

Classic Notes

with Simon Holt

Restorers Please Note

I continue to answer curious and varied queries from potential restorers, most of whom seem to have cruising, rather than racing, as their intention. I encourage them to join the Association, and to purchase their Dragons from members of the BDA, rather than from farmers in whose fields derelict and broken Dragons have been dumped to die. I also stress that Dragons being restored must be faithfully restored, since they should measure accurately or they will cease to be Dragons. Funny additions such as portholes and cabins should be discouraged. I have ploughed through a vast number of back copies of newsletters by sending them to aspiring owners and restorers.

Lis, DK 403, owned by

Robert Spencer and I, nears completion of her complete rebuild (see opposite page), and she will be taking part in the Scottish and Edinburgh Cup.

The arrangements for the Northern and Classic championship on Windermere are in place and we have an indication that we may expect an entry in excess of 25, which will be excellent. There will be a free launch and recovery. Base camp seems to be being established at the Old England Hotel, which overlooks the lake and is conveniently situated next to the Windermere Yacht Club, where I can guarantee an hospitable welcome. We even have already a handsome cap for the event, which can be purchased in advance at a price of £8 or three for £20.

There have been enquiries from Ireland, France and Norway, that is for the race, rather than the cap.

Huldreveen in Norway is the headquarters of the European Classic Yacht Union, which I have joined and they are including our classic fleet among those to whom they circulate their magazine 'Classic Lines'.

Among the queries is one that I am sure can be answered by some BDA members, but not by me. It is an enquiry from Mark Lewin of Corfu, who believes he has purchased the Dragon which won Gold in the 1960 Olympics. I would like to hear from anyone who knows this boat and its history, so that I can pass details back to Mr Lewin, together with the host of other information he has requested.

Anyone attempting this level of restoration should take particular care to ensure that the restored boat conforms to the class rules. You have the choice of restoring the boat under the rules that applied when it was first measured (not when it was first built!) or the latest rules. However, if the repairs are major ie. a re-decking, replacing ribs, moving the keel, then the boat will also need to be swung tested.

Rule 10.20 "yachts first measured after March 1st 1989 or after a major repair or alteration shall be subject to the swing test."

If in doubt, ask the IDA.

Boats for Sale

VRITRA GBR 53 1938 Johanssen. Good state of repair, surveyed '95. £4,000 David Whitehouse 01730 814404.

MELODY GBR110 Incomplete restoration, new unused mast. £1,250 Steve Corbett 0151 9203338.

CORVI GBR122 1939 Woodnutt. Recent survey, new rig, plus sails. £2,500 Diane Carr 01670 362278.

OUROBOROS GBR211 1948 Camper & Nicholson. Complete refit with Harken. £4,500 Peter O'Donnell 01326 212425.

SCAMPI GBR287 1956 Burne. Good condition, raced regularly. £4,000 Peter Cooke 01960 340871.

WIZARD GBR355 1961 Mugle & Spree. Modern refit, raised floor. £4,000 John Field 01622 812706.

MISTRESS GBR363 1961 Morgan Giles. Full restoration to racing spec. POA Mark Harrison 01983 299098.

PANDORA GBR401 1963 Borresen. Full restoration by Blyth Classic Yachts. POA Crispin Blyth 01262 470566.

MUSTANG IV GBR443. 1967 Joas Santo Brites. Full restoration to racing spec. POA Mark Harrison 01983 299098.

TARANAKI IRL46 1972 Borresen GRP New Borresen spar, '95 Norths. IRE9,250 Michael Halpenny 00 353 1 2801315.

RAGNAR GBR466 1972 Borresen GRP Raised floor, Harken gear, trailer. £8,995 George Baird 01247 853424.

PEGASUS IRL8 1973 Borresen GRP Elvstrom mast, spare spars, trailer. £8,950 Henry Robinson 00 353 1 280 6343.

SALVO GBR480 1975 Borresen GRP Nordic mast, 2 suits of sails. £7,500 Christopher Burt 0181 788 7405.

TAMERLANE GBR482 1976 Borresen GRP Boyce mast, Harken throughout. £9,950 David Kelso 01232 763805.

THUNDER GBR573 1979 Miller-Godsill New mast, full Harken refit,

respray. £9,750 Philip Rutledge 0131 552 4774.

TANA GBR498 1982 Borresen GRP Teak deck, trailer, yard maintained. £9,500 Simon Treadwell 01428 606456.

LOKI GBR503 1984 Borresen GRP Four Edinburgh Cup wins, Nordic mast. £15,000 Rory Bowman 01462 452509.

SANDPIPER GBR527 1987 Borresen GRP All fine tunes, ready to race. £14,000 Mike Williamson 0171 835 1086.

QUICKSILVER GBR534 1987 St Georges GRP Boyce mast ('96) trailer. £12,000 Peter Flutter 01326 316189.

SMAUG GBR544 1988 Petticrow GRP Harbeck trailer, extensive sails. £13,500 Ken Bushell 01279 429210.

HECTIC GBR550 1988 Petticrow GRP Harbeck trailer, 3 suits of sails. POA Danny Sinclair 0131 336 5436.

JABBERWOCKY IRL107 1988 St Georges GRP Harken throughout, trailer. IRE11,500 Stephen Cullen 00 353 1 2856906.

HARLEQUIN GBR556 1989 Petticrow GRP Professionally updated, trailer. £15,000 Mike Hughes 01702 558831.

GUNDOG GBR562 1990 St Georges GRP Trailer, Harken/Borresen fittings. £13,500 Alex Flett 0131 312 6821.

ULYSSES IRL106 1990 Borresen GRP New spars, latest racing layout. £18,500 Chris Flemming 00 353 1 6604879.

SCARAMANGER GBR587 1992 St Georges GRP Trailer, full racing specification. £15,500 Peter Colby 01953 605301.

CHINATOWN GBR589 1992 St Georges GRP Trailer, Harken throughout. £13,500 Nick China 0171 274 8165.

RIFF RAFF GBR603 1994 St Georges GRP Trailer, Harken throughout. POA Arthur Vowden 01803 326005.

IMPULSE GBR602 1994 Petticrow GRP 2 suits of sails, trailer, hardly used. £28,000 Eric Dragten 0181 547 2700.