

Free man, you always cherish the sea! The sea is your mirror; you study your soul in the infinite roll of its billows. (Heavy stuff!!!)

CHARTS We are publishers of Stanford's Yachtsmen's All-weather Charts. We are currently compiling a new chart of the Bristol Channel in our series of Yachtsmen's Chart Packs. This will comprise a 12-page booklet of charts, for easy page-by-page navigation, and will cover the area from the approaches to the Bristol Channel, (Padstow / Caldey Is), to Sharpness and will include large-scale coverage of many of the harbours and marinas within the Bristol Channel. We would be grateful for any information that you could supply us with, either by way of comments as to the coverage of our proposed chart, or information about any developments or changes to navigation affecting the Bristol Channel area. We would be grateful if you could also forward this e-mail to anyone who may be able to supply us with relevant information. We would like to ensure that any chart we publish for small-craft use is as up-to-date and as accurate as possible. Your help would be gratefully appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks. Yours, Helen Deaves, Managing Editor, Stanford's Charts, PO Box 2747, West Mersea, CO5 8FT Tel/Fax 01206 381580.

FLYING FIFTEENS There have been more changes within the fleet in recent weeks with Ian Horton buying Steve Clark's Ffetish and Steve and Phil Gray purchasing an older, but hopefully faster classic, FF630. Their new boat is a 1963 Chippendale named Escape and we all look forward to seeing it on the water soon. With all the changes in the fleet I've put up a new list on the notice board. Please can you check your details and add any corrections or omissions.

At the Cotswold Classic at South Cerney on 20/21st Sept, we had an excellent weekend racing in generally light airs. The sun shone and the evening dinner (Including the drinks!!) was very sociable. There were 12 Classics competing there and visitors were well looked after. A definite date for next year's diary

Our CBYC dinghy open is coming up on 11th and 12th October. It would be great to have a good fleet of our fifteens out, and hopefully it will get everyone in the mood for a good competitive autumn. Hope to see you all there. Regards Stuart Jones, Fleet Captain

HAND BOOK In an attempt to improve next year's handbook 2004 - 2005 a draft copy is available on the notice board in the foyer for your comments. Members are invited to make alterations and amendments as required. Any queries please contact the Communications Officer Tony Davies contact details below.

SHIPS

A ship in a harbour is safe, but that's not what ships are built for.
William Shedd.

BAND suggestions for the name of the new CBYC band, or joining the band? contact Nigel on 07816337904.

LIBRARY Nautical books required for the club library would be most welcome. Please contact Tony Davies or alternatively place them in the downstairs bar (T.D.)

E-MAIL ADDRESSES Does the club have your e-mail address? Please put it in the membership box in the foyer and you will be e-mailed with coming events...

Life's a reach;
Then you gybe.

ANONYMOUS He was begotten in the galley and born under a gun. Every hair was a rope yarn, every finger a fishhook, every tooth a marlinespike, and his blood right good Stockholm tar. Naval Epitaph

QUIZ And now for something completely different, Motor Industry acronyms, what do they stand for / mean?
1/. BMW. 2/. MG 3/. FIAT. 4/. MAN. 5/. SAAB. 6/. ERF. 7/. AC. as in AC Cobra. 8/., T.V.R. 9/. SEAT. 10/.ALFA Romeo.
Answers are elsewhere in this edition.

BIBLE They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters, these see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep. Hebrew Bible. Psalm 107

UP & DOWN Men in a ship are always looking up, and men ashore generally looking down.

FOR SALE New Mainstream Flotation Suit XXL Navy/Yellow Cost £160 will sell £60 o.n.o. 2 x New Regatta 150 Freestyle Life Jackets cost £75 ea. will sell £50 o.n.o. 2 x New Safelink S/Stap cost £25 ea will sell £15 o.n.o 1 x Sailing Jacket Douglas Gill, Large - as new £50 o.n.o. 1 x Life Jacket XM Quickfit 150n - very good condition £30 o.n.o Telephone 029 2089 1366.

ISAAC NEWTON I was like a boy playing on the sea-shore, and diverting myself now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.

