



Victoria 34, 'Raven'

Ian Gray sent a message in June to say he had sailed around the Isle of Skye and he and Nan were enjoying a warm evening in Tobermory.

They have now completed the restoration of 'Raven' and are very pleased with her.

Whilst on Skye, they visited Stein in the north-west and spoke to both Peter Paget, owner of Frances 26, 'Rubadubdub', and to Robert Arnold, owner of Frances 26, 'Francie'; neither are members, I fear. Robert said he could only remember one other Victoria Yacht ever sailing into the bay and that was 'Simoon III'!

Shearwater 39, 'Cathexis II'

Eric Karas spotted me in Woodbridge and invited me aboard 'Cathexis II', which was at the end of a major refit by Robertsons of Woodbridge. Eric used to own a Victoria 800, 'Cathexis', and has been a very loyal member ever since.



Other photographs of 'Cathexis II' can be found on our website.

Sad news of James Boulton's death

Bob Hathaway broke the news to us that James Boulton had died in mid August, with no further information as to the cause of death available.

James was the Salesman at Victoria Marine and later became a Director of Victoria Yachts Ltd. Just about every Victoria Yacht built would have been sold by him and many of you will remember him.

Victoria 34, 'Anitra' is For Sale



Gordon and Doreen Fraser may be contacted on 01326 319873 or at gordon.fraser34@btinternet.com. The asking price is £78,950.

Editorial

You will notice that this is a somewhat slimmed down version of other recent Newsletters. This is partly a personal decision, as I cannot continue to spend as much time on all the various association jobs as I have in the past but it is also because many articles are more suited to our printed magazine, 'Waterlines', now edited by Peter Allen.

A superb article by Colin Reid about his sail from Devon to the Azores and back with many fine pictures will now appear in 'Waterlines' rather than this Newsletter. In the same way, we plan to give better coverage of our last three rallies of the year than would be possible here.

Talking of the magazine, could I remind you that Peter Allen is looking for articles both long and short? His full contact details are in the Handbook or send him an e-mail at allenpeterj@btinternet.com.

If you can possibly get to our Annual Luncheon and General Meeting, do please come along. It is an excellent day out and no one will twist your arm to do anything you don't wish to do.

There is a very positive attitude at the moment and plans for next year include a joint Shadow and Victoria rally in London, possibly over several days!

Victoria 34, 'Simoon III of London'

Simon Fraser has continued to impress us with his ocean cruising in regular messages, often from mid-Atlantic, that have been posted on our website.

This year he has returned from the Caribbean stopping at the Azores and then returning to the Solent through a Force 10 Storm and doing the full bit including streaming a drogue.

Not only is he safely back in the country but has since been to Sweden to collect and sail back to Chatham 'Simoon IV', a Hallberg Rassy 43! I understand that 'Simoon III', one of the very last Victoria 34's built, is now For Sale.

Simon will be giving the illustrated talk at the end of the A.G.M., another very good reason not to miss it!

Victoria 34, 'Falkor'

At the end of July, Dany Chapuis sent us some photographs of 'Falkor' competing in the Le Croisic regatta. Dany was also to sail 'Falkor' to the Isles of Scilly.



Cruising Log Competition

The deadline for entry to the Cruising Log Competition is the 31st October. Because of the present postal strikes, late entries can be accepted provided you tell me they are on their way by that date! We have two entries at the moment. Please send entries to Peter Cosker, peter.cosker@rya-online.net.

Victoria 34, 'Copper Cream'



'Copper Cream' was spotted in the Tidemill Yacht Haven at Woodbridge and is now owned by Richard Pannell.

Many of you will remember her when she was owned by Ted and Kitty Moss before they bought their Nimbus 320, 'Silver Blaise'.

Unfortunately, Richard decided not to join our association.

Frances 26, 'Filia'

In the last Newsletter, we showed a picture of Peter Ormrod's Frances 26 on Lago Maggiore. The boat's name is 'Filia' and not 'Storm Petrel', as I stated at the time. Please accept my apologies.

We are very pleased that Peter has now joined our association and we look forward to hearing more from him in the future.

Victoria 800, 'Thalia of Hamble'



Leon Ferguson paid us a visit in Burnham-on-Crouch after sailing his Victoria 800 Cutter from Gravesend via the Havengore route. He led several boats over the Broomway on high water springs and had 0.9m to spare!

Well done, Leon, it was good to see you again.

Victoria 34, 'Caladh'

Simon and Joanna Bound have continued their cruise this year and sailed into to the Mediterranean. They have sent regular reports with lots of exciting photographs, which are all added to Caladh's web pages.

They first sailed to the Balearics and are now in Sardinia and plan to lay up the boat for the winter in Cagliari before continuing in 2010 to Sicily, Malta and the Ionian Sea.

Just one photograph, then, from the current batch; 'Caladh' in the Maddalena Islands.



Shadow Motor Boats

When David Probert stood down as Chairman (Motor Boats) and that Office fell vacant, there was concern that events might not be organised and the enthusiasm of recent years might be lost. This has not been the case and the Shadow owners have had a really good year.

In the last Newsletter, we reported on the Thames Rally to Cookham, organised by John and Gillian Walker and also Shadows at the Henley Regatta.

Now, we have had another excellent rally to the River Kennet organised by Kate and Peter Hunt, where we dined at Bel and The Dragon.



Shadows continued

Not only did a good number of yachtsmen attend but we are delighted to say that both John and Gillian Walker and Peter and Kate Hunt then went on to attend the South Coast rally to the Folly Inn on the River Medina; John and Gillian sailing aboard 'Jenter' and Peter and Kate coming in a large Sealine motor boat!

Folly Inn and the R. Medina rally

We had an excellent attendance on this rally organised by John Tyer in particularly fine weather; not much wind for sailing, though.



Burnham-on-Crouch rally

This very successful event, in the same fine weather, organised was by Anne Grubb.



Frances 26, 'Elbe Lady' For Sale



Own this gaff cutter for £27000 ono. Contact Chris Harrap: 01323 472649.