



May 2021

Dear Fellow Elizabethans,

After the frostiest April on record, I hope your varnishing and other fitting-out has been successful. On *Evadne*, we've dropped some jobs until next year and done several that were not on the "to-do" list. So, a normal year really. The biggest last-minute jobs have been a new forehatch cover and fitting lazyjacks. Repainting the hull topsides will wait.

As usual there are several stories from people doing work or just sailing, please feel free to send me your own stories and pictures for future newsletters.

Unusually, we have been thinking ahead not just for this year's south coast Raleigh, but next year's too. I had a nice reply from Liz Scrace, Peter Webster's niece, who hopes to be able to come and join our 60th anniversary south coast Raleigh in 2022, in Lymington, the original home of the Elizabethans. More than usual, if that's possible, everyone will be welcome, with or without a boat. Details are not going to be sorted out until next year, but it's worth noting in the diary, and we usually go on one of the weekends close to springs in July. If you'd like to come by boat, but feel it's too far, why not organise your own local Raleigh? There are significant populations of Elizabethans on the south-west, east and north-west coasts of England, not to mention Wales, Scotland and the island of Ireland, and further afield. I will do my best to get to any one of them, even if I can't get *Evadne* there in time.

This year's south coast Raleigh will be in Poole, details below. We also hope to have the design for an anniversary flag and regalia (t-shirts, etc.) by then.

2022 south coast Raleigh: Poole Harbour



After a quick poll of last year's attendees, we will be going to Poole Harbour on the weekend of 10th/11th July. Monica and Alastair, who live in Poole, have provisionally booked the berths and will book the Friday fish-and-chips and Saturday evening meal.

Please get in touch with them if you are going, with your boat name, skipper's name and the number of people at each meal. Monica is on <monicles1 at live.co.uk>, but if you could cc me and the secretary too, that would be helpful. I hope to have the usual selection of Commodore's homebrew available on Friday 9th for the fish and chips, with some left for pre-dinner drinks on the pontoon on Saturday 10th.

The main thing to warn you of is that we are in Poole Marina, which costs £4.43 per metre per 24 hours, or about forty quid a night, plus electricity. They also want us to confirm and pay for the berth 24 hours or more in advance, but we will look at how to help those who can't pay by card over the phone.

If you're staying on in Poole, or getting there early, I can thoroughly recommend the anchorages, which are £4.43 per metre per night cheaper. Evadne spent a nice couple of days off Pottery Quay in 2012 (right), as well as a windy but enjoyable Raleigh in 2016.



Peter Webster's order book

Liz Scrace, Peter's niece has very kindly let us use the high-resolution photographs taken by Ian Stockdale of Peter's original order book. It covers all Elizabethans made in Lymington between 1962 to 1973 or 4. Hopefully going onto our web pages at some time soon, if anyone else needs a copy of the relevant page their boat is on, for example to help prove its age and VAT status at manufacture, then contact me and I can send you a copy directly.



Membership news – boats and people

E29 “Skyomish”



Rob Wheeler has been in touch, which is great because we'd lost touch due to a dodgy email address, so it's great to welcome him back, in a manner of speaking. And he sent a great picture of *Skyomish* at anchor.

Built ocean shipyards Poole in 1965

Kept at Poole yacht club

Race regularly, and quite successfully with Poole yacht racing association.

Also compete in classic channel regatta winning a 2nd last time and a 3rd time before.

I've learned a good bit on getting the best out of lizzie 29s which I'm happy to share, and am constantly seeing more improvements. Have a few surplus bits that may be of interest to others too, including a really nice set of sails.

E23 Red Swan

Matthew Gray got *Red Swan* home and has been working on her, hoping to get afloat in Chichester harbour this year, last I heard.

I ended up using Garry Mitchell at BML Boat Transport, who was very efficient and a bit



cheaper than Squirrel Marine. I would definitely recommend him. Picture left.

I am most of the way through the 'essentials' list for the refurbishment of Red Swan. We were launched just before Easter and have had a couple of good outings in Chichester harbour and a rather chilly night in Bembridge!

So far so good!

E23 Lisa

Arve Refvik sent us a picture of *Lisa*, his very pretty Liz 23.

