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Please Remember to Update Your Contact Details

As we navigate the waters of exciting new adventures and events, we are striving to keep our member details up-to-date, so we kindly request all CSSA members to take a moment to review their contact details they provided when they joined CSSA.

Accurate contact information is crucial to ensure that we can keep you informed about the latest updates, announcements, and important news from the CSSA.

We are getting increasing numbers of CS Sailing magazines being 'Returned to Sender' by Royal Mail; and also large numbers of email messages being undelivered for various reasons, but most commonly that the email address no longer exists.

If you have moved address recently and wish to keep receiving a copy of CS Sailing magazine please send your new address to: membership@cs-sailing.org.uk

If you provided a work email when you joined CSSA it would be great if you would add a personal email address that is not likely to change.

Please send an email to: membership@cs-sailing.org.uk

If you have moved jobs and/or changed your email address please send your preferred email address to: membership@cs-sailing.org.uk

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Accurate contact details not only help us keep you informed but also contribute to a stronger and more connected community. Whether it's event notices, important announcements, or timely alerts, staying updated is now a lot easier.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and in keeping your information current.

Your engagement is invaluable to us.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to:

membership@cs-sailing.org.uk

Let's continue to build a well-informed and vibrant community together!



CSSA - ways to keep in touch



If you would like to find out more information about CSSA and its clubs in between receiving your quarterly magazine, there are several other ways to discover what's going on.

- **CS Sailing Website:** www.cs-sailing.org.uk is a central point for information about CSSA and has links to all its clubs.
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- **LinkedIn:** There is a CSSA LinkedIn page
- **Facebook:** CSSA and most of its clubs have Facebook pages
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Inter Departmental Offshore Regatta 2024

Find out more about IDOR 24!

The Inter-Departmental Offshore Regatta (IDOR) is CSSC's flagship sailing event, where the spirit of adventure, camaraderie, and competition converge.

3rd to 7th June 2024

IDOR is more than just a sailing event; it's an experience that unites sailors of all abilities.

IDOR warmly welcomes newcomers.

Novices will receive guidance from seasoned crew members.

For more information contact the IDOR Committee at:

idor@cs-sailing.org.uk

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*Hello and welcome to the Autumn issue of CS Sailing
I hope this issue finds you well.*

*In this issue there's news about a proposal to take
a CSSA yacht to the Mediterranean to support the
UK's team competing in the 2024 America's Cup.
There's some more news about Freyja's trip around
the Baltic and there's a request for information about
the history of the yacht Sannu Sannu.*

Thanks, as always, to our contributors.

Happy reading

Eileen

Sailing provided by volunteers.

Now is the time of year when your CSSA General and Club Committees look back on what went well during the past season and look forward to how things might be even better in 2024.

There have been many successes in CSSA Clubs during 2023 as there are in every season. But a shortage of volunteers may limit achievements in 2024.

It is sad to see that a lack of volunteers has led East Coast Yacht Division to hold a Special General Meeting to consider closure of the Division.

A new core of volunteers has come forward proposing that Freyja continues in service as an ocean cruiser with a proposal to visit Barcelona in 2024. It seems Freyja will continue in the service of CSSA but how and where is dependent upon decisions by Freyja's current custodians and new volunteers.

The Spring Dinghy Regatta was great fun but, despite enthusiasm from many quarters, had a small number of entrants. The Late Summer National Dinghy Regatta was cancelled when the original coordinators both had to withdraw and replacements were not found. We have offers to host the National Dinghy Regatta in 2024. We now have to decide when and where so that most of those interested in entering can take part.

The CSSA General Committee would benefit from volunteers willing to help with tasks such as policy drafting and safety.

Most posts come up for renewal at each year's Annual General Meeting in the spring but volunteers can be co-opted to vacant posts on the Committee at any time during the year.

I hear that Inter-Departmental Offshore Regatta crews are keen to have a CSSA yacht dedicated to racing. Everything is in place for the Civil Service Offshore Racing Club (CSORC) to purchase the right yacht when it comes along. In the meantime, a large body of volunteers and approved or aspiring CSSA skippers with racing skills can only help a CSSA racing yacht become a reality.

