



**New Member**

Please welcome Alan Pindar with his sloop-rigged Frances 26, 'Panache' to the association. Alan had to repair several items, including the fuel system, before sailing 'Panache' from Hythe to her new home in Weymouth Marina.

**'Kiome of Sark'**



Robert and Elisabeth Barratt have made a good job of refurbishing their Victoria 30, which is now based at the Mayflower Marina in Plymouth.

**'Falkor'**

Dany Chapuis is not a member but has posted several messages on our website. He has now bought 'Falkor', a Victoria 34 that was For Sale in The Netherlands and has moved her to le Croisic near the Loire Estuary in southern Brittany. He would welcome visits by any Victoria owners when in that area.

**'Barbican 3' sails again**



This is the Frances 26 that was originally built for Bernard Hayman, ex-editor of Yachting World. After being out of commission for some years, Chris Coggins now has her in sailing trim and bases her at the Lowestoft Haven Marina.

**Swiss Member(s) – an apology**

In the last Newsletter, we announced our first Swiss member, which was not quite correct. Our Honorary Treasurer, John Cade, remembered Gideon Gass from many years ago, who sailed his Victoria 30 on one of the Swiss lakes.

**Resignation**

Peter Kimmance has resigned from the association, having sold his Victoria 26, 'Maude', some time ago. Peter was one of the original members who joined the association back on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1991. We are sorry to lose him but wish him well.

**'Amy' is For Sale**

Mark and Stephanie Woodhams are offering their 1996 cutter-rigged Victoria 800 For Sale. She is based in Cornwall and has all manner of goodies such as teak decks, heater and spinnaker. There is more information on our website but no price quoted. Contact Mark on 01326 378555.

**'Caladh' reaches the Algarve**

Simon and Jo Bound have continued to send regular reports of their cruise southwards on 'Caladh', their Victoria 34. She is pictured here at Alvor, only a few miles from the busy marina at Lagos, where they also spotted Sue Thatcher's, 'Tamar Swallow'.



Simon and Jo will be turning eastwards to continue their journey to Greece and Turkey in 2009.

**'Tui' in Ireland**

Colin Reid headed westwards in his Victoria 30 and sent this message, "I have just got back from a month cruise to SW Ireland in Tui. Fantastic area for cruising with dramatic scenery, lots of idyllic harbours, islands and bays and excellent Guinness in every port. I recommend it. It was a windy month and great sailing. I left from Dartmouth and was able to sail nearly the whole way with up to F7 and 3 reefs on the way back, mercifully blowing from the right direction."

**Late summer rallies**

All three of our September rallies were seriously affected by the adverse weather.

**'Redwing' - the only boat!**



Martin Hunt sails 'Redwing' through Harwich Harbour on his way to the Royal Harwich Yacht Club and our East Coast Rally, organised by Anne Grubb. His boat was the only one to attend any of our three rallies. Anne assures us that the meal was excellent, one of the best ever, and that everyone enjoyed the evening.

Members all came by road to the South Coast Rally at Lympington Town Sailing Club, where we were pleased to see Tim and Dee Clarke who had brought photographs with them of the extensive refurbishment of their Victoria 30 cutter, 'Widgeon'. The evening had been organised by John Tyer, our new South Coast Regional Organiser. A good time was enjoyed by all despite the weather.

Dave Probert's Shadow Rally to Windsor did not escape the weather. 'Red Boards' on many of the locks meant an early cancellation of the rally but a lively evening ensued; first at Browns riverside bar and then at the Latino Taverna.



Dave keeps an eye on both Angela and Patsy.

**Constitutional requirement**

Those of you that have requested e-mail correspondence and Newsletters by e-mail attachment will receive this Newsletter that way. You will still, however, receive notice of the Annual Luncheon and General Meeting by post because it is required by our Constitution that you should do so.

### **'Red Magic' is For Sale**

Tony and Helen Faulkner have decided to sell 'Red Magic', their Frances 34. As far as Tony knew, only six Frances 34's were ever built and 'Red Magic' was the last of the line. So, if you would like the comfort of the deck saloon this could be one opportunity to acquire a quite rare example. Call Tony on 01924 493950 if you would like more information.