BOAT JUMBLE Due to the unprecedented success of our last boat jumble at CBYC we have decided to hold another, this time it's on a Sunday from 10am till 2pm on 26 October 2003

ANGLING SECTION SOCIAL EVENING, FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. Light refreshments, Quiz & Raffle.

ILFRACOMBE On the bank holiday Monday three of us set off in Marianne taking the eight o'clock morning lock on a falling tide and an Easterly 15Knt wind, with the intention of a visit to Clovelly. From the Rannie, we took a course of 260 in reasonably clear weather and a slight chop, achieving a cruising speed of, 20knts over the ground. Passing some 3 to 4 miles clear of the Foreland, to avoid any overfalls, we noticed the new aid to navigation in the form of a slender tower some 10 metres or so high. Checking with radar I was surprised to discover that this tower does not have Racon and have found out since that its function is not for navigation but to assess waves for tidal power with underwater turbines. On our approach to Ilfracombe, we ran into over falls from Combe Martin onwards, with a fetch from the easterly going right in through the harbour. It was decided to cut short our trip to Clovelly and spend the night in Ilracombe. We arrived more or less at low tide and anchored between a couple of yachts on the range, the jetty being taken up by the Oldenburg, already aground in a metre of water. With the rising tide, we were able to pick up a range fore and aft mooring near the breakwater, hoping that the after section of Marianne would stay afloat. Ashore, we had an excellent meal along with a couple of pints at the Yacht club and an evening stroll found us being entertained at the park bandstand by a quintet playing traditional jazz. We were once more aboard before low water, but were dismayed to discover that the falling tide and high pressure had removed all supporting water from the hull and she went over 30 degrees on to the hard chine aft, no doubt causing the starboard propeller to dig into the soft sand. Around two am the boat was once more on an even keel but rolling about making sleep difficult -In the morning it was decided not to proceed to Clovelly, for it was thought that the easterly would make it impossible for us to go ashore in the dinghy A good price for diesel had been obtained from the harbour master at .26p/l and the overnight stay at 28 p/ft We expected sea conditions to be the same the following day as we were leaving about the same time. However, this was not to be and as we came off Combe Martin we were already in seas of up to 2m, causing spume to fly over the bridge and knocking us down to 6 knots over the ground. This was necessary until we passed the Foreland and went in shore to Forelock, where we had a belated brunch anchored off Bossington. We left Hurieston at about 1230, arriving back on the rising tide with wind over tide but with only a slight chop in time for the 1415 lock. Not much wildlife was seen, but there was phosphorescence in the harbour and one small Dolphin near the Foreland, along with the odd fulmar and a pair of guillemots. The moral of the story is avoid going to Ilfracombe in strong easterly winds but then you all knew that JOHN WOOD.

INTERESTING FACTS There are 24 time zones, each covering 15 degrees of longitude. In the last 40 years the mean sea level in Britain has increased by 0.1 m. It takes 18 years for a tide cycle to repeat itself. Strong winds blowing along coasts can set up storm surges. Earthquakes can set up waves that can reach 400 knots, on entering shallow water these waves can build up to disastrous proportions, it is rare for a seismic wave to be recorded in the British Isles.

HELM Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm. - Publilius Syrus (~100 BC)

SOCIAL EVENTS 6 Dec Bingo & Quiz Night 13 Dec Private Party (All Members admitted) 20 Dec Bingo & Quiz Night 24 Dec Christmas Raffle Draw Night 27 Dec Fun Night 31 Dec New Year's Eve Dinner Dance with David Escott 1 Jan New Year's Day Race Please come and support our club events David Penning Social Sec.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- Sat 18th Oct Ronnie Sax--- Entertainer
- Sat 25th Oct Bingo & Quiz
- Sat 8th Nov Bingo & Quiz
- Sat 22nd Nov Bingo & Quiz
- Sat 29th Nov Rod Stevens--- Hypnotist
- Sat 6th Dec Bingo & Quiz
- Sat 20th Dec Bingo & Quiz

There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life Is bound in shallows and in miseries.
"Julius Caesar"

UNKNOWN AUTHOR Four things shalt thou not see aboard a yacht for its comfort: A cow, a wheelbarrow, an umbrella, and a naval officer.

TWO DAYS The two most pleasurable days in a yachtsman's life is the day he buys his boat and the day he sells it. T.D.