I have attached a photo of my Elizabethan 23. It has taken me just over 3 year to rebuild the whole boat more or less. Have lots of pics if interested. The photo is from last autumn. Are moored at Cleethorpe and Grimsby Yeath club



Alex Gibbs

If anyone is looking for a crew in or near West Sussex, please let me know and I can put you in touch with Alex.

When the world returns to some sort of normality, I would love to get back out on the water again. If any EOA members need a (low maintenance) crew, please would you pass on my details. I've sailed for years and have RYA Day Skipper etc. I live in West Sussex so anywhere on the south coast would be possible.

E31 Ghost Wind – Mizzen issues

Is there another ketch owner or someone with experience at rigging out there who can help Darryl, please? Photographs on the next page.

I have a ketch and a problem with the mizzen I would like some help with, if we have someone who can help with this very grateful for I am at a loss.

The mizzen leans backwards, this is noticeable in a lateral view of the boat and manifests itself when the mizzen sail is raised, the boom lies low over the stern rail/pushpit and not horizontal. It is early to hit the wind vane when it is in use.

Please see the photos. At the base is a nut and bolt which goes through the rear of the foot and bolts the mast/foot to the baseplate. There is a stopper at the front end of the baseplate it appears only to stop the foot sliding forward. There is a fore/aft flange on the baseplate the foot/mast sits on. I want bring the mast to lean slightly more forward

- a. Loosening the nut/bolt at the rear of the baseplate (it is thus able to slide move up/down roughly a centimetre, and thus 'rock' or 'tilt' the whole mast forward/backward)*
- b. There are two lower shrouds forward of mizzen, two more lowers extend to the rear. There are two upper shrouds which extend to the rear of the mizzen, but not as far as the rear lowers shrouds. There is no triatic at the top between main and mizzen.*

I loosened all shrouds to take pressure off the nut bolt and did so. I loosened all rear shrouds further until they were slack, wobbled.

I tried to bring the mast to tilt forward by tightening forward shrouds but it appears they are tight but the mast is stubbornly not tilting forward, it does not appear to lift off the rear of its foot (which appears to be not a flat base but slightly elliptical). I have assumed it should do this but does not. I am afraid and being tentative in pressure as this is not my area of expertise. Could I get some help on this?



E23 Meridian

It was great to hear from Hugh Mott again, who hopes to have Meridian back on the water soon. He also sent a picture of his unusual pivot bolt.



One thing that may be of interest to E23 owners is the attached photo showing the centreboard pivot pin which instead of being a steel bolt is a length of nylon rod secured with washers and split pins. This one has done four seasons and has worn approx 1-2mm. The huge advantage with this

system is that with no corrosion the pin can easily be tapped out and replaced. Some years ago after spending at least two weekends laboriously drilling out a steel bolt that was stuck fast I picked up this tip from somewhere.

It does look to me like a material called “nylatron”, which is designed to be wear-resistant.

E30 Fastnet Voyager

Bob Foley has sent some pictures from Cork of progress on his refit.



More pictures are to view at

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2fW2sQb2gP3vEezN7>

e30 Pavana

Gill German is replacing the teak cockpit grating and asked if anyone could recommend GK Howells. I can, from experience on Evadne, but there are others out there, has anyone else tried them?

e23 Windswept

Zoe and Lisa have sold “Windswept”, sadly for them, and she is now based on the Hamble so please wave if you see her, and encourage her to join us.

Boats for sale



Pictures of “Zett” and “Black Bess”, left. Full details are on the web pages when I last checked, and Zett has just been reduced in price.

Or, email me, Charles, or Stuart the webmaster, if you’re interested, and we’ll put you in touch.

Elizabethan 30 “Zett”

Elizabethan 23 “Black Bess”

Boat bits for sale

ELIZABETHAN 23 SAILS:

Pair white dacron by Dolphin Sails, long time stored in sailbags so slightly crinkled but otherwise unmarked and totally unused

Main sail - 9.5m² no batten pockets / slight roach, 1 row reefing eyes, 9mm luff / foot rope, Liz logo / NO sail number.

Genoa - medium size, no sacrificial strip, 6mm luff rope Price for the pair £600 + post

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