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From the OGA President

Our boats, beautifully varnished and lavished with most of our worldly goods, are afloat and have a full programme of events lined up for them this season. May we indeed enjoy that long-postponed “barbeque summer”.

We welcome a new Treasurer, Gordon Garman, who is anxious to help areas develop their own individual plans for events during 2013. He will do this in a very simple way. He will make funds available from our reserves for any sensible proposal. So do please get in touch with your area’s plans to celebrate 2013, or events to welcome the Round Britain fleet or the Relay.

Sue Lewis, who is our publicity co-ordinator, will be keeping you in regular contact with our plans for 2013 by newsletter and by email. Do not hesitate to ask her for information - she will have the answers - and read her newsletters. So many things that have been long in the planning will be coming to fruition.

Barry Healas has cracked on with plans for our Round Britain Challenge and his website gives all the latest information and up-to-date advice. Go to the OGA50 website. Over thirty boats have expressed interest in taking part and the number will surely grow in the coming months.

The Grand Finale will be at Cowes on 15 - 18 August, 2013. The Solent Area Committee has now taken over the planning of this. It will be held at Cowes Yacht Haven. There will be racing, a parade of sail, music, food and, most probably, something to drink at our birthday party, when we welcome the return of the Round Britain fleet and the Tokens that will have travelled with a relay of boats right round the United Kingdom.

Our final plans will be announced at our AGM in January, 2013. Do please come along to this. Make a note in your diary for 6 p.m. on Saturday, 19th January, 2013. As usual, this is during the London Boat Show, where the OGA will have a stand. Unusually, we shall be meeting at the Greenwich Yacht Club for the first time. The Cruising Association, which has hosted us for many years, is unable to do so next year so we are trying out a new venue. Members will be able to take the new cable car across the Thames from the Boat Show to the Yacht Club.”

Best wishes, Mike

Membership Subscription Rates

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Please note: NB. Payment by Standing Order is no longer accepted.



2011 Photo Competition

The first prize of £75, in the Sailing Gaffers category, was awarded to Frank Zomerdijka for his photograph **Reef!** A great photograph of dramatic sailing action and the crew dressed for the part. It is an image that brings a gasp and a smile at the same time- it practically selects itself- the title expresses much.



Editor – an oversight on my part. My apologies to Frank Zomerdijka for omitting his winning photograph from the last issue.

Cover Photos

Front Cover **Flagship of the Year** is the accolade awarded by National Historic Ships UK to the owners of the vessel with the most impressive seasonal programme of public events in the forthcoming year. The award is designed to promote wider engagement with, and appreciation of, the part that historic vessels play in the heritage of the UK. The winning vessel receives a traditional swallow-tailed broad pennant to fly from the masthead wherever she goes to mark her flagship status, and a grant of £1000 towards the cost of keeping the vessel in operational condition and opening her for public viewing.

The winning vessel for 2012 is **Edith May**, an 86 foot coasting barge which was built by John Howard, Maldon, Essex and launched in 1906 for coastal trade carrying wheat and grain products. She had a successful racing career before falling into sad disrepair in the 1990s, then being purchased by her current owners and fully restored.

The submission from the Thames spritsail barge **EdithMay** was outstanding and the title of Flagship 2012 was awarded due to the extensive public programme over the coming season, which includes festivals, barge matches, public cruises and taking part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant.

EdithMay is registered on the National Register of Historic Vessels (NRHV) held by National Historic Ships UK. She is a fully restored historic ship, available for sailing charter trips on the river Medway, or as a static venue. The Edith May Trading Company has been formed to maintain the historic vessel. During winter months she is open at her berth in Lower Halstow Kent. www.edithmay.com
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Rear Cover - Golden Nomad to Belfast by Peter Lyons

Beware of the Pill Sharks **by David Grainger**

Today Pill seems little more than a dormitory town for Bristol, but for over a thousand years it has looked down on the pageant of our nation's maritime history. Situated two miles up the Avon from the King Road, it guarded the entrance and the Pill Hobblers controlled the Avon, getting ships from the open Channel up the narrow winding river to Britain's second seaport. From medieval times the ferry had plied across the river here and not so long ago the village boasted 22 pubs. On the shores of its muddy creek were built the finest Pilot Cutters the world has ever known. The Bristol Pilots all lived here, and the Westernmen who manned the cutters but could never hope to become pilots themselves because they did not come from the right families.

When I first sailed into Pill well over fifty years ago, the boatbuilders' sheds were gaunt and derelict on the side of the pill. The Bristol Pilots had gone to Portishead, where they were stationed when on duty aboard the motor cutter "Sally Organ", moored in the Hole alongside the last sailing Pilot Cutter, the "Berkeley Castle", shorn of her rig and used as a base by the Gloster Pilots. They boarded ships in a motor boat manned by the pilot apprentices, for the Westernmen were no more.

But the ferry still crossed the river to Shirehampton carrying hundreds of passengers every day, especially in the late evening, for the law made the Gloucestershire pubs close half-an-hour before those in Somerset. Climbing the cobblestone steps in Pill from the Ferry Slipway four pubs still stood shoulder-to-shoulder to greet the thirsty voyager. And the Hobblers, although they no longer hauled and towed sailing vessels up to Bristol, still rowed out their punts to take the warps of "steamers" (as we called them – but by then the majority were motor vessels) going up the Avon to unload their diverse cargoes right in the middle of the City.

