



Summer 2017

Greetings fellow Elizabethans, I hope you have enjoyed the Met Office's much heralded Barbeque summer. So named because of the effect it has had on the commodore's front lawn. Now we are into the official holiday period, we can probably expect much more wind and rain!

We have had a Raleigh here on the south coast, which enjoyed typical EOA Raleigh weather during the weekend 24th-26th July. 2 days of rain with winds peaking at S-SW F7-8, in contrast to the preceding 2 months. We'd like to arrange a reprise next year, as well as some off-the-water meetings. John Baynes, in a moment of weakness said he'd like to arrange something further west, so if your boat is along the south coast of Cornwall, Devon or Dorset please get in touch. Charles and I will be passing on the names and email address of anyone we think is within range, so John may get in touch with you directly.

Off the water, I would like to arrange a lunch around the Southampton boat show, which is 14th-21st September. Many of us will still be sailing then, especially if the weather doesn't break too badly, but see below for an invitation to lunch at the Dancing Man brewery in Southampton.

John Goode has also arranged his regular ticket discount with the organisers, and will be at the YBW (Time Inc) stand on Thursday 20th if anyone wants to go along for a chat and a beer. He doesn't sell anything, he says this is his way of putting some of the corporate benefits that he gets, back towards the average yachtsman. See the poster at the end of the newsletter for the ticket offer.

Raleigh

Friday 24th July dawned warm, fair and clear as it had for the previous month, and 3 boats were heading for Sparkes Marina in Chichester harbour. Freyja, our organiser, Andy Marshall's boat was already in place, Evadne had only a couple of miles to run from her mooring in Mill Rytte with myself (David), Jane and our dog Chloe on board, whilst Holly Blue with John Baynes set off from Bembridge on the tide. I will gloss over the hassles we had from Sparkes' management about berthing, because in the end we were all accommodated.



Andy on board Freyja

Wakaterere had to cancel at short notice. Charles's wife Dorothy was taken ill but I'm happy to report she is now fully recovered. The other boat was Stuart Harrison with his Liz 29 Aelana (formerly Blue Bess). He has spent some time getting her to her current pristine state, and sailed down from Brighton, arriving later on Friday. Tim German (Liz 31 Pavana) also had to cancel, and our friends from Poole, the Stockdales and the Inglises had prior commitments.

On Friday, Charles came over from Gosport by car and in the evening, as we were quorate, we sampled the traditional homebrew cask on Evadne. Charles wisely



abstained. Fish and chips were obtained from a local shop, and we retired to Freyja. The good thing about a Raleigh that small is that we could all fit into Andy's Liz 29. We could also fit onto Evadne under the awning, but I did have to keep pumping the bilges every 20 minutes or so. We also admired Aelana in the berth alongside Freyja, and arranged guided tours in the following days.

Clockwise from top left: Evadne's rain awning, Andy on board Aelana, the wide open spaces of Aelana's cockpit and Chloe pointing out where she wants her new kennel to be

Sadly Charles had to leave us, but the remainder of the evening was spent raising Freyja's waterline by removing as much alcohol from the lockers as we could, discussing subjects from the good old days of sailing in the Solent and along the channel, to the merits of the various boats we have owned. We were three Liz 29s and John's 23, and by the end of the evening were in agreement that the 29 is probably the finest boat in the world, and certainly the prettiest. Andy has by far more space (or less clutch) than we do on Evadne, so Chloe spent the time exploring nooks and crannies that she was unaware of on her own boat. As a result, we are going to have to rearrange a lot of the stowage on Evadne so that Chloe can use one of the trotter boxes as a kennel. Stuart on Aelana has even more space but, with his family arriving for a few weeks' holiday I feel confident that this will change.

Saturday, the wind came. Evadne has a sun awning that also doubles as a rain awning, which worked until the wind started to get up properly. Eventually it had to come down in case it blew away. Both Holly Blue and Freyja have sprayhoods which fared a lot better, and were much envied by Aelana and Evadne. Jean and Cad Cust paid us a visit by car, it was nice to see them again, looking well, and to catch up with what they've been doing since Snowbird went. The rain held off and we all enjoyed a very breezy walk along the beach. Richard Harrison, who had asked to come and talk with any 23



owners was also around and paid John a visit. He is looking at buying a 23, possibly John Hatch's old "Windswept". John Baynes also had news of John Hatch, who sadly died in July aged 83. Ian Stockdale had sent me a link to his obituary in the Isle of Wight county Press at

<http://www.iwcp.co.uk/obituaries/16352421.obituary-john-henry-hatch/>



Enjoying the wind and sea on Hayling Island beach at Sandy Point: Stuart and John (right), Jane and Chloe (left)



Saturday Pizza in the Drift Bar



Saturday evening we had dinner in the Drift bar, which does some superb hand-made pizzas. Chloe was only supposed to be allowed in until 7pm, but the staff seemed happy so she lurked under the table, watching the world and seeking fuss and scraps from us all in turn. Having sampled the beer and a range of different gins and tonics, we paid the bill then returned to Freyja to continue the evening, and to have the guided tours of Aelana. As you can see on the previous page, she has some interesting features, including smart black window frames but most strikingly no guardrails or dodgers, and there was some discussion of this. Stuart has made a superb job of the joinery, headlining and the thousand and one other crafts

that the practical boat owner has to undertake.

