



January 2016

Greetings fellow Elizabethans, I hope that the New Year finds you well, or at least bearing up and looking forward to the summer. For those who are looking forward to going to the London boat show next week, but have yet to purchase an advance ticket, there is an offer from John Goode overleaf that you could take advantage of. Note that there is a transaction fee so check the amounts before deciding it is a bargain, especially if you have OAPs or children in your party.

2015 Raleigh



Last year's Raleigh on the south coast, for which we have Jeff and Alison ('Snowbird of Hamble') to thank, was a success, and you can see some pictures below. Plans are afoot to hold another meeting in Poole harbour this year. If you live too far away to consider sailing there, or even driving down to join in the merriment, please drop me a line if you want a hand organising a meeting in your own waters. Although the biggest concentration of boats lies between the Bills of Selsey and Portland, we do tend to sail in the nicer parts of the world from the Clyde to Cornwall, and Anglesey to Brightlingsea. Overseas we are more widely spread, but there are small enclaves in France and the Netherlands particularly. All it takes is the time to write some emails, to book berths and somewhere to eat and there you are. Any help I can offer in providing contacts or arranging deposits is yours for the asking. We are still lacking a Secretary in the EOA, so best to ask well in advance.

Last summer in Gosport we had representatives from all classes but the 35, and it didn't blow a Hooley. Although Andy, arriving in Freyja on the Saturday (below left) probably begs to differ. Veterans of the Raleighs of the past will know what a bonus sunny weather is! Apart from the traditional fish and chip supper for early arrivals on the Friday evening, and the evening meal on the



Saturday we had a fascinating tour of a 67-foot round-the-world steel Challenge yacht. Not something many of us have sailed on, the Way's son, Tom, works for the company that runs them out of Gosport. Richard and Jo turned up without their Liz 33 Owaissa, having sailed her across the Atlantic and left her in the Caribbean. They kept us enthralled with tales of the Atlantic circuit - Biscay, the Iberian coast, the crossing to the Caribbean, dinner with Joel in Guadeloupe and much more.

Membership news

As some of you will know, the time I've had to spend on the EOA this year was variable, so apologies if I've left out any news items from 2015. We have had several new members join us this year, from as far afield as Peterhead and Australia. Because we have sufficient funds in the bank, and are not spending it at any great rate I took the decision a while ago to suspend subscriptions, and the joining fee, so any cheques you have sent for those will not have been cashed.

What I have done this year is get in a new set of burgees. If anyone would like one, please send me a cheque for £25. The address is:

42, Stoke Park Road,
Bishopstoke,
Eastleigh
Hampshire
SO50 6BZ



- And don't forget to include your address as well!

We had a flurry of activity by email in the summer, which helped some members to empty space in their garages and lofts, and others to gain new (to them) sails and other items of rigging. If anyone wants to send me details of gear they'd like to give away to a good home, swap or even sell, then if you let me know by the end of January, I can put together a virtual boat jumble in February in time for fitting out.

Both Snowbird and Hocus Pocus took part in the Classic Channel Regatta which involves a week of "Gentlemanly" racing in Dartmouth followed by a cross channel race. Jeff and Alyson have said they're going back next year (well Jeff did...) so if you are looking for a week of sailing in the West Country in the first week of July, you should be in good company.

Jan Stoopendal was asking about the keelbolts on the Elizabethan 30. I think we got him sorted out



with Cad Cust's notes, but if anybody else has experience of replacing them, he would be pleased to hear from you I am sure.

On the left is one of the pictures of Jean Heather, Jerry Hart's Liz 33, that he sent me. Jerry was one of those happy to hear that Richard Way had a E33 foresail surplus to requirements. It is always nice to see pictures of

peoples' boats, and at some point I would like to add a picture of each boat to the membership database if I can. A picture says more than words, as they say.



In other news, my own boat, Evadne, had an emergency engine transplant after the 1982 Yanmar 1GM ran away on its winter start-up. Having been removed and been declared dead, I was fortunate enough to be able to afford a brand

new Beta, complete with a new 3-bladed prop. Above and left is the old Yanmar, to the right is the new Beta. It just about fits! Evadne is no longer late for Raleighs, can motor into harbours against the tide and Jane is thinking of taking up water skiing!



If you have any news of your own boat, please send it together with any pictures and I will include it in the next newsletter, which I will try and get to you on or around Easter time.

So long, and I hope to see some of you through the year, at the Raleigh or on the water.

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Evadne, E29 No. 11

London Boat Show – Fri 8th to Sun 17th January 2015

CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS TICKET OFFER

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PROMOTIONAL CODE: JG1

ADULT £12.50 Any one day including Preview Day on Friday 8th January
MIDWEEK £10.00 SPECIAL Any one day Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th January
CHILDREN GO FREE 15 yrs or under – up to two per ticket-holding adult

WEBSITE BOOKING: www.londonboatshow.com

TELEPHONE BOOKING: 0844 776 7766 Lines open Mon – Fri between 9am and 5pm

IMPORTANT NOTES

This offer ends at midnight on Thursday 7th January.

A single transaction fee of £1.95 applies whether ordering one or any greater number of tickets.

Children 15 years or under go free provided their tickets are requested when ordering adult tickets.

Tickets can be printed at home, delivered by post, or collected at the Show. Because tickets ordered via postal delivery could take up to 7 days to arrive, those purchased at short notice can be collected on arrival from the ticket collection desk. The most expedient option, for those ordering tickets over the Internet, is to use the website's 'Print at Home' facility.

When booking you may be asked to select the day you expect to visit. This is merely to help the organiser predict visitor numbers for logistical purposes.

Show opening times are 10:00am – 6:00pm daily, except Thursday 14th January when it's 10:00am – 8:00pm.

WEBSITE BOOKING PROCEDURE

- Click on 'BUY TICKETS' at top/right of homepage.
- Enter promotional code **JG1** to bring up the discounted ticket ordering sequence.

Telephone booking calls are 5p per minute from a BT landline. Charges from other suppliers may vary. Offer cannot be used in association with any other offer. Terms & conditions are available on the London Boat Show website.

If anyone wants to meet up on one of the weekend days – 10th or 16th perhaps – then drop me a line and we can meet for a chat and a Guinness, in the usual fashion.