Now all these too are gone. But maybe the 'longshore Sharks remain.

My brother and I sailed into Pill on a Saturday afternoon to pay a visit to our elder sister who lived in North Bristol. We had left St. Pierre Pill on the Welsh shore just after one o'clock aboard "Swift" (my 1½ ton gaff cutter) early on the neap tide to cheat the flood by beating against the moderate Southerly wind down the Severn Beach shore behind the Bull Rock.

We anchored fore and aft in the entrance to Crockerne Pill. Having no punt (towing one would have stopped us dead in most conditions) we hailed the ferry to pick us up as he passed by. Dropping us off at Shirehampton, the ferryman waited until his other passengers had gone.

“Yer want to watch yer little boat” he warned us in a kindly voice as we stepped ashore, “These Pill people ain’t pertic’ler what they takes. Just beware of the Pill Sharks!”

“I’m from Bristol meself,” he added, lest our suspicions should fall on him. We took his warning light-heartedly, reckoning him a local “character” who liked to scare young strangers, and ran smiling to catch our bus.

Returning three hours or so later, another ferryman, sullen and silent, put us back on board where we settled down for the night.

Next morning we woke early to find a strong SW breeze raising quite a chop against the strong current in the river. We weighed our anchors and set the jib to sail out of the pill well before there was any chance of going aground, securing alongside one of the stand-by ferryboats out on the edge of the stream, hard by the raft of Hobblers’ punts. As it was only a neap tide, I intended to drop down to the King Road on the very last of the ebb (for there would still be enough water in the Swash Channel) then take the first of the flood up the Shoots back to St. Pierre. We had to be back for work on Monday morning.

The wind increased as we tied down a deep reef in the mainsail ready to sail.

Scorching up-river came a Montague whaler under a rag of sail, manned by a party of Sea Cadets. She rounded to and heaved us a warp.

“Bit too much for us out there” her officer said, “We’ll stay here ‘til we can lock back into the Floating Harbour.” He hailed the ferry and sent his lads ashore to stretch their legs.

“Coming ashore with us?” I asked him, our breakfast over.

“Oooh, no – can’t leave the boat here,” he said, leaning over the gunwhale towards us, confidentially. “These Pill Sharks would strip her bare, warps, halyards, the lot – if there was a boat left at all!”

We decided not to go ashore after all.

However, when we suggested that he could watch his charge just as effectively from our cockpit, he agreed. As we sat there drinking coffee he told us hair-raising tales of how smuggling and wrecking still flourished at Pill. Except for the pilots (who had become very respectable since they left that village) the Hobblers there were the first people to have contact with ships coming in from foreign ports. As they rowed out their punts and were towed up to Hotwells there was ample opportunity for the streamed tow-rope to carry a small package on the end.

“What’s in the packages?” we asked eagerly.

“Aha!!” was all his reply, tapping the side of his nose and winking.

Then followed stories of small boats disappearing overnight, only to be found weeks later adrift in the river or on some mud-bank, every bit of their gear gone.

Anxious to get away from this place, we cast off well before low water and reached down river. Out of the Swash the ebb was still pouring down the Severn and the sea was running high, very short and

steep. We were making heavy going, so at the Cockburn Buoy we went about and returned to the shelter of the Avon, where we kedged opposite St. George's Wharf. Hauling sail, we waited for dead low water whilst all the time the wind continued to increase.

Eventually, with neatly furled mainsail, we weighed anchor and under jib alone ventured out again. One thing spurred us on – the thought of the Pill Sharks waiting for us astern. Beyond the shelter of Wharf Point, the gale – for it was now blowing a full Force 7 – knocked her flat and water poured over the coaming into her cockpit. 'Swift', stiff and game little craft though she was, could not stand up even to her reduced sail.

With a violent bang we wore round and schooned back up-river in a wild ride to make fast once more to the ferryboats. The sea here was enough to risk damage as we bucked and plunged alongside, so after consulting the kindly ferryman whose advice we had spurned only yesterday, we set the jib and moved to a motor boat lying just inside the pill.

With a sense of foreboding we stowed all the moveable gear below. The mooring warps we tied with most elaborate hitches around the bitts, the mast, even the forestay. I locked the hatch with a pitiful little padlock. Then we left her to her fate.

We went ashore, looking suspiciously into the eyes of every man, woman and child we met. Ominously, we noticed that they all either looked shiftily away, or boldly and unrepentantly returned our gaze. A terrible sinking feeling filled my stomach when, from the top of a double-decker bus, I saw her mast finally disappear from sight. I cursed myself. This was the only time that I had ever turned back once setting sail. What a way to repay the little ship that had served me faithfully, carrying me hundreds of miles without ever letting me down – throwing her to the Sharks.

Next Saturday, after many sleepless nights, we hurried anxiously down to Pill as soon as we could get there. The wind was gentle from the South, the weather clear, and the tide served for a night passage downalong – if only 'Swift' were still there! A spark of hope came to me when first I saw her. At least she was still lying where we had left her. As we got closer we could see that the halyards seemed intact. Scrambling on board from the ferry we could scarcely believe that not a single thing was out of place.

"Well," said my brother, "The padlock proved too strong for them after all!"

"Yes." I replied with relief, for a burden which had troubled me the whole week was lifted from my shoulders.

