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If you're visiting, do let us know.

## COMMODORE'S JOTTINGS

Hello Everybody,

Well, still here as we have been all summer. However, rather than go on at length about how bad it has been, we thought we would start a new initiative and encourage members to share local advice to give visitors to your home port a thoroughly good time. This should help if fellow members get stuck for longer than anticipated, and also help us plan to have longer duration stays in one place to save fuel. We have started the ball rolling in this newsletter, plus David Norman has promised an article based on his knowledge of the French ports. The idea came from our decision not to go away in July, but to do the things we advise our visitors to, but we never get around to them.

2008 has marked the end of an era – we have been at sea on a sailing boat, and even worse, with a sail up. Gone is our record, but at least we lost it in a decent manner. We were very fortunate to be invited to join the Giblets on a sailing holiday in the British Virgin Islands. The yacht was a 40' Leopard catamaran, and yes the water really is that colour. So many wows and goshes, you'd think we were watching fireworks. All in all a fantastic holiday, but we did all agree we missed our generators and air conditioning. Are we spoilt or what?

We hope we will see some members in Southampton in the next few weeks, Timbo will be in Ocean Village as usual.

Best wishes to you all,

Nichola and Ron

## The Font of All AQUA-STARS

Geoff has decided to standardise the font used for all occurrences of the written words AQUA-STAR. This is the nearest font I can find – CENTAUR in BOLD – and it is quite a small typeface for the font size - this is 12 point.

## 2008 Rally

Well we didn't plan a rally in 2008 and perhaps just as well. However Ron and Nichola and/or Tony and Helen Giblett will be at the Southampton Boat Show for the whole duration. If you are coming to the Show, do come and introduce yourselves, we will be on the Aqua-Stars which will be occupying the berths in the far left hand corner of the Marina as you approach from the land i.e. as far as you can go towards the end of Town Quay. Hopefully it will not be too lumpy, I don't fancy 10 days of Kwells, but the views of the departing liners should be good! We can always arrange an impromptu get together as the 4 of us will be around for most of the time and always open to offers.

## Factory News

Geoff reports that the two 57' boats plus a 48' are well into their builds. The 80' boat is just being started, and should be delivered in the middle of next year.

The boats on show at Southampton Boat Show will be the 74' Netty Elaine, the 65' Secret Lady and the new 48' Azure. Those who did not see the Azure, Sea Mickle, last year are in for a treat. The enclosed aft deck proved its worth then, and I am sure all those owners who now have this design feel they have got their value out of it in this one season!

## ARE WE ADDRESSING YOU CORRECTLY?

Please let us know if any of your details contain any errors or need any changes. We sometimes get forgotten when members change address.

## New Members

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to the Club:

Anna & Ingvar Svenson

E. Sussex

Perroquet

Newhaven

We are sure there will be more to report after the Boat Show.

### News from the Newly Refurbished *Windcheater*

Richard and Jo Archer took *Windcheater* to Holland in late June, and have sent this feedback. We got as far as Dordrecht, when thanks to a crashing fall and subsequent badly bruised ribs, poor Richard was in sufficient pain for us to leave her there and return home until the beginning of August. We then resumed our planned trip and spent two and a half weeks cruising the inland waterways (in the rain and the wind!!), before making for home in the weather window of 10 days ago. Whilst in the Grevelingenmeer, one of the 'inland seas', we bumped (not literally) into *Gamine*. She has been sold, and is based in Bruinisse marina, and we exchanged Aqua-Star type greetings with her new Dutch owners.

*Windcheater's* retro fit has proved to be very successful. As you might imagine with some of the seas we have been having this summer the stabilisers are GREAT!! They make a real difference in beam or quartering seas. And the new covered afterdeck has given us a huge extension to the 'living' area. During our time in Holland and despite the inclement weather, we were able to use the afterdeck every day by deploying some or all of the canvas screening.

Note by Nic: We have heard several reports of the benefits of the stabilisers and, possibly more pertinent to our current climate, the screened aft deck. Do come and see this arrangement on the Azure at the Boat Show. I keep on asking but my pleas are definitely falling on stony ground..... something about they've got bigger engines..