Over the summer I've heard of renewed volunteer interest in growing CSSA racing and cruising dinghy activities outside of CSSA dinghy clubs. These volunteers will be warmly welcomed in CSSA's embryonic Lodger Clubs Division where CSSA can support small groups operating CSSA/C dinghies and keelboats as lodgers within established non-CSSA clubs. I'm hopeful that we can establish our first Branch of a CSSA Division outside of England during 2024. CSSA stands or falls by the commitment of its volunteers. Enjoy 2023's remaining CSSA sailing opportunities.



Commodore

Here at POG, we've enjoyed a busy season on the water. A well planned rally to the Netherlands, which had attracted many participants to the preparatory evening talks was thwarted somewhat by the very strong easterly winds experienced throughout June. Just 2 boats actually made it to the calm inner waterways of Veerse Meer, Oosterschelde, Grevelingen Meer, Volkerak, and Hollandsch Diep but by their accounts the slog to get there

was well worth it.

Our 'Nab and Back' race back in June was well supported, with 21 boats competing. This was closely followed by our ever popular 'Folly Jolly' – a non-competitive rally from Portsmouth to the Folly Inn, a delightful water front pub and restaurant on the river Medena, Isle of Wight. 12th August brought us the annual 'Round the Cans' race in the eastern Solent. This

year brought more wind than usual with a steady 18 kts, gusting 25 kts. Not enough to rough up the Solent but sufficient to increase the heart rate at times, especially on Option which broached 3 times on the last leg of the race!

Just 2 more rallies: The Lymington Potter, with dinner at the Town Sailing Club was enjoyed by many as the weather warmed for a few days. Then finally, a visit to Marchwood Sailing Club at the top of Southampton Water later in September, completes our sailing season of organised events.

Back on dry land the Management Committee have been hard at work planning some urgent dredging in the Weevil Lake pontoon area, as silting up has been causing problems for berth holders. This has

complicated the intricate annual task of winter berth allocation and lift out activities but with resourcefulness and hard work, solutions are being found and problems resolved.

Busy times, as ever.

Chris Blackman

Vice Commodore

Portsmouth Offshore Group Ltd



ECYD 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ECYD AGM will be held on Saturday 18th November 2023
at Littleton Sailing Club

The day will start with tea and coffee at 10.30
with a welcome from ECYD Captain at 11.00

This will be followed by the formal AGM
after which a buffet lunch will be provided.

Further details will appear in the ECYD Autumn Newsletter and
website nearer the time.

REPORT ON THE ECYD SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 23 September 2023

Over the last 3 years, several long standing members
of the ECYD Committee have retired.

The remaining members have worked hard to keep ECYD properly maintained,
with planning for the various courses and charters, managing charters and
sea-time, looking after our charts and publications. With no help for these tasks,
many of the Committee have decided to retire. This leaves ECYD with no Yacht
Husband, Yacht Secretary, Crew Bureau, and Secretary.

We will need a complete Committee to be in place by the AGM (in November
2023) to continue operating Freyja.

Our Constitution provides for dissolution of ECYD; this would mean that all
ECYD's assets would be transferred to the CSSA.

ECYD held a Special General Meeting on 23 September 2023
at Rutland Sailing Club to consider a motion to DISSOLVE ECYD if there were
insufficient members to form a Committee to run the Division
by the ECYD AGM on 18 November 2023.

A quorum of members was present.

After discussion, the vote was taken and the motion was carried.

Notes of the SGM will be available on the ECYD web-pages.

Special savings for autumn cruising on board Freyja

Skippers who have chartered or sailed on board Freyja in the past five years,
YES in the last five years, may charter Freyja this autumn
with 50% off the normal charter fee.

It's a steal.

A weekend sail from just £250 for two days

A full week from just £642 or midweek [Mon-Fri] for just £370 [4 nights]

We don't know what the future holds for ECYD nor for Freyja, but here is
your chance for a last-minutes sail on board her this autumn before Freyja is
lifted at the end of the season in November.

Reservations through James in crew bureau: crewbureau@ecyd.org.uk



Still time to sign up for Barcelona 2024

More than 50 CSSA members have now signed up for 5KSC's proposed long-distance trip to the Mediterranean next year - but there's still room for more to join!