Swallow, star of the 1974 film *Swallows and Amazons*

An email forwarded by Barry Healas from Magnus Smith

Swallow came back to the Lake District in September – many thanks to Robert Thompson for trailing her back up. She was due at the Old Gaffers Association weekend at Ullswater in mid-September but unfortunately, heavy rain flooded the site and the event itself had to be cancelled. However, Swallow stayed there for a few weeks, and we took out several really enthusiastic groups of all ages. Some were keen S&A fans; others had seen it as an interesting thing to do while up here. But everyone enjoyed the experience. Thanks are due to the Sailing Centre for looking after her there.

On her last day there, Dave Thewlis from California (who manages www.allthingsransome.net) and another fan was staying with me (Rob) in Kendal, and we drove over for a sail in Swallow on Ullswater - but didn't launch! We grabbed the opportunity at lunchtime to trailer her over to Brown Howe at the south end of Coniston as soon as we could. We launched her there on the gently sloping shingle bank, and we sailed her into Secret Harbour for her first visit since filming ended in 1973. Well, it was a bit more of a drift as the wind was very light, but she did get there under sail!

We were accompanied on Coniston by Eileen Jones, who had originally just come to Ullswater to write a piece for the Cumbrian magazine. When she realised that there was a bigger news story about to happen, she too came over to Coniston. As a result she got a piece in the local Westmorland Gazette about Swallow's return, accompanied by a picture of Swallow, Dave and Rob in Secret Harbour.

We went out again the following Monday with a family from Alaska who happened to be visiting friends in Kendal. The son, Puck, is a huge S&A fan with an encyclopedic knowledge of the books. Again, we had a great time on the island. It is very rewarding for us to meet people with this common interest, and especially to welcome visitors from around the globe.

And talking of which, for her last trip of 2011 Swallow went out on the Tuesday with an Australian family from Perth. For the father, Chris, this was something he'd dreamt of doing and he was very pleased to have done it. The wind was stronger that day, so we roller reefed her round the boom and sailed neatly into the harbour. This last trip meant three days out of four visiting Wild Cat Island – perhaps I should have just camped there...

As the New Year began, we finally had news from the owners of the film Amazon! The family live in Kent and still sail her now. Not as much as they used to, as they now own a Thames Barge too (as in Coot Club - chapter XXI). They have kept Amazon's original name on the transom and have the linen sail from the 50s. Amazon was made in the Lakes according to the maker's plate, apparently sometime in the 30s. When Swallow next goes south, we will try to reunite the two dinghies!

We now need to put together a programme for 2012. If anyone in the north wants to sail her, or knows of an event, do get in touch. After the hectic tour in 2011 we plan to do less towing this year, and focus on sailing in the Lakes. There is a chance that the new S&A film will feature our Swallow, but nothing about the film is set in stone yet. Staying at 'home' means we can also target fans who make a pilgrimage to Cumbria on holiday, and enhance their sailing pleasure.

If you'd like to look back into the 1973 film, Sophie Neville (Titty) is documenting her time on the set. There are some great behind-the-scenes photos and videos, as well as interesting stories. See www.sophienville.net

Thank you for your support in 2011.

Rob Boden & Magnus Smith

www.sailransome.org

www.facebook.com/TheSwallowFromTheFilm

Submarine V Sailboat

Graham Benson



Announcement

We are delighted to announce that Sue Lewis, an East Coast member, has agreed to take over from Robert Holden as Acing Hon. Secretary with immediate effect. We very much hope she will be elected to the post in January at our AGM when she will be proposed by Sue Farrer and seconded by Robert Holden. Sue will be sailing round Britain in 2013 with the RBC that is being organised by Barry Healas. We wish her well and are most grateful to her for taking on this responsibility.

Mike Shaw

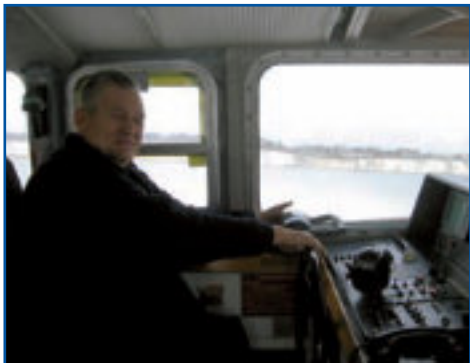
Have you ever wondered what these black and orange boats are up to?

Text and photos by Robert Holden.

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...depression West Forties 998 expected German Bight 994 by same time tomorrow. The area forecasts.....Humber, Thames, Dover, West 6-7 veering North West 7 then North Gale 8 later, rain at first, good except in rain. Wight, Portland, Plymouth....



Broadcast four times every day on BBC Radio 4 the Shipping Forecast goes to our very maritime nation's soul. We have all listened to it at one time or another. Less obvious is other radio traffic that routinely takes place, of which, on the same day as the fictional but representative forecast above, the casual observer on the beach or cliff top will be unaware.

'Ramsgate Port Control – Estuary Leader, clearance to leave? Over. Yes OK Leader – away you go.' Then perhaps a couple of hours later 'Port Control, Estuary Leader. Leader, Port Control.

Port Control Clearance to enter? over. Yes OK Leader. Just be aware that a wind farm vessel is manoeuvring onto the fuel berth. Ok thanks – out.'