Sunday was even windier and wetter. Aelana was ordered by the marina management to leave, as her berth owner was returning that day and Stuart departed before the strongest winds arrived, but had a horrendous trip across the harbour to Chichester marina. Holly Blue and Evadne were more fortunate, and opted to stay for a further night for the winds to moderate. On Evadne, we would have had a dinghy trip in a crosswind at the other end, which seemed unnecessarily risky, given we had to wait until high water and the strongest winds. Andy and John had Sunday lunch in the Hayling

Island Sailing club, which does not allow dogs so we on Evadne ate on board, the Drift bar being fully booked.

Southampton meeting

14th-21st September is the Southampton boat show this year, so I would like to arrange an Elizabethan lunch in the Dancing Man Brewery for Saturday 15th. If you would like to come along, please email me on eoacommodore@hotmail.com, with the number of people required. Apart from good food and beer, the pub is child and dog friendly, just like the EOA. It is on the Esplanade, not far from West Quay and Mayflower park, and on the bus from Southampton railway station to Town quay (£1 each way, every 10 or 15 minutes last time I caught it).

Apart from the social, we will be looking for a volunteer to run an EOA south coast Raleigh in 2019, and press-ganging skippers into attending the EOA Southwest Raleigh, as well as hopefully setting a date for that. If you can email me in the next few weeks I'll try book a table the right size this time.

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Membership news – boats and people

As you will have read above, John Hatch, owner of Elizabethan 23 and member of the EOA died last month at the age of 83. A boatbuilder by trade, he bought “Windswept” after she had spent some time on the sea bed in Portsmouth harbour, and restored her to as high a level as it is possible to. He sailed her from Yarmouth, Isle of Wight for many years.

Have you seen Liz 31 “Handfast”? Will MacManus, a former owner is looking for her, and would love to buy her back after hearing that she was no longer sailing, somewhere in the vicinity of Warsash possibly. Sadly we do not have any record of her in the EOA, or the Peter Webster sales book, at least under that name.

Tino Troje-Tuck has bought Liz 23 “Elan”. She was on the hard in July and has hopefully now been launched at Brightlingsea. Although he has spoken to Alastair and Monica (Elissa) he would love to talk to or meet other Liz 23 owners in south Essex. Heading ultimately for home in Galicia, he hopes to get there this summer via Cornwall.

If anyone has been following Paul Sutcliffe’s adventures in the Caribbean, he is looking for funds to help publish his book <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1572530880/high-and-dry-a-cruisers-life-in-the-caribbean?ref=email>

Apart from attending the EOA Raleigh in Chichester harbour, John Baynes took Holly Blue to St Mary’s, Isles of Scilly in July, and sent us this slightly wide angle photo (right), which shows us once again why it is such a great destination. He reported a blustery crossing from Penzance, complete with dolphins of course, but light winds and sunshine all the way otherwise.



Alex Gibbs joined us in May having completed a renovation on his 23. He was asking about releasing the stuck swing keel, and we were able to pass on some advice, so hopefully he is sailing now.

Edward Bracken also joined in May, he is undertaking a long-term renovation of his Liz 31 Telmar in Lymington.



Stuart Harrison has completed the refit on Aelana (left), and turned up with her at the Raleigh (see above) to the admiration of all

Going back a bit further we heard from Darryl Ridge who bought Ghost Wind (formerly Serenity he thinks), a Liz 31 ketch. We don't have any records of her, but he is, or more likely already has, sailed her from Liverpool to his base in Northern Ireland.

And finally, some news of my faithful crew, Chloe. Those of you who subscribe to PBO will have noted two articles and some cruising notes which featured her heavily in the Summer edition, including lots of photos. It has gone totally to her head.



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For those for whom our Raleighs and meetings are too south coast centred for you to be able to join us, have you considered organising a get-together, on the water or otherwise? Charles and I would love to help with the mailing lists and the like, but really what it needs is someone local to actually do it. It doesn't work if we try and organise things from afar. All you have to do is choose a venue and book some berths, and a few tables in the hostelry of your choice. The rest is emails and texts, and keeping track of people and boats.

We've also had a few requests for burgees recently. If there are any more, please email Charles or me before we order some in the next few weeks. They are usually quite expensive, £25 or so, being sewn and made to order.

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