FOR SALE Korina, 20 foot Bermudan sloop, fin keel outboard engine, £2705.00 plus cradle & trailer £950.00 tel 01443 822548

SHAKESPEAR Now would I give a thousand furlongs of sea for an acre of barren ground? - "The Tempest"

Full fathom five thy father lies;
Of his bones are coral made;
Those are pearls that were his eyes:
Nothing of him that doth fade
But doth suffer a sea-change
Into something rich and strange. - "The Tempest"

COAL MINE On a recent tour of the Lewis Merthyr coal mine we were informed that in the olden days when explosions were a frequent occurrence the mine owners only concern was how many horses were killed, as these would cost him money, the miners killed were of no consequence. T.D.

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN SPELL

What does GHOTI spell? The answer is "fish" why is this? **GH** as in rough, **O** as in women **TI** as in stationery. Funny ol language ain't it.

COVER PICTURE Does anyone have a photograph suitable for the front cover of the Club handbook for next year 2004 – 2005 please contact Tony Davies

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Remember... eternal vigilance is the price of safety and safety is a state of mind, not a list of equipment.

COMMODORE'S REPORT – October **WASTE DISPOSAL** The Cardiff Harbour Authority have informed me that they are about open a holding tank emptying service at the South end of the Barrage. I know very few of our members have holding tanks on their boats but the Knock-on effect of this service is that this facility can also cater for the emptying of contaminated bilge water (oil etc). Please make your enquiries to Barrage control.

CATERING I know these items do not sit well together but as most of you are aware, our latest caterer Mr Hamer has now concluded his association with CBYC. However, a new caterer named Robert Evans with his assistant Patrick Hayes has been located, and From Thursday 9th October 2003 will be operating at the Club under the name of *The Flotilla Restaurant* (he wants to set a nautical flavour to the venture). He has asked that the members be informed that he is a Chef with ten years experience, four years of which being overseas, in such exotic places as the Seafood Restaurant, Port Elizabeth, Great Barrier Reef; An Italian Restaurant in Queenstown, New Zealand; Fine Dining in Aspen Colorado; Head Chef for Sunsail, Paleros, Greece. The restaurant will cater for all members needs both at the club and outside i.e Dinners, Buffets, boat lunches, office parties etc. All members' requests will be successfully acknowledged. He has also asked me to inform the members that he is able to prepare *any* dish requested, given about three days notice. Of course he would NOT be able to cater for, say, a sitting of 10, each with a different special request, at least not to begin with, as this would put too much pressure on his ability to stock, but as time goes on and he gets to know our needs – who knows? He has given the following as *examples* of his range of specials.

Rib Eye Steak/Fillet Steak Au Poivre. Tandoori Chicken With Spiced Yoghurt. Pork & Leak Sausage with Mustard Mash, Ginger Sea Bass. King Prawns with garlic Butter. Spiced Calamari Salad. This list is by no means a full one, and only serves to show his range, so you only have to ask. Menus and a contact telephone number will shortly be available on the tables in the Quarterdeck Lounge. He has been informed of our past difficulties of time spent waiting for meals to be served, and has promised to address them. I know we've been here before, but let's give him our support. He is keen and appears to have something special to offer.

THE GATE With the newly operative gate at the entrance it has become evident that quite a few members are not using their gate opening devices ('keys') for a number of reasons, choosing to call the office to ask Ruth to open the gate for them. Whereas she has been only too happy to be of assistance, the number of calls she is now getting is proving to be excessive, and she has to spend considerable time establishing the identity of the caller. This is a cause of concern and makes me wonder why so many members are not carrying their 'keys'. Please remember, this is meant to be a security device and 'keys' are meant to restrict access to the club site to members and their guests. Also remember that we now have a building site on our doorstep with its knock on effect on our security. Added to this, Ruth is not always at her desk and you could be left 'out in the cold'. So please use your own keys, don't rely on others. If you don't have one, then purchase one from the office. JOHN JEFFERIES Commodore.

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There is nothing -- absolutely nothing -- half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. In or out of 'em, it doesn't matter . . . that's the charm of it.
Kenneth Grahame ("The Wind In The Willows")

Waverley Paddle Steamer evening cruise on Friday 17 October - Depart 19.30 return 22.30 £15.95 – 10% discount if over 10 people. Names on club notice board please contact Tony 07816337904.