Such matter of fact VHF Radio conversation on Channel 14 (Port ops) completely masks the reality of the any weather workaday life of the Pilot Boats operating out of Ramsgate and Sheerness. Managed by Estuary Services Ltd. they carry out the necessary task of ferrying pilots, and small packages. They also

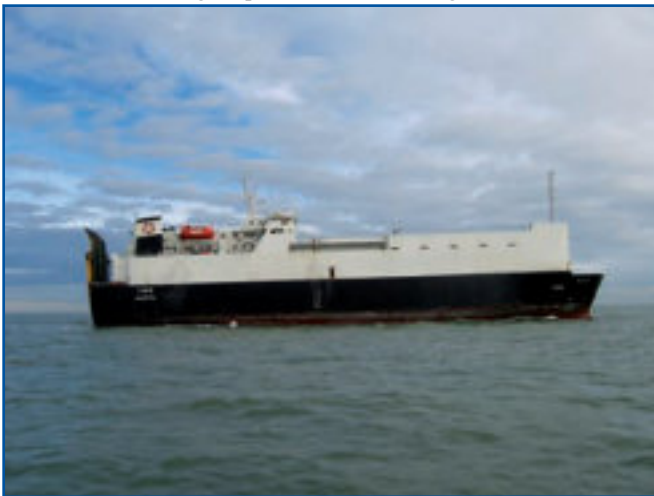
facilitate crew changes to ships bound to or from the River Thames, or further up the North Sea. All this irrespective of the weather in all but the very worst of conditions.



Earlier this winter they found themselves taking Pilots off outward bound ships from continental ports, ships that would normally have been served by the Wandelaar Pilots off Zeebrugge. This was due to the heavy south westerly gales of the time that made the work of transfer impossible, forcing the ships to this side of the southern North Sea, under the comparative shelter of the Kent Coast. If not put back on board an inward bound ship they would have had a rather long journey by ferry or tunnel back to their continental point of origin.

Such is the work of a Pilot. For our Estuary Services Pilots, a taxi service is provided to and from Ramsgate. The taxis can sometimes be seen parked up near the tug Cervia awaiting collection of the next Pilot or two for return to Gravesend - depending on ship traffic at that time.

Besides calling on vessels that are slowed but still underway (which actually assists the transfer process) the pilot boats also find themselves visiting ships at anchor in Margate Roads. It is not uncommon for large numbers of vessels to be at anchor in this roadstead waiting out bad weather. It is at times like this that identifying which ship it is they have to call upon is near impossible – especially at night. A quick VHF Radio call to the ship in question asking the deck lights be flashed off and on soon resolves that problem.



The Ramsgate Pilotage Service is known as the North East Spit Pilots. It is derived from the name of a buoy marking the outer eastward limit of the Margate Sand – about 5¼ miles north north east of North Foreland light house. Before the closure – and later collapse - of Margate Jetty they would operate out of an office at the head of the jetty using heavy wooden boats, well decked in, which would be moored one side of the jetty or the other according to the weather direction. At this time they were known as Margate Pilots, but they still went to the area of the NE Spit. Towards the end of their time operating out of Margate – sometime in the 1970's - they used a purpose-built steel vessel – rather more robust, sea kindly and faster. Today's fleet are also purpose-built for the demanding nature of their work with twin powerful engines that punch through any weather thrown at them. Even with special well upholstered seating the ride can still be rough, as I can testify.



The Ramsgate and Medway vessels are maintained from workshops situated in the arches close to the Harbour Office. Those undergoing repair can be seen either out of the water on the commercial quay or tucked into their own corner of the harbour right in front of the Sailors' Church, a not inappropriate location given the work they do. So when you are snuggled up beneath the duvet, the wind rattling the slates and snow flurries collecting in the corners of the bedroom window, spare a thought for the Pi-lots and the Pilot Boat crew who, at that very moment, could be out there surging up and down the side of a ship delivering or collecting a Pilot - as safely as possible.

Western Canada and Pacific Northwest Area

The March 23, 2012 meeting of the Old Gaffers Association was held at the Boundary Bay clubhouse of the Surrey Sailing Club. The purpose of the meeting with Skipper, Colin Ming in the Chair, was to discuss this summer's on-the-water events in which the OGA plans to be involved.

The OGA intends to host a very informal gathering of small boat owners and others interested in small and traditional boats at the Stuart Farm situated three miles east of the mouth of the Nicomeki River adjacent to Boundary Bay. It is planned to hold informal races and to bring your own food and drink centered around a BBQ. The event is scheduled for June 2012.

On July 13, the local OGA area is planning a "Meet the Fleet" sailing event. This will be a welcome home event, sailing south towards the US Canadian border to meet members of the fleet returning from the Sucia Island Small Boat Rendezvous held annually in Washington State. OGA member Jamie Orr, from Vancouver Island is organizer of the Sucia Island event.

Final discussion was of an OGA small boat event scheduled on August 19 at Pitt Lake and River; details to be made available within a few weeks. The meeting continued with refreshments and socializing among our members.

John Moran
Officer of the Watch

Report From The Bristol Channel Area

The sailing season is upon us, but you wouldn't know. After a burst of sunshine, which lasted long enough for those of us fitting out and sprucing up our craft to get them spick and span, we have had fitful, squally weather with gusts and showers. It has kept most of us off the water. Fair weather sailors perhaps, but some of the squalls are reaching 40mph, and with cloudbursts. This has meant most of us have deferred our sailing for a while.

The momentum in Cardiff continues and a regular 'Gaffer's Night' on the second Monday of each month in Cardiff Bay Yacht Club has attracted a small but loyal following. We hope to build further relationships with the club and they are keen to further our intention to hold a Gaffer's Race in their Club Regatta on the 10th June. Since most of us have never considered determining our handicaps, it will be interesting to see what comes up. Good luck to the OGA Boat Handicap Officer!

