



August 2016

Greetings fellow Elizabethans, I hope those of you that can are getting out on the water this summer. Early summer saw some variable weather but here on the south coast we've had some good weekends and the Bank Holiday was quite usable down here on the south coast. I know my friends on the west coast of Scotland are a bit grumpy about the amount of rain they've had, but hopefully the scenery makes up for it.

Amongst the news and offers, we have some new members to welcome and have had several questions and enquiries, in particular about the Liz 31. I think I'm right in saying that was the first boat David Thomas drew for Peter Webster, and it is nice to see them still being cruised worldwide.

South coast Raleigh



As promised the EOA graced Poole with our presence, and as is traditional the weather blew a hooley, stopping several attendees in their tracks and making life interesting for those who made it.

First to arrive was Elissa, struggling the vast distance from Lilliput to Poole quay marina in twice the time it normally takes. Monica and Alistair had done a brilliant job at organising the berths and meals and I hope we did justice to their efforts with sufficient hospitality. Wakatere arrived next, with Charles single handing from Gosport. Then followed Evadne, after a sojourn on the mud outside the marina. Jane and I had sailed gently down from Chichester harbour to Lymington, before flying across to Poole. 100 yards short of the marina the engine conked out, and we were on the mud in about 30 seconds. By chance, another Elizabethan 30, Elizabeth Anne, was already in the marina. Alistair swiftly recruited Derek and Maria into the EOA and they joined us that evening.

For those who don't recall, this was the weekend of the Round Island (Isle of Wight) race. The small boat races were cancelled. We all got there on the Friday when the wind started as a westerly F4 before breakfast, picking up to a F5-6 as we cleared the Solent to a solid 6 once we were all inside Poole harbour. Evadne had passed another new member Richard, in Mistress Quickley in Lymington

early that morning, and his decision not to single-hand his relatively recently acquired Liz 23 to Poole proved a good call. Despite that there were 11 of us for fish and chips that evening.

Fish and chips on Friday evening was adjourned from the pontoon to the local hostelry to get out of the wind and to get warm. The fish and chips were excellent and Weatherspoons' beers were up to standard. We all had a pleasant day wandering around Poole on the Saturday, dodging showers, and assembled for drinks on Saturday evening. Actually it was more like early in the afternoon. The commodore's fabled barrel of homebrew took its toll, and the bottle of homemade cider had its victims too, but we all made it to the Antelope for dinner. Given the weather it should not have come as surprise that, far from being squeezed in at the last moment, we almost had the run of the pub, other less hardy parties having called off their events. Derek and Maria had wished us well and departed, being at the end of their holiday and needing to get home, but we hope to see more of them next year. If we haven't put them off! More arrived overland, making a party of 10, despite losing Derek and Maria. The meal was good, mostly, but more importantly the company was its usual friendly and raucous self.

We all went our ways the next day, except Evadne which we sailed to Cherbourg on the Tuesday and then to St Vaast on a fortnight's holiday, our first full two weeks on the boat for some years and our channel crossing in 20 years. But that's another story.

Membership news – boats and people

I have passed on the Liz 31 questions to a couple of people who have been sailing the boats for some years, Alessandro in Sicily, Joel in Guadeloupe and Dee and Pippa, all too modest to call themselves experts, but they are, but if anyone else would like to chip in I will happily put you all in touch. The only thing they have in common with my boat is, really, the name and the long keel, so I can only give general advice and encouragement.

Dee and Pippa de Mengel have also reminded me of their Liz 31 blog at <http://sula-dee-pippa.blogspot.co.uk>

Sam Goucher, who hails from near Corpus Christi on the US gulf coast contacted me after buying a 1983 Liz 31. I believe that means it is a Drummond Bayne boat but if anyone has more detailed knowledge of their lineage he and I would be pleased to hear from you. I believe that, unlike the 29 and 35 these were only built in the UK.

Peter and Penny Jackson are definitely selling Mistweave, Ian Stockdale's old Liz 30 and would like her to go to someone who appreciated her. So if you know anyone who is looking for a well-kept boat, pass their details on please!

Chris Wood has a Liz 31 ketch, Genipa, in Hull and is asking for advice on tensioning the mizzen.

Gary Miller is asking for advice on Liz 31 keel bolts. Keel bolts are something I'm asked about for all Elizabethans – even the 23, which only has one. So anyone if who has ever drawn them, or had them drawn or replaced I would like to make it up into a short article for the web site one day.

Peter Costalas, an organiser of the Classic Channel regatta had a question about Elizabethan sail numbers. If you'd like to take part in a race in company next year, with other good looking boats

which can keep up with you, I can put you in touch or you can find him on the web. We are also invited to the Cowes classic rally. I realise this is shamelessly south coast oriented, so if you race or rally in other parts of the world write to me before Christmas and we can let people know what's going on next year. You can find these rallies on the web, but not whether other Elizabethans are going to be there.

Boat shows and the next Raleigh

Autumn is the season for the Southampton boat show. If anyone is thinking of going and would like to meet up, please let me know. I live and work close to the site, and plan to go on the second Thursday. Ali and Monica get the star prize of boat show tickets for their success at the Raleigh. The secretary usually gets 2 free tickets to both London and Southampton boat shows, and since I am not the secretary I get to award them to deserving members, which has included myself in the past. Sometimes I think the only incentive for getting people to organise a Raleigh is to offer them free tickets! If anyone is going on Thursday 22nd, and would like to meet up, I will be visiting the PBO stand at lunch time, or email me before the show.

For Southampton, there are instructions overleaf for a ticket offer. It isn't any cheaper than the advance tickets, but they will have gone soon, and you can get the same price up to the end of the show itself. Like the advance tickets there is a booking fee so the more tickets you order the cheaper they are.

Next year, Charles Dingle has offered to organise the south coast Raleigh in East Cowes. Details will follow. We'd also like to organise a south coast autumn meeting too, details will follow too. But if you fancy a Saturday afternoon in the pub with Elizabethans anywhere else in the country, or even in another country, then let me know and I can help publicise it to those who live nearby. And those willing to travel a bit further for a drink.

Another idea for a Christmas/New Year newsletter is to share hints and tips in preparation for spring 2017's fitting out. So if you did anything momentous in the last few years, or plan to next year, drop me an email with a few words and pictures. We've done a lot of woodwork on Evadne in recent years but next year it is time to bite the bullet and replace the mast step. And the standing rigging....

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