SAILING SCHOOL SUCCESS Llangorse WYA/PGL Regatta 2003 30/31st August 2003 A handful of Cardiff Bay juniors headed for the hills with their optimists and toppers to compete against some of Wales' finest junior sailors.

Following our extremely late arrival on the Friday night, the boys were slightly concerned as to how we would pitch the tent in the dark, completely justifiable as Dad plugged our only light - 24 volts - into the mains supply. It was quite a relief to see the even later arrival of Mike with his truck laden with Oppies and Toppers.

Only brave souls would choose to 'camp out' that weekend, as the temperature at nightfall definitely took a severe dip - note to diary... must take extra socks and thermals next year. But it was a great opportunity for adults and children alike, to make new friends. Especially sitting around the barbecue at the campsite, which, with the addition of large amounts of firewood, was transformed into a campfire - very impressive!

Paul Clark, Rebecca Knill, Nathan Bailey, Christopher and Matthew Pope, Tomas and David Pain, Hannah and Nia Jones represented Cardiff Bay Yacht Club. The winds were very light and although they sailed 3 races on Saturday, the committee had to delay the start considerably on Sunday and only managed to stage one race. Nathan competed in the Gold Fleet for the first time and came in 3rd in every race - 10/10 for consistency Nathan! Not surprisingly, he was 3rd overall with David, achieving 2nd overall placing in the Training fleet. Well done all of you!

Training?

On behalf of the parents we would also like to take this opportunity to thank Nick, Idris, Simon, Gareth, Barrie, Paul, Colin and everyone else for setting up and running the Monday and Wednesday sessions voluntarily each week. Just to see the number of children attending each session proves it's worthwhile. Roll on next season! Diana Pain

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS I was reminded that the recharging of Halon fire extinguishers becomes prohibited at the end of December, and that Halon systems must be removed from all pleasure craft by the end of December 2003. Halon has long been used as an effective fire-extinguishing medium for most types of fire, and is commonly used in engine rooms onboard yachts and powerboats. However, its damaging effect on the stratospheric ozone has led to its phasing out.

There are a number of Halon replacements available or becoming available, including a new product by 3M, called Novec 1230, that has recently passed the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) test protocol for a Halon alternative.

The issue has also brought light to a previously little-known fact that many insurance companies will not cover damage caused by the accidental discharge of any fire-extinguishing device. In the case of an engine sucking in water causing hydraulic lock, the subsequent rebuild could prove quite costly! ...The advice is to check with your insurers before choosing a replacement. T.D.

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SAILOR The wonder is always new that any sane man can be a sailor. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

The tale of the Barry Yacht Club Soling owner who needed to do some work to the top of his mast. It was a nice day and with the spring tides the mast was a convenient height against one of the dolphins. He tied up against one of the ladders, the type with the safety hoops going up it, and proceeded to do his job as the tide was rising. Just as he was finishing, he noticed that his deck had wedged itself under one of the hoops on the ladder. So, he climbed down the ladder to free it. If you stop to do the maths you will find that at half tide the level rises at approximately 2 inches per minute. It wasn't really surprising that by the time our owner got to his boat it was very firmly trapped. The sound of banging and cracking fibreglass alerted potential assistance in the form of the inshore lifeboat. The first (sensible) suggestion was to quickly sink the boat and the owner paused to think about it. After another 2 inches of tidal rise he started considering other options. The sound of fibreglass breaking focused the mind and the lifeboat then took the boat in tow and wrenched it out. [Could they have got the lifeboat crew and any others about, to board the boat and force it deeper into the water to relieve the pressure of the ladder hoop? B.M.]

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS There are no strangers at CBYC only friends you've yet to meet. Applicants have been interviewed and details displayed on the notice board in accord with Club Rules. We look forward to seeing you down the Club regularly, both on and off the water. Welcome aboard. Roy Evans, Membership Sec. Here is the list of New Members for October 2003:- List of New Members Mr David Keen, Mr Robert Jones, Mr David Hobbs, Mr Paul & Mrs Julie Wheeldon, Mr Jonathan & Mrs Susan Frost, Mr Brian & Mrs Norma Jean Hewitson, Mr David & Mrs Susan Adams, Mr Paul & Mrs Barbara Sainsbury, Mr Benjamin Greenwood, Mr Steven Cogin & Mrs Marilyn Brown, Mr Stephen Robins & Ms Catherine Hooper, Previous Member - renewed membership, Mr Geoffrey Cheason & Ms Sheila Spong.

