



May 2019

We don't always send out newsletters this regularly, but this may be the last until the sailing season ends. Please keep sending any snippets of news or photographs for the autumn.

Elderly lady in distress seeks saviour



I have some sad news of one of the older Elizabethan 29s. Steve Mellors, who is the proud new owner of "Florya", No. 2, came across "Iolare" in a sad state. She is listed as No.6 in the Peter Webster book, but currently carries the number 5 on her sails. I know from experience that the hull number of these early boats is not always passed on. I feel that the EOA is here to help both boats and owners, and "Iolare" is in desperate need of someone who is looking for a serious boatbuilding challenge. The next step will be to break her up, I fear.

She is currently ashore in Gweek classic boatyard, having suffered some hull damage forward of the keel and lost some windows. The internal joinery appears to have been partially ripped out, possibly to access the hull when it was damaged. I believe the yard will accept any offer, if you are going to pay

the rent, get her afloat or take her away. Please go to their web site to see the pictures or email Gemma Morris on gemma@gweekquay.co.uk if you are interested.

She is one of the earliest builds from 1963 or 1964. The external iron keel is bolted on, the rudder and all cockpit seats and coaming will be wooden of course, and the deck and internal layout is spookily familiar to me. Hull and deck are fairly thick, solid grp and wood has been used in a lot of the construction: to form the deadwood, beam shelf and foredeck king plank, as well as the internal plywood bulkheads and joinery. The mast is still standing with the mainsail and roller furling rigged, she looks complete if not intact.

2019 Raleigh

If you've not done so already, please let me know if you intend to come with us to Yarmouth in July. After 1st June I would like to confirm numbers to Yarmouth –so far I only have six boats, Evadne, Freyja, Wakatere, Holly Blue, Tabard and Elissa. I'm due to go abroad for the month prior to the Raleigh, so I'd like to know numbers of people to book the evening meal(s) in June as well, if possible.

Membership news – boats and people

Phil Abernathy has just purchased Blue Liz, Elizabethan 30 No. 40 we believe. The Peter Webster book is a bit sketchy at that point in time, we don't have a first name or owner for No. 40. He has a couple of questions that other Liz 30 owners may be able to help with. Contact him directly on Philip.abernathy@btinternet.com if you can help.

The first is the fuel filler cap, which in his case is on the cockpit sole. Does anyone else have this and is it as much of a problem as it sounds with water ingress?

The second is the position of the chain pipe. On Blue Liz this comes down through the centre of the forecabin, do you think could he move it right forward without affecting structural integrity? My uninformed comment there would be to check if the deck is solid or cored, as this will make a difference to how you seal the hole. Phil is based on the north coast of Northern Ireland.

Steve Mellors has purchased Florya, No. 2. He will be shipping her from Scotland down to Falmouth soon, if he hasn't already done so.

David White, EOA Commodore, Liz 29 "Evadne"