

VICTORIA SHADOW

 ASSOCIATION 



BLESSINGS ARE HIGH ON OUR LAUNCH

FROM PETER GREGORY
-CHAIRMAN OF VICTORIA MARINE LIMITED.

I am delighted that an Owners Association is being started-many owners have asked for and about such an Association and now a willing owner, Olive Hathaway, has agreed to take on the preparatory work necessary. Many owners are, I know, very proud and fond of their Victoria-built boats and as Chairman of the company, I am equally proud of our products.

The Company has always made a point of maintaining contact with owners, and the natural extension of this is to enable contact between owners. It is particularly pleasing that the Association will include both sail and motor boat owners, who I know will find common ground and benefit from each other's views.

I wish the Association every success and can assure members of my own personal support and that of everyone at Victoria Marine.



MESSAGE FROM CHUCK PAINE
DESIGNER OF VICTORIA YACHTS

Welcome to the Victoria Yachts Owners Association. This is an idea whose time has surely come. If there is a single problem inherent in owning a small yacht, it is that the time we can extract from our daily lives to actually sail a yacht is so rare. When you consider the enormous efforts expended by the designers, laminators, carpenters and riggers to put her together, not to mention the marketing staff in convincing you to part with a wad of printed paper in exchange for her, it represents a form of economic waste if we fail to derive the most pleasure possible from yacht ownership.

Owners associations have emerged as an effective way of increasing the pleasure/yacht ratio. A central feature of the Association will be the newsletter. A few ways that come to mind in which we might enhance the pleasures of ownership through the Association might be:

Announcement of cruise plans. For me, the chance to cruise in the company of another yacht-especially one of those lovely Paine designs-adds to the enjoyment of a cruise. A timely announcement in the newsletter of your cruise across the channel on a given date might well win you the company of another yacht or two.

Yacht trades. Perhaps another Victoria owner in Scotland will gladly save you sailing your

own yacht that distance in exchange for a week in the Solent.

Informal races. Let's admit it-two sailing yachts travelling in the same direction are in actual fact racing. It might be fun to know whose Frances 26 can be made to get from Falmouth to Lymington in the least time.

Improvement ideas. You spent all last winter designing that new cockpit table for your Victoria 30. Why not share it with your "classmates".

New product proposals. The "boat market" is always looking for something new. Trouble is, what should it be? You can help Victoria's management make the awesome decision, what's next? Imagine yourself having to invest £250,000 in a new design and tooling this year. What would you be most likely to purchase as your next yacht? sail, power, racing or cruising. A Paine design or the product of some lesser mortal? The newsletter might well stimulate a lively discussion on this vital question.

Those few ideas are just a beginning. I hope you will enjoy the new Association, and that it will engender new friendships, increase your enjoyment of your Victoria yacht, and contribute to the perfection of the Victoria lineage. I look forward to seeing many of you during my visit to the London Boat Show which I will be attending from 2nd January through to the 8th.

FROM BILL DIXON
SHADOW CRUISERS DESIGNER...

I was very pleased to see that Victoria Marine are starting an Owners Association for their sailing and motor cruisers.

I strongly favour owner associations as it gives the boat owners more confidence in their boat, allows them to meet other owners and generally add to the satisfaction and enjoyment in owning a Victoria Marine boat.

It is good to see an association that covers motorboats and sailing boats, this must be good for boating and lead to a better understanding between the two arms of the sport.

All good wishes to the new venture I and hope it has the success it deserves.

FROM BUCKDEN MARINA &
LEISURE CLUB...

I was delighted to hear that Victoria Marine were to initiate an association for their Victoria yacht and Shadow power boat owners.

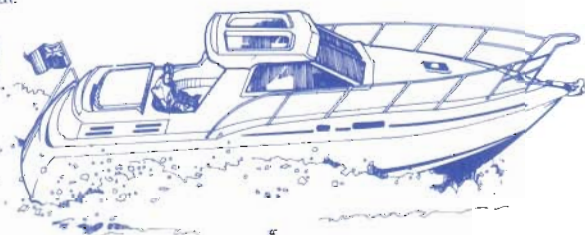
I am sure by having a joint association between those who have reached the crest of their sailing ambitions by owning a Victoria yacht and those who seek the unique feature of a Shadow will benefit further owners who have found the very best in boating.

FROM WALTON MARINE...

Walton Marine wish a warm welcome to the "Owners Association".

As Shadow Cruiser's first Main Agent, WALTON MARINE, have built up valuable friendships with many of the new owners over the years. We feel sure this 'Newsletter' will help further these contacts and keep owners in touch with the latest developments and opportunities, as well as putting owners in touch with each other.

HAPPY BOATING IN 1991 FROM ALL AT WALTON MARINE!