The Galley Kitchen would like to inform you that fresh homemade food is now available in the Quarterdeck Bar on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes.

"Son, if you've got a boat on a mooring, you've got a sick woman on your hands" Port Kembla fishing legend, the late Bernard "Bunny" Whalan

SPEAKING ENGLISH Some reasons to be grateful if you grew up speaking English:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) At the Army base, a bass was painted on the head of a bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) After a number of Novocain injections, my jaw got number.
- 19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
- 22) I spent last evening evening out a pile of dirt.

POEM

Roll on, thou deep and dark
blue ocean,
roll, ten thousand fleets
sweep over thee in vain;
man marks the earth with
ruin, his control stops with
the shore; upon the watery
plain the wrecks are all thy
deed, nor doth remain a
shadow of man's ravage,
save his own, when, for a
moment like a drop of rain,
he sinks into thy depths with
bubbling groan,
without a grave, unknell'd,
uncoffin'd, and unknown.

Lord Byron

Screwy pronunciations can mess up your mind! For example... If you have a rough cough, climbing can be tough when going through the bough on a tree! [or the trough of a wave !]

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that: . . . quicksand can work slowly, . . . boxing rings are square, and . . . a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. [I think they originally cost a Guinea.]

And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? If a fortification is a large fort, why isn't a ratification a large rat?

Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

In what language do people: . . . recite at a play and play at a recital? . . . park in a driveway and drive on a parkway? . . . ship by truck and send cargo by ship? . . . have noses that run and feet that smell?

Why is it that the British candidates take six weeks to stand for an election and Americans run for office and it takes two years?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? And don't even get me started on oxymorons!!!! (jumbo shrimp, etc.)

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which: . . . your house can burn up as it burns down . . . you fill in a form by filling it out and . . . an alarm goes off by going on. Vive l'Angliphone! T.D.

CRAZY You have to be crazy to keep a boat on Georgian (Cardiff) Bay: For five months of the year it's too damned cold to sail, and the rest of the time your boat is hauled out on shore! T.D.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BRIAN PINGEL The ANGLING SECTION Committee would like to formally thank **Brian Pingel, [AutoPrinters (Cardiff) Limited]**, for his very kind gesture in donating the printing of our posters for the Open Cod Competition on 9th November. Thanks Brian!

Weather Rhyme

Mare's tails and mackerel
scales mean strong winds
and full sails.

Did you know..... With the whole world going mad about health and safety, we all have to take care with chemicals. Every chemical that we buy carries a COSHH sheet detailing what precautions should be taken in the event of spillage. Distilled water is apparently very dangerous. If you get it on your hands make sure you wash it off with copious quantities of fresh water. B.M.

Any fool can carry on, but a wise man knows how to shorten sail in time.

THE A TO Z OF WENGLISH

A Ach-a-fi An expression of disgust as in "You should 'ave seen the state 'e was in, ach-a-fi! (*Welsh*)

According Depending, as in "It's all according to the weather innit?"

After Later on: this causes 'foreigners' most problems when they hear "Don't give it to me now, *give it to me again/agen*". It never means 'once more' *c.f. 'now jest'*

Against A translation of the Welsh 'yn erbyn', meaning 'by the time' as in "Against I'd washed the dishes, there was no time to clean the house".

Ages: Frages/'issages 'Frages' is Wenglish for 'for ages' and 'issages' is the Wenglish equivalent of 'this **ages**': "I haven't seen you frages.", or "I haven't been to the pictures 'issages.".

Aggravate To annoy, as in "Will you stop aggravating people with all your questions?".

Agony Extreme pain: "I had toothache chronic - in agony for days, I was

Aim To throw, as in "Stop aiming stones will you?".

All jaw Idle, empty speech: "Pay no attantion - he's all jaw, that one."

