



## Winter 2020

Dear Fellow Elizabethans,

I hope the winter has been good for you so far, and like me, you are looking forward to the spring and summer. Except for those lucky souls with a boat in the tropics, or the hardy temperate zone ones who keep afloat all year around.

### December 2019 Southampton meeting

We had another enjoyable EOA lunch in December at the Duke of Wellington, in Southampton. This time they put us in the function room upstairs. It is like a very swish drawing room, and was decked out with Christmas decorations and a big tree. The beer and food was as good as the last time, and it was great to see people again; full marks to everyone for getting there from as far afield as Topsham and London, despite the best efforts of the revised train timetables and RMT strike. Below are some pictures, courtesy of Monica.



*(Left, L-R): Dorothy, Grace and Charles; Jane and David (with Chloe in between if you look carefully) and Andrew.*

*(Right, L-R): Hugh, John, Tim and Gill, Adrian and a surprised looking Alistair.*

*(Right and below): The Christmas tree and fireplace.*



After some discussion on the 2020 south coast Raleigh, we voted to choose between Lymington and the Folly. Both have their plusses and minuses, many see Lymington as the spiritual home of the Elizabethans, in Peter Webster's yard, but we've not been to the Folly for a Raleigh, and the Folly won this time. Details below, and there will be more nearer the time.

### 2020 South Coast Raleigh 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June

The current plan is to go to the Folly and Island Harbour, on the Medina river, Isle of Wight. This is a Springs weekend, with HW at 12:30BST on the Friday. So anyone coming

from the east Solent will have the tide with them all morning, while westerners can get through the Needles tide gate at lunch time and be there for the evening.

We have a provisional booking for up to 9 boats on the Folly walk-ashore pontoon (photo below, left) for both the Friday and Saturday nights. The earlier that people confirm their intention to come, the firmer I can be about retaining that booking. At the moment we have six boats. It is a popular place, so I suspect we'll have company if we don't fill it. There is no problem with anyone preferring to use the mid-river pontoon and dinghy or taxi over to join us. For Friday, we will look into the fish and chips option (Tim and Gill, e30 "Pavana", are locally berthed) but a meal in the Folly is probably equally likely at this stage. Visitors without boats are welcome as always, and for anyone berthed mid-river, then at least the ferry runs late. There is also plenty of parking.

On Saturday, we plan to have an evening meal at The Breeze, in Island Harbour. We'll have the usual drinks and nibbles on the boats, and it is a short walk up the river path to Island harbour, or we can arrange a water taxi and arrive, en masse, in style if we prefer. If anyone prefers to head there and berth in the marina, please let me know. As far as I know, The Breeze is only dog-friendly on the patio. So, unless it is warm and dry - which is unlikely but not completely impossible - Chloe and any other boat dogs will not be able to join us, however well-behaved.

For those unfamiliar with Island harbour, there is a long pontoon (below right) and a lock into the marina. It is a short walk upriver from the Folly, maybe 15 minutes. Speaking of walks, the river path continues up to Newport and is well worth the effort if you want a walk on Saturday morning, 40-60 minutes each way, depending on your walking speed. Although it is a chain pub, the Bargeman's Rest on the river has a good range of beer and food, and is one of many pubs in Newport to meet up on Saturday, to have lunch or just a pint before or after wandering around Newport. Non-alcoholic tea-rooms are also available.



## **Cruising Association open weekend**

As some of you may have seen in the Yachting press, the CA are holding a weekend at the end of February, a sort of small-scale replacement for the London boat show I think. If anyone is interested, it is free to attend, apart from the Tom Cunliffe talk, all you have to do is ask them for a ticket. Details are at the end of this newsletter.

## Membership news – boats and people

### Tamarisk of Seaview e29 No. 1

James Heath is selling Tamarisk of Seaview, e29 No. 1. He has had to give up the sailing, and since he moved away from where she is berthed at Foleux, near Beganne. has not been able to keep her well maintained, so she sounds in need of some tlc and minor carpentry. He has started on this, but has a lot on his plate. These early Peter Webster boats are solidly built, but as I know with my own boat there is a fair bit of wood in them, both cosmetic and structural. It is both ply and mahogany, so it lasts well, often cleans up surprisingly well, and repairs are usually well within the scope of the average boat owner's diy skills. It would be great to keep as many of these early Elizabethans sailing as we can, so if you know anyone who is looking for a boat they can work on for a reasonable price, I'll be happy to put you in touch. Jim has promised an update later in the spring (It is only February) which we can share.

### Jim Mottram

As PBO readers will have seen this month, Jim sadly died in December. He sailed his Liz 23 "Reservation" all over the place, and has written many entertaining and illustrated travelogues that PBO have published, particularly in 2019 and 2020, with a last one in March's issue, out now.

### Elizabethan 33

Kenneth Bradshaw has bought e33 "Kazbek" and plans to base her in Gareloch. She sounds in good condition, but he needs to pull the keelbolts to check on condition. Thanks to Tom and Jerry for chipping in, and if anyone else can shed light on the 33's keelbolt arrangements please get in touch.

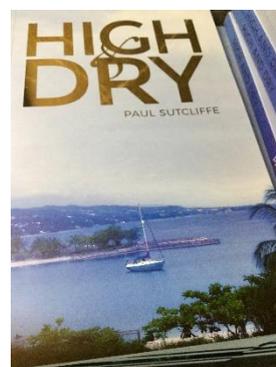
### Lizzie boat mods (e30 Tantaliza)

John Powell has written a great set of notes on all the modifications, improvements and additions he carried out on his Liz 30 "Tantaliza" over the years. There is far too much to include here, and it is far too good not to make it available to everyone, so we are putting it up on the web site. The address is in the headline banner in case you'd forgotten.

After some useful advice on sailing her, aimed at any new owner, the highlights include fitting extra cockpit drains – in the light of problems some of the Fastnet '77 boats had; his new tiller, anchoring and windlass arrangements, a long section on the mast, standing and running rigging; keelbolts, mods to the rudder skeg and his engine refurbishment. I hope current and future Liz 30 owners will find it interesting and useful.

### Paul Sutcliffe (e31 Sonic Boom)

Paul has very kindly sent me a signed edition of his book, "High and Dry", which I have been reading as an antidote to winter. It was published last year and is about his travels around the Caribbean in his Elizabethan 31 "Sonic Boom" (ex "Strolla", No. 21 from Peter Webster). You can get in touch with him via his Blog page, <https://sonic-booms.blogspot.com> if you'd like a copy, paper or electronic.



**David White, EOA Commodore**  
**"Evadne", Elizabethan 29 No. 11**



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