### *Weatherbound in Weymouth?*

*If you are planning a holiday or you find yourselves staying in Weymouth longer than anticipated here are a few ideas of what to do and see. The local walks are obvious, but great views of Portland can be had from the other side of the promontory which forms the Harbour, either via Brewers Quay, or further along past the Lifeboat Station. Also Rodwell Trail which starts behind Asda, goes all the way to Portland, passes through the Sailing Academy and has good views of the Olympic 2012 sailing area. Going east, if you walk along the seafront to Bowleaze, there is a good café 'The Oasis' before the road starts to rise. Avoid the Spyglass, expensive drinks and food not good value, but the tearooms on the green as you get towards the top of the hill are good. There are good cliff walks from Bowleaze all the way to Lulworth for the energetic! Weymouth's market day in summer is Thursday.*

*Venturing out on the bus is good news. The best journey is the X53 Jurassic Coast bus which goes from Poole to Exeter along the coast. The views from Weymouth to Bridport is excellent from upstairs, and the buses are more comfortable than normal service ones. We stopped in Bridport (market day Saturday), caught the service 31 to Lyme Regis then the X53 to Newton Poppleford for a world renowned cream tea at the Southern Cross Guest House - one stop on from the memorial on the righthand side as you face towards Exeter. You can have your tea in the time it takes the bus to turn around and come back. The X53 can also be used to visit Abbotsbury with the Swannery and Sub-tropical Gardens. There is also an open top bus to Portland, which again gives magnificent views along the coast, and good food can be had in the Lobster Pot at Portland Bill. Dorchester is a good compact shopping centre, and has the county museum there. Market Day all year around is on Wednesday.*

*A day trip on the Condor to Guernsey is a cost effective way of seeing the Channel Islands. This year the fare was £26.50 and you get up to 14 hours ashore! It is an early start and late arrival back but different times are available depending on the tides.*

### Aqua-Star Oceanranger 118 "Ocean Star" For Sale

This is a great opportunity to purchase a mobile holiday home in Spain – just think, a spring, summer and autumn with sunshine!

Oceanranger 118 "Ocean Star": built in 1996 and powered by twin Iveco 250hp engines, Ocean Star was fully overhauled by Clarks of Portland prior to Allan moving her to Santa Pola in Spain which he says is the best thing he has ever done!. She is VAT paid and an excellent example of this model with only 700 hours on the engines. Ocean Star was fitted with substantial stainless steel and canvas work to create a shaded deck area, but Allan has not found the need for air conditioning. Santa Pola is 10 minutes by taxi from Alicante Airport which is served by the budget airlines from the UK – two can travel return UK to Alicante for under £100. **More details will be available soon and will be emailed out**, but if you are interested and can't wait, please contact Allan Humphries. I believe he will be looking for offers around £200,000.

## **DON'T FORGET THE DISCOUNTS!! - Take this list to the Boat Show**

Benefits to members are available from:

| <b><u>Supplier</u></b> | <b><u>Contact</u></b>         | <b><u>Offer</u></b>                          |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Aqua-Star              | Geoff                         | Spares & parts at cost + 10% to Club members |
| CJR                    | Mark Russell 01703 639366     | Call for special prices on props/sterngear   |
| Euronav                | Mark Day 01705 373855         | 20% off chart systems                        |
| Galleyslave            | Birgit Morris 01527 592089    | 10% off unbreakable glasses and dinnerware   |
| GJW Direct             | Jo Griffiths 0151 236 6848    | 10% additional discount from boat insurance  |
| Greenham Marine        | Andy Haynes 01590 671144      | Call for prices on autopilots etc.           |
| Halyard                | James Grazebrook 01722 710922 | 7.5% off exhausts etc.                       |
| Liquid Engineering     | Gerry Yeatman 01794 884963    | 15% off diesel bug treatment                 |
| Marine & General Eng.  | David Norman 01481 245808     | Repair yard, chandlery in St Sampsons        |
| Marine Electronic      | Nicholas Heyes 01179 830770   | Various                                      |
| Marlin Marine          | Alan Soper 023 80231306       | 5% off Iveco engine sales                    |
| Reed's Bookshop        | Roger Hunter 0181 941 7878    | Discuss direct                               |
| Toomer & Hayter        | Vivien West 01202 515789      | Discounts on upholstery                      |
| Vetus Southern         | Richard Yates 01703 672277    | 10% off Vetus equipment                      |

- We would like to recommend **Osmotech** (02380 456450) at Hamble Point Marina to you all. While Timbo was out the water, our Sleipner Sidepower bowthruster developed an oil leak on Sunday, lift-in was due on Tuesday. An old receipt had their mobile numbers on it so we called on Sunday evening, apologising profusely but they were really helpful, and agreed we would need new seals. Nic set off from Weymouth at 0630 on Monday, arrived as they were opening, was offered a compatible new gearbox unit or a recon. unit for half the price. She opted for the recon. unit as it brought the bowthruster more up to date and is a more powerful 4 bladed unit with the anodes on the ends of the shafts. Osmotech supplied this with two gaskets so we could get the correct clearance, a litre of oil, extra anodes and the seals for the old unit in case there was a problem, all at no extra cost. The unit fitted easily so by Monday evening we were ready for our 0800 lift-in on Tuesday. How's that for service? Osmotech are a yacht repair centre for osmosis and GRP work, and cover sanitation, climate control, gas and electronic systems.