To foster links with the neighboring Cardiff Yacht Club, we will be participating in the 'Push Your Boat Out' initiative the week before the Olympics. A number of events will take place in Cardiff Bay, to promote the various joys of sailing and associated watersports (for example, rowing), to the general public. We have been invited to take place in a 'Parade of Sail', and it will be bunting rather than handicaps which will preoccupy us.

Our area is orientated to small boats, ironic perhaps since the Bristol Channel is demanding of the largest craft. However, we plan small boats events here in the Bay, and some of us will participate in SeaFair, in Milford Haven. We hope that experience will stand us in good stead for the events associated with next year's OGA 50th celebrations. Our events must be modest in comparison with those of larger areas, but we will aim for quality. Like our boats, size doesn't matter, it's the quality that counts.

The geography of the area does not facilitate interaction between the various centres of activity, but we intend to further links with Instow with a visit over the summer, as well as those sailing from the lovely Lydney harbour.

Finally, we want to feature a different Bristol Channel boat in each of these reports. We aren't necessarily telling the skipper's of their impending fame. So here, to the surprise, but I hope pleasure of Roger Wallington, is his lovely 'Arwen', one of the original Memory 19s.



David J. Owens, Secretary to the Bristol Channel Section of the OGA.

East Coast Area



It's April as I write this and East coast gaffers are emerging from hibernation at last, it seems a long time since last autumn's balmy weather.

As usual, the season was kicked off in fine style on March 3rd with our Annual Dinner held once again at the Royal Burnham YC where about eighty gaffers and guests sat down to a splendid four course meal, followed by guest speaker Max Liberson. Max told us of his purchase

of an old ferro ketch, which he sailed to the Caribbean and back, with enough adventures to last a lifetime.

Then, after a spell of warm sunny weather which allowed skippers to get to grips at last with fitting out, it was April and our Easter Egg rally, based at Shotley marina on the Stour.



By this time, the weather had deteriorated of course, but four brave young crews sailed their dinghies in the 'raid' across to Harwich on Easter Saturday, together with many more less hardy types who were ferried across in comfort. The party visited the newly restored Trinity House lightship LV18 and the hospitable Harwich and Dovercourt SC.

In the evening, Shotley marina's Shipwreck bar hosted our fitting out supper, which was a great success

with many members coming by road to enjoy the fish and chips, chocolate fudge cake and the spectacular appearance of Wendy as a very elegant Easter Bunny. The evening was rounded off with homemade music, songs and recitations from the talented gaffers. Thanks to Sue Lewis for organising a great evening.



It will be May before we know where we are, with events coming thick and fast; several boats from the EC area plan to visit the Ostend at Anchor rally in May and then it's June and the combined Crouch and Fambridge rallies celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.

On June 9th we hold our most important sailing event of the year, the East Coast Race for gaff rigged boats only (classic Bermudans race for separate trophies). This is once again based on Brightlingsea and is preceded by a sea food supper on Mersea Island on the Saturday and rounded off with a parade of sail up to the Wivenhoe SC for the traditional hog roast on Sunday. It will be a weekend to remember and the East coast area hope that gaffers from further afield will attend.

There are many more events through the summer and you can find details and contacts on our website www.eastcoastclassics.co.uk, but I must mention our Swallows and Amazons rally for open boats on 21-22nd July, held in the beautiful surroundings of Arthur Ransome's east coast sailing ground, the Walton backwaters..





Lady of Avenel

Early April saw the arrival from Holland of what must be the largest member of the East coast gaffer fleet, the 100ft brigantine Lady of Avenel. She was originally built in Poland in 1969 as a power craft and converted to a handsome sailing vessel in 1991. She will be going up to London for the Jubilee celebrations and owner Jim Dines intends to use her for sail training.

Bernard Patrick

Photos:

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Top Raiding' dinghies arrive at Harwich, Shotley Easter Rally.

Bottom Dinghies on their 'raid' to Harwich, passing Felixtowe, Shotley rally.

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Top Katie, a glass fibre replica of a classic Victorian gentleman's day sailer.

Bottom Piper Robert Hill introduces Wendy the Easter bunny, Shotley easter rally.

The North East Area

of the Association is back in business after a break of more years than I care to think of.

Look on the picture as I'm getting aboard – not only my 'Camay' (not gaff rigged but a very traditional Laurent Giles Normandy class sloop) but the role of North East Area Secretary.

There was a select and productive meeting at Weatherby in late March with a number of positive results.

Although NE membership is small and widely spread – we did have an enjoyable and useful get – together.

We're off to a good start on organising a programme of events; which so far includes for this year:- invitations:-



A major reason for taking on this job was to try to ensure so far as possible the 'OGA 50' Round Britain events were successful in the North East. Even though this is some time in the future, with the commitment of the NE membership, the help & encouragement of our National and Area Officers, just about every yacht club and marina in the North East (and beyond because we've 'acquired' Eyemouth!) There are already three stage ports established and as many social/sailing events being planned. No doubt there are more to come.

So keep watching all the web pages – the best way to keep in touch with events in the North East and elsewhere.

Jim Bell, Area secretary, OGA NE.

North Wales Area

Sue Farrer Secretary North Wales Old Gaffers Association



Photos

Top Left – Coffin Dodgers at the Penrhyn boat shed part.

