



August 2017

Greetings fellow Elizabethans, I trust you are managing to get out sailing despite the poor turn of weather this month, just in time for the school holidays. The EOA south coast Raleigh enjoyed sunshine and light winds, for once and there are signs that summer may return again this month. On the south coast, the bank holiday is even promising some sunshine and fair winds.

Our main news is that at the Raleigh, Charles Dingle volunteered to take on the role of Secretary. Please direct emails to secretary at [eoas.org.uk](mailto:eoasecretary@eoas.org.uk), the old eoasecretary at msn.com address has become unusable. The eoacommodore address still works, although it has been used by some phishing and hacking emails so please be careful about opening attachments.



Raleigh

The EOA south coast Raleigh was held this year at Shepards Wharf, in Cowes on 18th and 19th of June, as planned. As you can see on the right, we had a great turn-out with boats from Poole and the Solent area. Sadly Jo Way couldn't make it, but Adrian gave us a lively account of Owaissa being craned off a ship a month previously, and motored around to Gosport in a rising wind. She is now safely at home in Weymouth. Our great leader, as Alastair calls him, Hon. President Ian Stockdale was also at home looking after Jenny, who is on the mend from a minor operation. Another pair of stalwarts, Cad and Jean sent their regards, Jean is also recovering well and hopes to be with us at future Raleighs.

In the picture above, just off to the left, (sorry Ali and Monica I didn't quite get you all in), the blue hull of 'Elissa' is just visible, as well as Tim German's 'Pavana' and Adrian's 'Sartimus' . In the foreground you can see Charles and Dorothy Dingle's 'Wakatere', Andy Marshall's 'Freyja' and our 'Evadne' while astern are the Lambden's 'On-y-va' and their friends' westerly Falcon Celtic Spirit.

Fish and chips in the Friday evening went smoothly, from a very good chippy on the high street in West Cowes. Various drinks were imbibed in boats before we retired, hopefully not keeping the locals up for too long. The following day we went our ways exploring, walking and shopping, sometimes all three.

On Saturday evening we were booked into the Island Sailing club (except for our 4-legged crew members) so we assembled on the pontoon around Wakatere and had a good go at drinking all the homebrew beer and cider, and other drinks on offer. The meal was very pleasant, and as it was a very warm evening (remember those?) we all ambled back to our boats, where the revelry continued until the small hours.

On Sunday, depending on direction, people departed early on the falling tide or waited for it to turn and head east at lunchtime. Some stayed on for another night, and a continuing holiday. The wind stayed with us all day so I think we all had a pleasant sail back home.

Bembridge

For those sailing around the Solent, I have also found an event that features things close to many of our hearts: beer and sailing. On Saturday 23rd September, the last Saturday of the Southampton boat show, as it happens, there is an event "Oktoberfest at Bembridge"

<http://www.bembridgeharbour.co.uk/events-calendar-2017/oktoberfest-at-bembridge-harbour> .

We hope to get there on Evadne and if anyone else can join us it should be a good weekend, weather permitting. Please drop me a line nearer the time if you are coming.

For those unfamiliar with the port, HW is around 13:30, according to my source, and access is straightforward within HW +/- 3hrs for most of us. It's springs so the current in the narrows will be fiercest at half tide, though. You don't usually have to book (we never do), but call up on ch70 once inside the harbour. The channel seems straighter this year and is well marked, although the buoys are tiny, but don't cut the corners, especially once you get close to the narrows. Deepest water there is closer to the beach than you think, but after the first buoys all the moorings are in extremely shallow water.

Membership news – boats and people

Geraint Davies has bought Cara, an elderly Liz 23 that has been laid up in a barn, possibly for 40 years, and he would like to hear from anyone who knows her. She isn't on the Peter Webster list, at least under that name so without a first owner or a hull number I can go no further. She was kept in the Chichester area, he believes, but sadly Chichester Conservancy don't keep mooring records so we can't trace her that way.

Gary Cox has bought a Liz 23 and has a lot of work planned. A full restoration on a tight budget, as he succinctly puts it. I have promised to put him in touch with knowledgeable owners and ex-owners, to help him with advice and experience. If I've not been in touch and you are able to help, either by email or telephone please drop me a line.

