and send to the Secretary:-F.Murley F.P.S.
The Belvedere, Stonehills, Fawley, Southampton SO4 1DU

BEAULIEU RIVER - Saturday May 1st 1982.FIRM BOOKING ONLY.

Royal Southampton Yacht Club, Gins Farm, Beaulieu River.

Name.....Name of Seadog.....
Address.....

I will require a mooring on Saturday May 1st @ £3.70.....

I will require.....meals for myself and crew @ £4.00.....

I enclose a cheque (Made out to the S.O.A.) for..... £

A receipt will be sent with Sailing and Road directions.
If you have to cancel for any reason please telephone me as
soon as possible at Southampton 891353.

Please detach and send to the Secretary:- F.Murley.F.P.S.
The Belvedere, Stonehills, Fawley, Southampton, SO4 1DU.

I have you down provisionally for 2 meals