Below – Dennis Wright, Ruth and Scott Metcalfe on Vilma

Opposite page – taken by Sian Jones one of the lifeboat crew from Holyhead. They were going to the Isle of Man and spotted us in the straits so Sian took some photos of us.





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Solent Area News

The Solent Area AGM took place on Saturday 18th February, we said thank you to Ian MacGillivray and Max Taylor who stood down having served a few years on the Committee and welcomed a new member, Ben Collins as a replacement. After the supper there was a splendid quiz organised by Dan Matthews and Keith Allso which was great fun and got most of us digging deep in our nautical experiences for an answer.

On Saturday April 7th we had a tour of the RNLI College at Poole, which was very interesting and also fun as we were allowed on their simulator, and took turns to take the wheel of a lifeboat, giving for some of us an uncomfortably realistic ride, thereby understanding just what the RNLI personnel have to experience on a mission out to sea. We all had lunch together afterwards and it was a good day out and away from the boat scrubbing and re-painting for some of us.

2012 Solent Sailing Season Dates

Yogaff 25 26 & 27 May – the first and most eagerly awaited event on the South Coast, with a huge attendance of gaffers filling Yarmouth Harbour, and with lots going on in the town by way of entertainment.

3 Creeks Race - July 7 & 8 - a very weather dependent race to interesting and definitely non marina environments in the Solent, which given the right conditions is really a classic gaffers gathering scenario

Marchwood Rally and Race 27 & 28 July - the best Solent event away from the busy waters around Cowes and a friendly reception at the Marchwood Yacht Club

Annual Race 7, 8 & 9 September 2012 - always a challenge to sail against a huge different type of gaffers and we like to vary the start and finish areas within the Solent.

Bursledon Regatta 25 & 26 August Bank Holiday Weekend – This is a unique weekend which is good for families with youngsters who like to paddle about and dress up to the theme of the weekend, also good for grown- ups who like to paddle about and dress up themselves and their boats ! A brilliant firework show always rounds off the day before more serious sail racing takes place the following day.

Centenary Chase 22 September 2012 – A pursuit race presenting a different challenge to the skippers but always well run by the Royal Solent Yacht Club in Yarmouth and the last chance for the Solent members to get together before the winter hibernation.

If anyone would like more information on the above Solent events then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jessica Warren jayis47@hotmail.com 01962 712529

Photo Opposite page top - RNLI Tour



Trailer Section

Blast from the Past!

The one problem with photograph albums is that they can contain shocks for their owner. By that, I mean that looking through it; you find a snap of yourself...with hair! and other reminders of how the years have flown past.

Recently, I was looking at some Trailer Section photos from 2001 and the main thing to strike me was just how durable our boats are compared with the cars that towed them, the tents we camped in, the clothes that we wore.

I suppose that is one of the things about the OGA, we value the old. For us it is not obsolete or worn out, just overdue for another restoration after which it will be as good as new. In an ever changing and uncertain world, our boats are something that we can cling onto, a reassurance that this year will be the same as last year, even if we all pray for better weather.

Area Reports

With this year's season already upon us, I am just preparing to set off for the OGA rally at Clywedog and hoping that everything is in the boat, the campervan is up to the job and nothing has been forgotten (Something will be, I just know it)

So, here are a few photographs from yesteryear.

Mike Stevens



Annabel J 2013 Round Britain Challenge



Cliff and Peter Cutler

As part of the Old Gaffers Association 50th Anniversary Celebrations, Annabel J is joining the fleet sailing around Britain. Now is your chance to take part in the sail of your life on one of the finest of classic gaff cutters, the Bristol Pilot Cutter, Annabel J is a modern regatta and is luxuriously appointed and, being a Pilot Cutter has incredible sea-keeping qualities. Contact us to reserve your place.

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OGA 50 CELEBRATIONS

Photographs of Members' Boats

There has been a suggestion to produce a book of photographs of members' boats as part of the golden jubilee celebrations. To do this we do need photographs. The Boat Register does have plenty of photographs from the early years but few recent ones. If you have a fine portrait photograph of your boat we would love to include it in this book. Please send it to me, preferably electronically, to boatregister@oldgaffersassociation.org. Please let me know who took the photograph as I will need to sort out any copyright issues.

Many thanks,

Pat Dawson. (Boat Register Editor)



Dear Editor

I joined the OGA shortly after it was formed and I wonder in the archives that there was a report of the race from Stone in about 1968/9 when only about fifteen gaffers started and only seven finished the shortened course as it was, I believe, Force Nine at the time. My Harrison Butler **Ethelinda** retired by the Benchhead with rips in the main and she blew out a couple of jibs on the way back. **Fanny** won yet again! There was unfortunately a Gaffer crew man drowned in the Blackwater that day, but not racing though.

The att. photos of **Ethelinda** doing nine knots passing Bardwell Power Station was done by a Malden photographer. If you find any references to that race it may make an interesting story for the OGA's anniversary.

Michael Andrews.

Have you considered joining in the Round Britain Challenge 2013?

Will you be trying to attend the Cowes event in August 2013?

So, if you haven't already, what does it mean to register your interest on the website?

It means that the organisers know you are there and thinking about it, and they will be able to take your ideas and concerns into account - it means you will start to receive regular email updates about the itinerary and the events along the way and at Cowes. You will be part of the development and planning which has already begun.

All you have to do is go to www.oga50.org and register your interest. No obligation!