All taken away Refers to what is called "women's trouble's"; "She've been let out of hospital now, but poor dab, she've had it all taken away...!"

Alley/Alley Bomper A child's marble (game). The Alley Bomper is a small metal marble.

All right Pronounced 'awright'; one of the local greetings; *c.f. shw mae, hi-ya*

All over you Making a great fuss; "'e's all over you one minute, then pretends 'e don' know you from Adam the next..."

All show/All swank All 'fron-window dressing' with little or nothing to back up the image.

Alter; will he? Change his ways, as in "There's times I do wonder will 'e ever alter"

All there An expression to describesomeones ability as in (a) "He's all there, that one - he knows his way about" and (b) "What did you do such a stupid thing like that for? You're not all there!".

Always the same Constant unvarying; "She's always the same, comes on to talk every time she sees you..."

'Ambarg Wenglish for 'handbag'

Apartments Pronounced 'partmunts'; to live in 'partmunts' is to have separate rooms sharing someone elses house; not to be confused with 'living through and through' *c.f. living through and through*

Anch/Ansh A bite, or taste, as in, "Give us an anch of your apple will you?"

Apron A pig's caul, used in making faggots

Article Person, as in "Funny article he is - never know what he'll be up to next"

As good as look at you Without a qualm or second thought; "A real rogue that one - he'll rob you right, left and centre as good as look at you."

Ashman (the...) Wenglish for refuse collector

Away Not from these parts, as in "I'm not from round 'ere - I'm from away like."

QUIZ Answers 1/. BMW, Bayerische Motoren Werke, [Bavarian Motor works]. 2/. MG, Morris Garages.3/. FIAT, Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino [Italian Automobile Factory of Turin]4/. MAN, Maschinenfabric Augsburg-Nurnberg. [Machinery Factories of Augsburg & Nuremberg] 5/. Saab, Svenska Aeroplan AB. [Swedish Aircraft Limited] 6/. ERF, Edwin Richard Foden. [A breakaway of the Foden Truck Company dynasty] 7/. AC, Auto Carriers. [Manufacturer of motorised delivery tricycles] 8/. TVR, Shortened TreVoR. [Trevor Wilkinson,founder 9/. SEAT, Sociedad Espanola de Automoviles de Turismos. [The SpanishPassenger Car Company] 10/. ALFA Romeo, Anonima Lombarda Fabbrica Automobili.

Give me a spirit that on this life's rough
sea Loves t'have his sails filled with a
lusty wind, Even till his sail-yards
tremble, his masts crack, And his rapt
ship runs on her side so low That she
drinks water and her keel plows air.
- *George Chapman from The
Conspiracy of Charles, Duke of Byron.*

Competition to name the new workboat, suggestions to **Barrie Metcalf** please.

The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects it to change and the realist adjusts his sails.

ALBERT AND THE LION

Well, this a famous seaside town they call
Blackpool,
Thats noted for fresh air and fun,
And Mr and Mrs Ramsbottom
Went there with young Albert, their son.

A grand liitle lad were young Albert,
All dressed in his best, quite a swell
e ad a stick wi an orses ead andle
Twer finest that Woolworths could sell.

Nah, thi didnt think much to thocean
The waves they were fiddlin and small
There was no wrecks and nobody drowned,
I fact there were nowt much to laugh at all.

So, seeking for further amusement,
They paid and went into the zoo,
Where theyd lions and tigers and camels
Old ale and sandwiches too.

Now there were one old Lion they called Wallace;
His nose were all covered with scars-
and he lay in a somnolent posture,
With the side of his face on the bars.

Now Albert had heard all about Lions,
How they was ferocious and wild-and
To see Wallace lying so peaceful,
Well it didnt seem right to the child,

So straightaway the brave little feller,
Not showing a morsel of fear,
Took stick....wi thorses ead andle
And he poked it in Wallaces ear.

Well you could see as Lion dint like it
For giving a kind of a roll,
He pulled Albert inside the cage with im
And swallowed the little lad ole.

Then, Pa who had seen the occurrence,
And didnt know what to do next,
Said, and I qoute:- "Mother! Yon Lions ett our Albert,
And Mother said "Eeh ah am vexed!" ...