### **'Blue Alligator' visits the Solent**

Ronald Schenkel, our newest Swiss member, sailed Victoria 34 'Blue Alligator' across the Channel to the Solent from her base in Cherbourg. While here he wanted to meet some of our members and was able to make contact with Jerry Bottrill. Rather than supply another photograph of 'Blue Alligator', he photographed a large gaff-rigged classic cutter as it slowly overhauled him...



### **Carol 24 found in Chichester!**

Jerry Bottrill had long admired what he initially took to be a flush-decked Frances 26 and was somewhat dismayed when a 'box' was added and spoilt the lines. Have a look at this picture and you will see why it might even persuade a Frances owner.



Eventually, Jerry chanced upon the owner and was told it was a Carol 24 designed by Chuck Paine.

### **Carol 24 continued**

This news prompted Jerry to contact Chuck and he received the following reply, "Dear Jerry, Yes we created the Carol plans- basically a scaled down Frances. She is enough smaller that I would call her a minimalist sailboat- the interior is JUST sitting headroom, so sort of a pup-tent camp cruiser. Any that you might find would have been built from the plans, so the quality of construction is variable- most were owner built. All the best, Chuck Paine"

The name of the boat, by the way, is 'Juno Lucina' and she was built from plans by the present owner, Joe Cronk.

### **'Thalia of Hamble' races on**

Leon Ferguson is still having a fine time on his Victoria 800 cutter. On the same day that our Lymington Rally was cancelled, Leon was racing up the River Thames! Leon wrote,

"With a windy forecast on 6th September for Gravesend Sailing Club's annual race into London, most of us started with several reefs. Thalia was under double reefed main and staysail but eventually set full sail. Close hauled approaching Woolwich it began to gust again, 43 knots recorded at Erith, but Thalia proved what wonderful boats the Victoria/Frances are, as she behaved impeccably, even when scooping water into the cockpit."

The following picture, taken after the reefs had been shaken out, show 'Thalia of Hamble' going well.



### **'Felicity' rounds Selsey Bill**

Young Roy Dawkins, in his 81<sup>st</sup> year, planned a cruise to Brighton with two crew members. When bad weather delayed departure, one of the crew members jumped ship. A couple of days later the passage was completed in still lively conditions. Apparently, this was the first time Roy had rounded the Bill and turned the bows eastwards and the passage through the Looe Channel and inside the Owers was interesting. On arrival in Brighton, the remaining crew member also jumped ship! This left Roy with a bit of a problem and he felt obliged to remain in Brighton for several days.

### **Felicity continued**



While pacing the pontoon at Brighton, Roy spotted...

### **Tshiffely's Shadow**

This was a good excuse to include a picture of a Shadow 26 on both the website and this Newsletter. Dave Probert, Chairman Motor-cruisers, spotted the picture on the website and was able to provide some interesting background information about the boat.

"I was looking at the website the other day and saw the pics of Tshiffely's Shadow that Roy took in Brighton Marina a short while ago. (I must have done something right over the past few years to get a "yachtie" to recognise a Shadow at last, well done Roy!)

This boat was originally owned from new by Geof and Carol Tarr and they were founder members of the association. In fact Geof was the first Shadow Chairman from 1991 to 1994 before handing over to me."

Well, with such a pedigree, you had better see a picture.



### **Website Assistant wanted**

Many of you will know that apart from writing Newsletters and helping out with secretarial tasks (in the absence of a proper Hon. Secretary) that I am also Website Editor and I would welcome some help.

All you would require is some enthusiasm, time, a computer and an Internet connection. Any software needed, or tuition, could be provided; we wouldn't even need to meet and you could be in any part of the country, or even abroad. There would be no obligation to stay; if you don't enjoy the work, or feel it is too onerous, just quit at any time. Peter [peter.cosker@rya-online.net](mailto:peter.cosker@rya-online.net)