Mr. Edwin Miller
O.C.A. BUREAU

WILL I CONTINUE
THE O.C.A. BUREAU
ALONG
THANKS
DICK BROWN

Dear Sir,

FOLLOWED ARE THE DETAILS -
OF MY OLD BOAT. While I am thinking
of selling. Being an old it is difficult
to expect to have a boat with island.
O.C.A. BUREAU. I have known
THE HIRSHFELD FOR 58 YEARS WHEN
MY GRANDFATHER BOUGHT HER AS AN
OPEN FISHING BOAT. I ALSO FISHED HER
UNTIL I CONVERTED HER FOR PLEASURE IN
1967. I LIVED THE O.C.A. WHEN
MILTON MILLER WAS PRESIDENT AND
JOHN SEACRET WAS SECRETARY. FOUND
MEMBERS. I WOULD LIKE HER TO GO
TO A MEMBER WHO WOULD USE HER
REGARD HER. I WOULD JOIN BOSTONIAN
F. BROWN. ADAM THOMAS. CHUCK THOMAS.

BEING ON ANDERNEY. I CAN'T TAKE HER IN
ANY BOATS. HIRSHFELD IS THE SAME. I CAN
BUT NOT. CHIRSHFELD IS THE SAME. I CAN
HAROLD T. ANDERNEY. I CAN GO
DANGEROUS TO GET TO OTHERS. THE O.C.A.
DON'T SEEM. LIKE. HIRSHFELD.
ANTHONY A. GREAT AGAIN THERE.
THE O.C.A. DON'T LIKE US CHIRSHFELD
OTHER. WE DON'T SEE WHY. THERE ARE FOUR.
LADIES IN ANDERNEY. THERE ARE FIVE
ON THE O.C.A. THERE ARE FIVE
HIRSHFELD IS GOOD. I WOULD LIKE HIRSHFELD
TO GO BACK TO GUERNSEY. BUT THEY DON'T
SEEM KEEN ON TAKING HER TO OTHERS.

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CONVERTED IN 1967 INTO SAIL BOAT.
PICKING UP PLEASURE BOAT DRILL.
LOADS OF SAILS. AND GOOD SAIL PLAN.
MAYBE GO TO SOUTH.
LAYING ANDERNEY CHANNEL ISLAND
O.C.A. BUREAU.



Dear Editor

On behalf of the East Coast Area of the OGA, I arrange the area's Southwold Rally. This year the event is taking place on the weekend of 7 & 8 July, and we would like to invite the trailer section to join us this year.

Over the past few years, this event has evolved into a 'big' boat and 'small' boat event. Southwold is our most northern rally on our program and many members found they could not always manage the time required to sail the big boat to Southwold and back, but could find the time to trailer their small boat there. We now hold 2 races in Sole Bay on the Saturday which mainly the big boats participate in, but some small boats join in, and then on the Sunday we sail all manner of shapes and sizes of small boats up river to Blythburgh. A walk ashore to the White Horse and a wander around the old church, followed by the return sail back to Southwold completes the outing. It is a beautiful river to navigate.

There is a camp site nearby, although the Southwold Sailing Club usually allow members to pitch their tent in the club garden. The club often hold their beer festival during the weekend of our visit, (for some reason?), which we all enjoy especially at the Saturday night party held in the club house. We hold a 'themed' raffle in aid of a local charity and gratefully receive sponsorship prizes for our sailing from local brewery Adnams.

We would be very pleased if you pass on our invite to the trailer section to join us at Southwold, and should you or your members require further details, please just ask and I'll be happy to help with any queries.

Many thanks

Lorna Hill

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Annabel J Classic Yacht Charters



Message of Congratulations
to
Your Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
on the
60th Anniversary of Your Reign



Your Majesty, the Old Gaffers Association throughout the United Kingdom and internationally extend our cordial congratulations on the occasion of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. We recognize the vital contribution and years of dedicated service performed by Your Majesty throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and the world. We wish you our best wishes for Your continued health throughout Your reign.



Old Gaffers Association

Golden Jubilee 2013



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OGA at 50 ... *the book*



**The OGA is
to publish a
book in 2013
to mark the
Association's
First Fifty Years**

It is to be a celebration of the OGA's Golden Jubilee; an informative and easy to read style and lots of photographs & illustrations, with contributions from all the Areas including those overseas, and many individuals. It will be available to OGA members and the general public. Research and the gathering and editing of material is well under way, chiefly undertaken by Viv Head (BCA).

We need three things-

- ☐ If you've been asked for a contribution and not yet submitted it please send it in as soon as possible. We don't want any potential contribution to be left out
- ☐ If you have haven't been asked but you have something in mind please get in touch to discuss it.
- ☐ **And most importantly-**

We urgently need someone to take on the specific aspect of publishing and marketing the book. This will involve working with a potential publisher, the editor and the General Management Council (GMC) to the conclusion of the project in 2013. We currently have a broad outline of what is needed. If you have any experience in this area or the energy and drive to pursue it, please do get in touch.

To submit copy, register your interest for the publishing role or discuss any aspect of the project, contact the editor at

oga50book@oldgaffersassociation.org

Calendar of Events

This calendar is available in both PDF and Excel formats.

To obtain your copy please email the editor and type "Events" in the Subject line.