Victoria Shadow Association

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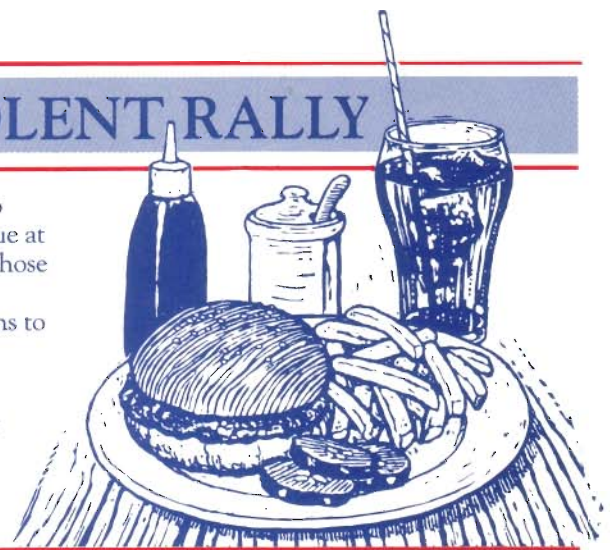
VICTORIA SHADOW 1991 SOLENT RALLY

The Association plans to have an annual Solent Rally as well as many locally arranged events in other areas.

On Saturday 18th May 1991 we plan to meet at the Folly Inn, River Medina, Cowes, Isle of Wight. In advance the Harbour Master will arrange mooring spaces for those attending. We can choose to eat a set meal together (pre-arranged with the Folly Inn) or gather in the pub and eat bar food!

Subject to the weather we hope to arrange an early afternoon barbecue at Victoria Marine. It is hoped that those attending may find space for crew members/owners from other regions to participate.

I will be writing to members with further news about the event in the new year.



INAUGURAL MEETING

It is planned to hold this one Saturday in March in the Warsash area combined with a buffet dinner-further information to follow



ROUND THE ISLAND RACE

Victoria Marine have agreed to donate a cup for the "fastest" Victoria in the race - an independent handicapping method will be sought from Chuck Paine.



VIDEO

Victoria Marine are offering a library service to anyone wishing to hire or purchase the Shadow or Victoria Yacht videos. Please apply to Jo Ward at the company if you are interested.



NEWS FROM ABROAD...

A Shadow 26 has been taken by sea to make its home in Plasmolen, Holland (Nr. Flushing) by its owner, Hermann Stein, who produced the "Shadow" and "Victoria" videos.

As reported in the Daily Telegraph, Mr. Yasuaki (Mikki) Kuromiya is taking part in the ARC (Atlantic Rally for Cruisers) in his Victoria 30 EARLY SUMMER as part of his voyage of sailing the boat from Warsash back to his home in Japan.

Also taking part are Duncan and Mary Macgregor in their Victoria 34 JUST SO - from their frequent postcards it is evident that they are thoroughly enjoying their "escape"!

Juan Carlos de las Barcenas - 'Bola' to his friends - is slowly circumnavigating the world solo and has arrived in New Zealand with his Victoria 34 BORROMEO, the first one built as a cutter.



COMPETITIONS

The Association plans to hold competitions - the first is to design an Association burgee. There will be a prize (not yet decided) for the best design - further details will be given shortly!



FUTURE PERKS

Members will be able to obtain a limited number of discounted entrance tickets for the Southampton and London Boat Shows.

NEWS FROM VICTORIA MARINE

Frances Gaff Cutter New at London Boat Show.

Every yachtsman has a place in his heart for the gaff cutter-the traditional rig has a nostalgic style and charm which appeals to all true sailors. Built on the legendary Frances 26 hull, the new Frances gaff cutter brings this classic rig into the 20th century. Unlike the heavy rigs of old, the Frances Cutter uses modern aluminium spars for lightness and strength. The gaff is easily hoisted on a ball-bearing traveller running up the mast on a heavy duty track. For ease, the functional rig features reefing lines which are integral with the main boom, a self tacking boom staysail and a roller furling jib set on Victoria's traditional Douglas fir bowsprit. The mainsail is made from classic cream or tan polyester sail cloth with two slab reefs.

Like her sister's we are sure that the gaff cutter will quickly become a modern classic and in every sense a sailor's delight.

New master cabin layout for the Shadow 26.

On display for the first time at London is the new "master cabin" layout. It features a totally private forward cabin and the interior is fitted out in our well known hand-crafted and beautifully finished teak which will appeal to many potential Shadow owners who prefer the natural feel and ambience of a wooden interior. Born from the success of the first Shadow 26 launched in January 1988, the new layout will give the boating enthusiast even more choice from the already extremely versatile and distinctive Shadow range. The new layout is available on both the offshore and Riverboat versions.

Victoria 34 STC.

As you may have heard, we won a major Ministry of Defence contract-to build 15 sail training craft for the Joint Services Adventurous Sail Training Centre based on the standard Victoria 34 design. We have since launched a new model, the Victoria 34 STC (sail training craft). The construction is such that the yacht is fully capable of meeting the Department of Transport 1989 Code of Practice for sail training ships from 7m - 24m in length to Category 0 - (unrestricted).

Further Information.

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