Then Mr and Mrs Ramsbottom....
Quite rightly, when alls said and done
Complained to the Animal keeper
That the Lion had etten their son.

Now the keeper was quite nice about it,
He said "what a nasty mishap,
are you sure its thy boys hes etten?"
Pa said "Am I sure? theres his cap!"

Well the Manager had to be sent for
He came and he said "Whats to do?"
Pa said "Yon Lions ett our Albert,
and him in his Sunday best too."

Then Mother said "Rights right young feller,
I think its a shame and a sin
For a lion to go and eat Albert
And, after we,ve paid to come in."

The Manager he wanted no trouble
He took out his purse right away,
Saying "how much to settle the matter?"
And Pa said "What do you usually pay?"

But Mother had turned right awkward
When she thought where her Albert had gone.
She said "No! someones got to be summonsed!"
So that was decided upon

Then off they went to the Police station,
In front of the magistrate chap,
They told im what happened to Albert,
And proved it by showing his cap.

The magistrate gave his opinion
That no-one was really to blame
And he said that he "hoped the Ramsbottoms
would have further sons to their name."

At thta Mother got proper blazing,
And "thank you, sir kindly", said she,
"What waste all mi life rearing childer?
To feed ruddy Lions? NOT ME"

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SUMMER PARKING Week Days - Parking is **NOT** permitted in the compound area. Please use the car park. **Weekends** - Parking is permitted in the compound area when the rest of the car park is full but only alongside the **BLUE ROPES**, Please **DO NOT** obstruct any boats on trailers or the slipways. (R.C.)

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY Many of us Club members have wandered the Bristol Channel and its shorelines over the past few decades and have become very familiar with what it has to offer. BUT have we also considered looking over our shoulder to alternatives? There are many shorelines of this wonderful island of ours that are unapproachable in our present circumstances. We would not consider visiting the eastern end of the English Channel for example, or the Thames Estuary, let alone the Norfolk Coast, it simply isn't a feasible proposition BUT it can be done by another method ! Have you ever considered a modest **Land Cruiser?** i.e. a vehicle that one can rest their weary head in at the end of the journey/passage/day. This takes the sting out of the nightly accommodation costs. The choice of such vessels/vehicles is quite wide, there being a big turnover in other peoples dreams, but used Vans can be purchased very modestly indeed and can be furnished with a **VERY** comfortable bed----ALL YOU NEED.!

Your eating arrangements can be as you wish--pubs-cafe-takeaways, or the occasional splendid restaurant meal with a bottle of wine, with no driving involved afterwards ! Several club members have embarked on this alternative voyaging, myself included, visiting many strange places and equally strange but enjoyable people. I know of more than one member who uses the van method --otherwise known as the Passion Wagon ! Is your appetite wetted ? PINGELS TALES.

Rowing harder doesn't help if the boat is headed in the wrong direction.

Thursday night is Cruiser Night.

PETALS PERILS(the most adventurous novices in the club.....not!!!!) Hello shipmates..... we've been back on the water this month, you'll be relieved to know!!!!. Unfortunately it only meant a quick trip across the Bay, resulting in a very pleasant trip to the Via Fossa which has now been taken over by Brains and renamed the Terra Nova..... Monopolies Commission please note!!!!)..... sadly, on the return journey' Richard felt it necessary to threaten Judy with "keel-hauling" when she disobeyed him and questioned his judgment!!!!..... so much for democracy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This brings us on to the question of whether husband and wife teams ever make compatible sailing teams..... in our case, the answer is a resounding "yes".....but please excuse the language..... although Richard is the "skipper", and quite rightly so, there remains a very tongue-in cheek battle for "supremacy", The Southampton Boat Show was a real laugh this year, and we now present our guide to how to do it "on the cheap".....