June1,2012	June 3,2012	Classic SailCarrickfergus
June1,2012	June 2,2012	Devon Gaffers,BrixhamHeritageSailing Regatta 2012
June2,2012	June 3,2012	East CoastOGACrouch,FambridgeRally
June2,2012	June 5,2012	Queen's DiamondJubileeThamesRiverPageant
June8,2012	June 10,2012	Beale ParkandThamesBoatShow
June9,2012	June 10,2012	East CoastOGARace,BrightlingseaRally
June16,2012	June 17,2012	OGA RHS Rally
June22,2012	June 24,2012	Golowan MaritimeFestival
June 23, 2012		Pin Mill SC Smack Week-end
June27,2012	June 30,2012	Devon Gaffers,PlymouthClassicBoatRally
June 30, 2012		Pin Mill SC Barge Match
July6,2012	July 9,2012	Sudia IslandSmallBoatRendezvous
July7,2012	July 8,2012	Brightlingsea BoatShow
July7,2012	July 8,2012	CYC BrightlingseaTownRegatta
July7,2012	July 8,2012	OGA SouthwoldRally
July 7, 2012		Rowhedge Regatta
July7,2012	July 8,2012	Solent OGA,ThreeCreeksrally
July13,2012	July 15,2012	Cardiff BayRally
July13,2012	July 15,2012	Devon Gaffers,StartBayRally&Race2012
July 14, 2012		Blackwater Smack Race

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	River Blackwater	

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July 14, 2012		OGA - BC CA "Meet the Fleet" returning from Sucia Island. Afternoon BBQ
July 21, 2012	July 22, 2012	OGA Swallows & Amazons
July 21, 2012	21 Jul	Wivenhoe Town Regatta
July 25, 2012	August 12, 2012	Sail Royal Greenwich
July 27, 2012	August 12, 2012	Olympic Games
July 27, 2012	August 12, 2012	Olympic Games, Sailing
July 27, 2012	July 29, 2012	Solent OGA, Taittinger Royal Solent Regatta with a class for gaffers
July 28, 2012	July 29, 2012	Solent OGA, Marchwood Rally
July 28, 2012		Thames Smack & Barge Match
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August 3, 2012	August 5, 2012	Peel Traditional Boat Weekend
August 4, 2012		Whitstable Match
August 10, 2012	August 12, 2012	Ardglass at Anchor "The alternative Olympics in Ardglass"
August 11, 2012		Devon Gaffers, Ditsum Regatta Gaffers Race
August 11, 2012		Swale Match
August 14, 2012	August 19, 2012	St. Petersburg Classic Week
August 17, 2012	August 19, 2012	Dublin Bay OGA Weekend
August 18, 2012	August 26, 2012	Conwy River Festival
August 18, 2012	August 26, 2012	OGA August Classics Cruise
August 19, 2012	August 24, 2012	Mersea Week
August 23, 2012	August 26, 2012	The Tall Ships
August 25, 2012	August 26, 2012	Solent OGA, Bursledon Regatta
August 25, 2012		West Mersea Town Regatta

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West Mersea / River Blackwater	

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August 27, 2012		Southend Smack & Barge Match
August 31, 2012	September 2, 2012	Traditional Sail Festival at Holyhead (Gaffers at Holyhead)
August 31, 2012	September 2, 2012	Victoria Classic Boat Festival
September 1, 2012		Tollesbury Smack & Classic Yacht Race
September 2, 2012		Devon Gaffers, Dartmouth Regatta RNLI Race
September 3, 2012	September 5, 2012	Eleventh Annual Wooden Boat Rendezvous 2012
September 7, 2012	September 9, 2012	36th Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival
September 7, 2012	September 9, 2012	Scotland OGA, Closing Muster
September 8, 2012		Colne Smack & Barge Match
September 8, 2012		Pin Mill SC Regatta
September 8, 2012	September 9, 2012	Solent OGA, Annual Race & Rally
September 9, 2012		Devon Gaffers, Stoke Gabriel Boating Ass. Regatta
September 14, 2012	September 23, 2012	Southampton Boat Show
September 15, 2012	September 16, 2012	Woodbridge Maritime Festival
September 22, 2012		Maldon Town Regatta
September 22, 2012		Solent OGA Centenary Chase
November 3, 2012		Devon Gaffers 2012 Laying-up Lunch

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CREW WANTED Want to go to Brest and Douarnenez this year? Harbinger does too! She is almost certainly a Manx “Nobby”, built some time before 1917 and last restored in the late 1970s. Conversion from a Lugger to a gaff Cutter probably occurred before WWII. She has 5 berths.

The plan is to leave Southampton on 3rd July and return about the 31st with a changeover date of 16th to give as many as possible some time at Brest 2012 (13th - 19th). I don't expect anyone will be able to come for the whole trip, so email me with dates that you can manage. I have two people already who are able to do the return half.

Mike Sullivan (Solent OGA)
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UPDATE – 1 Crew Member Still Needed For Each Direction

FOR SALE 1903 Gaff Ketch White Moth. 32ft LOD x 7.5ft x 5ft. Designed by Pain-Clark, built by Maj R.F.Wykeham Martin. Kauri pine on oak carvel construction. A stunning looking yacht about 45 ft long over the spars. Well equipped and in excellent order both internally and externally. Comfortable accommodation for two with a possibility of more. Taylors Cooker, Lister 20hp diesel, Calorifier; Recent new mainsail. Regular attendee at EC OGA events. In commission Kent. A real classic yacht for just £25000. Contact: Graham Mason 01795 662143.



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For more information please contact:
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Merchandise

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