### **38' Aqua-Star Wanted**

Fellow member Adrian Mole, in Holland, has emailed to seek help on locating a 38' Aqua-Star which he believes is based in the Southampton area. He wrote "I know of one for sale called 'Tap Dancer' and I would love to know who the owner was or still is. As far as I know it has been moored up for a year in the Southampton area somewhere. I have spoken to some people who mentioned the name of Mr. Payen. It seems he is a single man now in his late sixties. He bought the boat new in Guernsey in the early nineties."

Adrian has also been able to confirm the gentleman is single, in his late sixties, lives in Spain at the moment and is sometimes in the UK. Adrian is keen to purchase such a boat, so if anybody knows of the gentleman, his boat, where it is and whether it is showing evidence of being for sale, please let myself or Adrian know.

### **A reminder from the last newsletter: STROKE: Remember The 1st Three Letters.... S.T.R.**

We were sent this through the RNSA. Although it is very simple advice it could prove very useful if the right circumstances present themselves to you. Please read on:

**RECOGNIZING A STROKE** remember the '3 steps', S-T-R . Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage if people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke . Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S \* Ask the individual to SMILE.

T \* Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today)

R \* Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 999 immediately and describe the symptoms to the emergency services.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other , that is also an indication of a stroke.

**A cardiologist says if everyone who gets these instructions sends them to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.**

## Contributions – Yes Please!

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, we are happy and edit to format anything to fit, so please do let us have items by post or email. Just the few words from Jo Archer gave us something of interest to pass on. We would like to build up this portfolio of information on your home ports to help visitors enjoy what the locals know to do. One day we hope to have or get access to a website, and all these pieces would find a rightful home there.

### Aqua-Star Oceanranger 34 “Witchcraft” For Sale

Witchcraft, was purchased from Aqua-Star in 2000, hull number 962. It was delivered nearly finished with the final fitting out being completed by the owners. The boat is Boatmark registered & has a CE conformity certificate, a HIN number, an Owners Manual, full set of the fitted equipment manuals/instructions and wiring diagrams. It has been maintained to the highest possible standards and is in near new condition.

Specifications:

#### **Engines etc.**

- Twin Volvo TAMD41P 200hp.
- Twin fuel tanks 420 litres capacity each.
- Heavy duty battery to each engine with switch-over facility.
- Twin heavy duty batteries for domestic supply.
- Exhaust temperature alerts.
- Auto bilge pump with over-ride and Manual bilge pump.
- Trim Tabs.
- Rope cutters.
- Manual Anchor Windlass.

#### **Accommodation**

- Aft cabin with large double berth, wardrobes, storage, separate bathroom with toilet, shower, washbasin and razor socket. A 240V wall mounted panel heater with thermostat in cabin.
- Forward cabin with double berth, wardrobes and storage.
- Separate forward toilet compartment with wash basin, storage, ventilator and provision for shower.
- Fitted Galley with cabinets, fridge, sink, gas cooker, ventilator and micro-wave cooker.
- Saloon with table, seating can form two berths suitable for children, teak panelling, removable chart table, cabinets and storage, engine controls, navigation instruments.

#### **Other**

- Four speaker stereo RDS radio/CD player and TV socket.
- 240V ring main with shore power to 13 amp sockets, step mode battery charger and immersion heater. Galvanic Isolator and polarity check indicator. Consumer unit with RCD protected circuits.
- Pressurised hot and cold water system, with Calorifier, to galley and bathrooms.  
Water tank capacity 225 litres.
- Two gas bottles storage in aft external vented locker with regulator and a “bubble” leak detector.
- Auto fire extinguishers in engine compartment.  
Powder in saloon, aft cabin and galley. Fire blanket in galley.

#### **Navigation Equipment.**

All navigation systems are installed to be independent. They can however be “integrated” and the wiring/connections are available to achieve this.

#### **Saloon**

MLR FX412 Differential GPS driving the Navico PH500 Auto-pilot.  
Raymarine RC435 Chart Plotter.  
JRC 1000 Radar.  
Depth Sounder.  
Speed Log.  
Sinrad RT1400 VHF Radio.  
Target Pro Plus Navtex.  
Compass.  
Exhaust temperature alarm.  
Brass cased Barometer, Clock, Temperature and Humidity instruments.

#### **Fly bridge**

The following controls are repeated on the Fly-bridge.  
Engine controls and instruments.  
Exhaust temperature alarm.  
Auto-pilot.  
Depth Sounder  
Trim Tabs.  
Speed Log.  
Horn.  
Compass.  
Extension speaker to Vhf Radio.  
A Rudder Position Indicator is fitted on the Fly-bridge panel.

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