Firstly, buy an Apex train ticket, unless you decide to travel with more than a few friends..... we bought ours for £17 each return, and it was good to meet John Guilfoyle and friend on the same train!!!! Secondly, ring the Booking office and quote "Sailing Today", and you should obtain two tickets for the price of one!!!!..... (Please note that we've tried this for the London Boat Show and it doesn't work....yet!!!!) Thirdly, look "the part"..... (i.e. not that you know anything about boats but that you know people who do and can!!!!)..... You can spot the "reps" of the big motorboats by their "permatans", shiny suits and gold necklaces hanging from everywhere!!!! N.B. we recommend NOT taking your vacuum flask and carrier bag full of sandwiches, however nice they may be, as this can create the wrong impression!!!!, especially if you require a fully escorted tour followed by a free aperitif on the deck afterwards!!..... Needless to say, we weren't even offered look!!!! If you need to subscribe to a "yachty" journal, do it at the Show..... the lads on another stall told us to "umm and ahh" if we wanted a free slurp of alcohol..... we did this and it didn't work, but we did come away with a free pair of binoculars by subscribing to Yachting World, and two useful books by subscribing to Sailing World. We also obtained a free umbrella by buying lots of cleaning gear (note, we haven't used it yet!!), and Judy obtained several interesting offers from undesirables whilst waiting for Richard at the bar!!!! So, a great day out, the posers mixing with the sailors, but what fun!!!, whether you're a playboy looking for a new toy, or a novice looking for inspiration, and gear to help you look and feel part of this wonderful sailing community!!!! Remember, if you make a loon of yourself, it creates a better impression if you're wearing the right gear, and people are generally more forgiving!!!! N.B. Judy's Seabago shoes were half price!!!! On another note, we'd like to thank the Club for the wonderful social events surrounding the Shanghai Cup. We only attended the Seventies night and the Caribbean night but what fun, and well done to Barry for organising the impromptu limbo dancing contest when the steel band failed to turn up!!!! (we thought it was more fun, actually!!!!) Judy would like to apoogise to T.D. for giving him heart failure with the lateness of this irreverend diatribe!!! Well, carry on shipmates!!, sadly you're stuck with us now, as we've caught the bug, and are looking forward to tackling the Channel next year, so God help you all!!! Best wishes, Judy and Rich.....

ANGLING SECTION The last Comp. on the 14th September was fairly successful but the turnout could have been much better. There were only 10 Boats out, with just 26 anglers on board, including 10 visitors. First prize of £40 [Voucher] was won by Trevor Parker, [Cyclone], with a Small-eyed Ray, 10Lb 7oz. and 2nd prize of £20 was won by Roger Winnett [Hustler], with a Thornback Ray, 8Lb 20z. 3rd & 4th, were Paul Grant and Richard Miller, both with Cod, 8lb 1oz & 7lb 15oz. They each received vouchers for two pints of beer. The next Comp. is on Sunday 5th October with the usual £40 & £20 Tackle Vouchers, and a further **Five Prizes of Two Beer Vouchers for each of the next Five heaviest fish weighed-in..** So, if you are a winner you can collect your **Vouchers** after the Weigh-in.

Another "First Wednesday of the Month Fishermen's Night", will be held on the 1st October and will again be a special evening. A representative from the R.N.L.I. will be giving a talk on Flares and there will be a short Quiz and also a Raffle. Light refreshments will be supplied, so, why not come down for some Fun, "Nosh & a Chat". We look forward to a good crowd. You'll all be very welcome! "Tickets are available from over the bar and also from Trevor Parker, [029 2053 0423]."

Your Committee is currently organising the Open Cod Competition, to be held on 9th November, and it is their intention to donate a substantial sum to the Wales Air Ambulance Charity Fund. So, if any Member has any ideas regarding companies or organisations that we can approach for sponsorship, please get in touch.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: we have arranged to hold the Angling Section Presentation Night on the 11th October. There will be entertainment by Dave Escott, our usual magnificent Raffle and also a Buffet. All this will only cost you £4.00 each, for a very entertaining evening. More details will be published in the October issue of Bear Essentials! BGM. [Reels].

REGULAR FEATURES Angling - Bryan (Reels) Morgan, Flying Fifteens - Stuart Jones, Sailing School - Helen Philips, Pingel Tales - Brian Pingle, Around the Channel - John Wood, New Members - Roy Evans, Commodore - John Jefferies, Petals perils - Judy Veal, Social calendar - Dave Penning, A little bird told me - Barrie Metcalf.

Thank you for supplying regular copy for the Bear Essentials. No doubt it would be impossible to produce without your contributions. My ultimate goal is to get regular monthly copy from every section of the Club. T.D.

The sharper the blast, the sooner 'tis past.