



August 2020

Dear Fellow Elizabethans,

I hope that those of you with boats have been getting out sailing this summer, we've had some decent weather down south since the government let us out again. I know the weather in the north and west has been more wet and windy, but hopefully it's not deterred you.

2020 South Coast Raleigh

We managed to have an informal south coast Raleigh at the Folly, Cowes on 3rd and 4th August. The weather played ball, and there was a fresh W-SW F3-4 on the Monday, sunshine on the Tuesday and a bracing S-SW F4-5 on the Wednesday. For those that stayed on, there was some rain around on Thursday but that soon cleared away.



In the end there were four boats, e30(9m) Wakatere, with Charles Dingle, with e29s Aelana, with Stuart Harrison, Freyja with Andy Marshall and Gail, and Evadne with David and Jane White, and seadog Chloe. Commiserations to Alastair and Monica in Elissa, who got stuck with a faulty stern gland in Poole, also John in Holly Blue who couldn't make it either. With only six people on Monday, The Folly accepted a booking on the day and we had our meal under their pavilion. On the pontoon, the commodore's homebrew was in bottles this year, rather than the usual cask, to enable socially distanced merriment. In general, we had a good time and they were very nice hosts at the Folly, but many staff were obviously new to the job. The pub also has yet to get a menu resembling the pre-covid one, let alone of the quality of a few years ago.



The next day, most of the party headed to West Cowes for the day in the water taxi where Stuart's daughter, Eliana and her boyfriend Harry arrived. Having been



to Cowes recently, Jane and David took Chloe for a walk up to Whippingham church. We all met on the pontoon in the evening to help finish off the homebrew, and to try some other drinks including sloe gin from Aelana. The main meal at the Breeze in Island harbour was much nicer than the Folly's offerings, although service was painfully slow. They too have had trouble getting staff of the quantity and experience they need, and have a smaller menu than in the past. It was a pleasant walk up the river, with a water taxi returning us directly from Island harbour in the dark. The food was excellent, when it eventually arrived, and a good time was had by all.



On Wednesday, Freyja and Evadne left in the morning to return to Chichester harbour. We had a good reach home, the wind staying at the top end of a F4, gusting 5. Wakatere left later, while Aelana stayed on for another day or two.

Membership news – boats and people

Tim German

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Tim German (e31 Pavana) died at the end of July. Tim was with us at last year's south coast Raleigh in Yarmouth, and many other meetings. He will be greatly missed by us all, and leaves his wife, Gill, and daughters.

e29 "Gammy Bird" hull No. 321

Welcome to Paddy Halton, who has recently bought this boat, a very late e29, built in 1984. She was in Connemara until recently and if anyone has any knowledge of her history, we'd be pleased to pass it on.

e29 "Vida"

Welcome also to Alan Reade who has just bought Vida. She comes without a spinnaker or pole. He plans to remedy this but if anyone can help, please get in touch.

Henk Huinink (e23 "Ravis")

Henk is still with the EOA, and relaunched the renamed Ravis back in June (ex Zeemeuw, ex Tudor Rose). He also has a set of (e23 boat) legs that are surplus to requirements.

Dawn Smith

I had a hello from Dawn, who sadly no longer sails, but has a passion for woodworking, and also has some equipment reviews on her blog for any likeminded Elizabethans.

<https://larchwoodworkshop.blogspot.com/>

e23 “Daydream”

Keith Renfree has renamed his boat “Wee Bess”, she is now “Daydream”.

e29 enquiries

David Steer is looking at a Liz 29 and has asked if anyone has experienced problems with encapsulated ballast. Only the early 29s have an external iron keel, and he was wondering when the change to the new moulds occurred, in or around 1966 or 1967.

Mark Linney is also looking for a 29, preferably a later model with the encapsulated keel. If anyone wants to sell one (that I don’t already know of) then I can put you in touch.

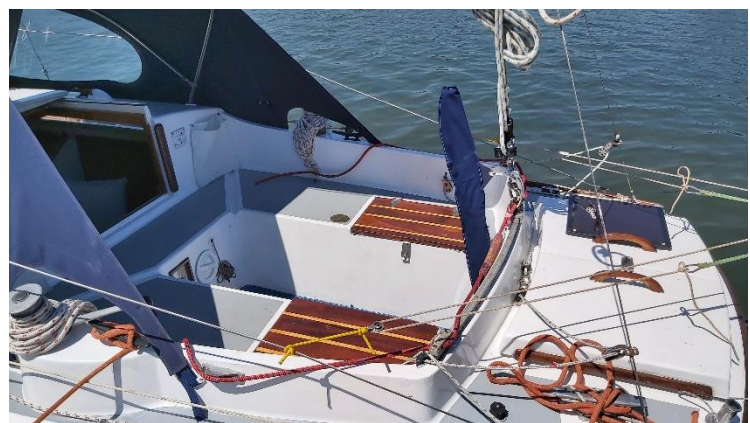
Boats for sale

e23 No. 1 “Hydag” is up for sale. She has suffered a bit over the last winter, and her details will be going up on the website.

Charles Dingle also has a pair of beaching leg sockets looking for a good home, see photo (right).



Picture gallery



Finally some a pictures of Holly Blue sailing off Dartmouth, and Elissa’s beautifully varnished cockpit.

David White, EOA Commodore

“Evadne”, Elizabethan 29 No. 11