



New Members

Simon Quantrill has joined us with his Victoria 26, SERENITY to be based in the River Orwell.

(NB SERENITY was previously owned by our member Martin Gooderson, who moored her in Cattewater, Plymouth. He told us that had sold her to Simon at the beginning of June.)

Niels and Monica Petersen have joined the Association with their Victoria 26, MAUDE and plan to moor her at Pin Mill on the River Orwell.

Peter and Ness Welsh have joined with their Victoria 26, BONNY FLIGHTY, which will be based in Yarmouth Harbour on the Isle of Wight.

(NB BONNY FLIGHTY was previously moored on Pyefleet, Mersea Island and owned by our member Ken Capstick.)

Dorothy Whittington has joined with her Victoria 26, VICKY, which is based in Carrickfergus Marina.

David Pereira has joined with his Victoria 800 Cutter, JOYSPRING, which continues to be based in Neyland Marina.

(NB JOYSPRING was previously owned by our member, Michael Taylor, who died earlier this year.)

Frances 26 Cutter, LOUISE is For Sale



LOUISE was built and commissioned in 1994 and has been maintained to a high standard. The asking price has just been reduced to £23,000.

Full details may be obtained from the broker at www.boatsandoutboards.co.uk and there is a link to the exact page on the Marketplace page of the Association website.

The present owners, Chris and Lisa Lott can also be contacted by telephone on 01323 470064.

The boat is presently in Sovereign Harbour Marina, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

News from our Members

David and Susan Macgregor are, once again, aboard their Victoria 30, VICTORIA ROSE in Greece. At the end of June, David said,

“Good morning from sunny Greece. Usual mix of sunshine and strong winds in the Aegean. Just starting to get very busy and very hot!”

In some contrast, Mike Healey at the beginning of July said,

“We are sailing down the East coast of Ireland. New engine, new electronics, new Hydrovane. Lovely new Hampshire solid fuel stove! Just the ticket for this spell of cold showers. It makes the cabin cosy and dry in the evenings. We are undertaking day-sails. The Hampshire heater is made by a gentleman who fitted out the original Victoria 30s.”

and

“I am not far from Belfast on Irish East coast. Heading south, and it is flat calm this morning. Good tide pushing me south. All good. Surely we will get another long spell of hot weather.”

I must be honest and admit that I thought Lake Champlain, bordered by Vermont and New York State and miles from the ocean might be just the spot for some peaceful anchoring and passing the time of day. In recent correspondence with Peter Helmetag, who owns Victoria 34, WISPER, based at Essex in New York State, I discovered otherwise. Peter wrote,

“I have sailed my little Victoria sloop quite a bit since I purchased her in 2007. I've raced her from Marion, MA to Bermuda and cruised her back to Lake Champlain in Vermont. I've sailed her to the Chesapeake Bay from Vermont. I've sailed countless miles along the New England coast, and I've twice sailed her to Cape Bretton, Nova Scotia via the Saint Lawrence River and on to Newfoundland. Maybe the Azores is next?”

A surprise discovery



Before auctioning the model of CHANTAL at our 25th Anniversary Luncheon, considerable efforts were made to locate the real CHANTAL without success. She was spotted this weekend on a pontoon of the Royal Harwich Yacht Club!

East Coast Rally to the Royal Harwich Yacht Club



Frances 26, REDWING with Martin Hunt and Anne Grubb

Martin Hunt, one of the founder members of the Association having joined in December 1990, was kind enough to organise an East Coast Rally on the 9th July to the Royal Harwich Yacht Club on the River Orwell at Woolverstone.

Martin's Frances 26, REDWING, has a number of unusual features that include the black hull, wooden sides to the cabin and immensely strong grab rails to aid movement on deck. The hull was fitted out by Martin himself and REDWING was not the first boat he had built.

REDWING was sailed from Creaksea, just upstream from Burnham on the River Crouch, on Friday. With the aid of a spring tide and a fairly stiff south-westerly breeze, the passage was completed in about five hours; an excellent time.

The rally turned out to be a quite select affair. In fact, it was very select. Just the one boat in the marina and six of us to sit down to dinner in the yacht club! Anne Grubb, a previous Chairman Yachts and also a previous owner of the Frances 26, LOUISE mentioned already in this Newsletter, came by road. Peter and Jenny Cosker came by road from West Sussex. John Sadler also drove to the rally. John is another very senior member of the Association, having joined early in 1991 with Frances 26, MARIA FRANCES. John believes this was the third Frances 26 to be built and he has owned her continuously from new. MARIA FRANCES is usually based on a mooring at Brightlingsea but has not been launched yet this year.

Our sixth member did not really have to come by road since he lives in the village at the top of the road. He is Simon Quantrill and a very new member indeed. He recently bought the Victoria 26, SERENITY to be launched in the near future and probably to be based at Pin Mill on a mooring. Simon is a member of the Royal Harwich and was very much on home ground. We learnt that he also has a half share in an Ajax 23 One Design Keel Boat that he races locally and also at St. Mawes near Falmouth.

Martin kindly invited us aboard REDWING for the obligatory pre-dinner drinks party. We were able to dip into a very large bowl of handcrafted crisps and enjoy two fine but very different red wines provided by John and Martin.



Martin Hunt Jenny Cosker
Anne Grubb Peter Cosker
John Sadler Simon Quantrill

We thanked Martin for organising the rally and expressed some concern about his return to Creaksea the following day. Although he would have the spring tide with him the south-westerly wind would be stronger and he would likely need his oilies with much spray flying in the wind-over-tide situation he would face.

Articles and Photographs for the next Newsletter

We are well into the sailing season but the weather has not always been that kind. I have had very few stories from you so far this year.

Articles, including photographs where possible, should be sent as e-mails and attachments to:

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