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COMMODORE'S JOTTINGS

Hi Everybody,

Well what a summer that was, or are we having the rest of it now? Let's hope for an Indian summer so we can enjoy the Southampton Boat Show, just having to wipe down the boats at the beginning of the day. On show will be a new design 48' incorporating a covered aft deck and stabilisers (now well tested!), a 65' and the brand new 57'. Also, the 48' that has been at the show for the last few years, it is now up for sale – speak to Geoff about this if interested.

Unfortunately the rally did not happen as planned, but for us straddled the 17 days we spent in St Peter Port. We crossed the Channel in a 4 hour weather window & fortunately tucked ourselves in the corner of QEII Marina. Nic's Mum was due to join us after the following weekend, and as Ron very astutely observed, if we did our tour of a few French ports, we did stand to be in danger of her being in St Peter Port, us being in France and never the three shall meet! Consequently we stayed tucked up in the corner, and from the fun we had we were glad we did. See later for a report on the elongated rally.

David Norman came to see us while we were in QEII. He runs Marine & General Engineers in The Boatyard, St Sampsons and has offered favourable prices on parts & services to members. He has a boat lift which can launch the 74' boats, if anyone fancies their lift-out in Guernsey. See the discounts section for details.

We received a good newsy letter from Bill Bache which I will save for the next Aqua-Data. I am sure members would be interested to hear how The Woollards and Aqua Santa faired in the floods – we kept looking out for her on the news pictures, so I'll see what I can find out.

We look forward to meeting many of you over the next few weeks at the Show.

Best wishes to you all,

Nichola and Ron

Factory News

While we were in Guernsey we were fortunate to see a new 65, 48 and 38 delivered. The first new 57' will be at the Boat Show, and the second one is already in build. As usual the design has come fully up to specification, with the boat cruising very comfortably at 20 knots. There are 2 x 48S's being finished, and 4 of the new covered deck design have been sold. The next hull to be laid will be a 65' one. Geoff informs us that there are still a couple of slots available for builds over this winter, but get in quickly to be ahead of any interest generated at the Boat Show.

The performance of the stabilisers fitted to the 48S Sea Mickle has been well proved. To many this may seem to be overkill, but after a July like we had this year, we wouldn't mind having them fitted! We did experience the "with and without" and they make a very comfortable difference.

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. Also some more **mobile phone numbers** would be welcomed as this could easily be the first line of contact when somebody spots you.

The (Abandoned) 2007 Rally

As you will all be aware by now, we had to cancel the 2007 rally to Guernsey as the weather forecast was not favourable at the time we should have all been crossing the Channel. It is never an easy decision to make, but there were a few relieved sighs heard when the news was passed. Ron and I left first thing on the Sunday morning and had a good crossing, but by the afternoon the wind was blowing hard again, and continued to do so for the week. However the decision to stay put proved to be an excellent one, as there was so much entertainment, public and personal, in St Peter Port. On the Wednesday friends turned up from Weymouth – they had had a cracking sail but the crossing was enough in one go, so they broke their journey in St PP. Unfortunately their arrival was a real surprise, Ron accepted their invitation for a drink without finding out where they were and we ended up in the Pool water taxi with me wearing my best white trousers. Ho-hum. As we left on the last taxi, we asked them to supper the following night but they declined as they intended to continue on to France. Nine o'clock next morning we got a text message – 'shall I bring starters or pud?' – can you believe they were fog bound after all that wind!!

At the weekend, things really started to hot up Aqua-Star wise. Erik, the new owner of Martello, now named Siesta II, arrived and flew the biggest Danish ensign you ever did see. Chris & Caroline Micklethwaite took delivery of their 48S, Sea Mickle, which will be at the Boat Show. Unfortunately it was a brief visit for Caroline, but Chris stayed for the weekend, enabling us to enjoy a couple of very good evenings together, and a quick run out in the new boat to take photos of Erik leaving. There was quite a sharp swell running, sufficient for us to be impressed by Sea Mickle's (wonderful according to Nichola) stabilisers. On the Monday the whole reason for us being in St PP occurred – Ron's big 'O' birthday – won't say how old, but he completed the forms for his fuel allowance before we left the UK. Ted & Marjorie Whittaker, Moonspinner, had arrived by this time and invited us for drinks before we went to dinner. Next, on the table at the restaurant we had a fantastic surprise – a bottle of champers from our good friends, Tony and Helen Giblett, Fastflow, who had been hoping to join us. On our way back to Timbo we met up with Stan Bruce, Sapphire Star, who came onboard for a nightcap – what a day! Later in the week, we saw Ted and Marjorie again with their friends Mick and Norrie, met up with locals Ed and Jenny Duncan, Fleur d'Ecosse, for a curry, Geoff brought the family down to say hello, and David Norman introduced himself.

So, not really a rally, but we certainly enjoyed meeting up with fellow owners as they passed through. Many thanks for all the good company and hospitality we enjoyed. It proves yet a again what friendly bunch us owners are.

There is an article on **Red Diesel** in the latest RYA magazine giving the public the opportunity to contribute to the consultation by 31st October 2007 – see www.hmrc.gov.uk/consultations. Apparently the favoured way ahead is to retain red diesel and charge different duties for different types of customer. Geoff confirmed that dyeing Guernsey diesel to distinguish it from road diesel, thereby potentially causing problems for owners visiting Europe, has been shelved by the local authorities and they will not be following Jersey's lead.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Club, and look forward to meeting you again at the Boat Show:

Chris & Caroline Micklethwaite	Sea Mickle	Port Solent
Stan & Marlene Bruce	Sapphire Star	tbd
David & Nicola Norman	Thursday's Child of St Peter Port	St Sampson's Marina

DON'T FORGET THE DISCOUNTS!!

Benefits to members are available from:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Offer</u>
Aqua-Star	Geoff	Spares & construction 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 01703 231306 27.	5% off Iveco engine sales
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Vetus Southern	Richard Yates 01703 672277	10% off Vetus equipment