Mike Elmer has also bought a Liz 23, Holly Blue in Gosport and hopes to get her to Bristol by road. If anyone has a trailer he could borrow, please let me know and I can put you in touch.

Xavier Henry in the Isles de Morbihan was replacing the floor on his e29 Loreen. I have failed to send him my promised pictures but hopefully he will let us know how he is getting on later this year.

I also had a letter from Tom Wadson in Bermuda, where he sails his Liz 31 swift of Paget. He is interested in hearing from anyone who has done the keel bolts, I will be sending him what I have on file but there is nothing like first-hand experience.

"I write in regard to my beloved Elizabethan 31 "Swift of Paget". My Father had her built in 1970. I believe she was in "the pond" at Earl's court.

She was sailed from the Hamble to Bermuda, via Madeira that year. Dad being the skipper aided by my brother John. Dad had her for some time but never took her anywhere. He sold her & she had several owners before I picked her up in the early 80s. She had done several trips to the Caribbean prior to my purchasing her.

I sailed her to the US East coast several times. The last time she won her class in the double handed race from Bermuda to Newport RI. The return trip was a disaster. We had to abandon her on July 9 1995 about 200 miles north of Bermuda. A hurricane had formed over us and we lost the steering. She was well insured! Jumped off her & on to the "Sea Empress", the tanker that went up at Milford Haven a year later in 1996.

She spent 3 months drifting in the North Atlantic & ended up on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland in late September. Went up & collected her, shipped her back to Bermuda & refitted her completely that winter.



20 + years later she is in my yard again. We installed a new Yanmar HG 2 , which has been a great engine. Time for another refit which is now underway.

The boat is 47 years old now so it is time to check the keel bolts. Wondering if anyone else has done this? If there are any tips on this I would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who has them!

If anyone is coming through Bermuda in their Elizabethan I am generally here at our farm. I had no idea that there were so many of these built and am encouraged to come across the association.

Looking forward to meeting some of you in the future! Hopefully our next appearance is next year at the Antigua Classics regatta.

Sincerely, Tom Wadson, Wadson's Farm Bermuda."

Stuart Harrison bought Blue Bess, now renamed Aelana, and hoped to have her in the water by now, last time he wrote.

"I bought 'Blue Bess' from Alan Bentley in April 2015 from an advert on your EOA website, then had the boat transported from Scotland to the boatyard at the Sussex Yacht Club in Shoreham to begin a planned refit. This refit has included a change of name to 'Aelana' (family tradition!).

To cut a long story short, I've taken the hull both inside and out back to GRP, and rebuilt her, maintaining only the major interior furniture & bulkheads. This has including a new Zspars rig, all new deck gear, new windows, 2-pack polyurethane paint job, and new iroko and oak wood trim - all clear epoxied and polyurethane varnished. The list of projects is huge. New sails from a mate at Dolphin sails arrive in a couple of weeks, new running rigging, oh, and a feathering prop. I have some horror photo's of the boat during the deconstruction however for a 50+ year old boat I'm pleased with the near finished results and look forward to greeting other Elizabethan owners along the South coast in the future."

James Lovett was another prospective member who had just sailed his liz 31 ketch Ghost Wind from Somerset to Ireland in May, although we didn't get around to exchanging pictures. He has since put her up for sail and you can view her on <http://www.jalsail.com/ghost-wind.html>



Finally, some great news from John Baynes, who many of you know from his long membership and stalwart attendance of the south coast Raleighs. He has finally found himself an Elizabethan again. 'Holly Blue', which has also been owned by EOA members in the past, which he sailed from Gosport back to his home across Lyme bay. Here he is rounding the "fearsome Bill", and safely moored on the Exe.



Southampton Boat Show

Finally, and I know many of us look on this event as marking the end of summer, the Southampton boat show is next month and, as usual John Goode has produced an offer of discount on tickets. This looks like a better offer than in the past, where some of the advance sales were at least as good, but remember all advance tickets carry a handling charge per transaction, so buying more is better value.

If anyone is going there and would like to meet up, I work just around the corner at NOC so will probably go on one of the days, or the last Saturday. Only guide dogs allowed, by the way, so we will have to leave our crew behind.

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