The plan to spend next summer sailing out to Barcelona for the America's Cup racing is the brainchild of Yachtmaster Instructor John Hulme. This is one of those rare occasions that the prestigious yacht race will be in Europe. Sir Ben Ainslie will be aiming to claim the trophy for Great Britain, skippering INEOS Britannia.

All CSSA members are welcome and, if enough people are interested, the aim is to leave the UK around April, cross the Bay of Biscay to Lisbon, through the straits of Gibraltar and on to Barcelona.

ECYD's Freyja or 5KSC's Ynot will be the boat of choice.

In between, there will be opportunities to simply charter for a week or so - heading perhaps to north Africa or the Balearics - and train for qualifications such as Day Skipper, Yachtmaster Offshore and Ocean.

There are plans to secure RYA and CSSA approval for a training base in either Gibraltar or Barcelona.

"This could be perfect if anyone needs long passages to qualify for the various Yachtmaster exams, or simply to sail the open seas," John said. "And then there's the thrill of supporting Sir Ben Ainslie while watching some of the fastest boats in the world – these boats can reach incredible speeds."

So if you're interested, register at crew_bureau@5ksc.org.uk.

All those registering will be asked to provide information, via a survey, that will help in finalising a programme.

Further details of the proposal, including dates, are also available via the 5KSC website, at:

<https://5ksc.org.uk/sail/how-about-barcelona-for-the-2024-americas-cup/>



America's Cup

America's Cup History

The America's Cup is one of the oldest and best-known trophies in international sailing yacht competitions.

It was first offered as the Hundred Guinea Cup on August 20, 1851, by the Royal Yacht Squadron of Great Britain for a race around the Isle of Wight. The cup was won by the America, a 100-foot (30-metre) schooner from New York City, and subsequently became known as the America's Cup. The American winners of the cup donated it to the New York Yacht Club in 1857 for a perpetual international challenge competition.

Since the 1920s the America's Cup race has been between one defending vessel and one challenging vessel, both of which are determined in separate series of elimination trials. Each competing vessel must be designed, built, and, insofar as possible, outfitted solely in the country that it represents.

From 1851 to 1983, the USA won the America's Cup. After that, Australia, New Zealand, and Switzerland have been sharing the crown with the USA. Britain has never won it.

The trophy is currently held by Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.



America's Cup 2024

37th America's Cup

August to October 2024

The 37th America's Cup schedule includes the creation of a Women's America's Cup for the first time and a relaunch of the Youth America's Cup.

The official opening ceremony takes place in Barcelona on 22nd August.

The final preliminary event and the Challenger Selection Series will follow, leading up to the 37th America's Cup Match that will start on 12th October 2024 and the match ends on Sunday, 20th October

America's Cup schedule

Saturday 12th October: Races 1 + 2

Sunday 13th October: Races 3 + 4

Monday 14th October: Reserve Day

Tuesday 15th October: Reserve Day

Wednesday 16th October – Race 5 + Women's America's Cup Final

Thursday 17th October: Reserve Day

Friday 18th October: Spare Race Day (up to 2 races)

Saturday 19th October: Race Day (up to 2 races)

Sunday 20th October: Race Day (up to 2 races)



Channel Sailing Division News

That's it; with the usual slight relief Sea Essay has now completed the 2023 15-week Summer Cruise centred on Pornichet, France and has entered the Autumn programme of charters, day sails, sea times and training courses.

Lost in France?

Can you spot the difference?

PHOTO A: How the Plotter was set up

PHOTO B: How the Plotter returned to Hamble

At some point during the Summer Cruise the Radar Page was removed from the Plotter set up! We are so sorry if its presence upset some soul to the extent it had to be got rid of. Or was it just those misunderstood gremlins? Or, was it some bored crewperson who couldn't resist poking their finger where it shouldn't be and in doing so possibly jeopardised themselves and the rest of the crew if they found themselves enveloped in fog off the rocky shores of Brittany. Not content with that and to compound their [insert your own word here] they didn't think to report the loss to the skipper – assuming, no surely an Approved Skipper wouldn't do such a thing!

CSD Committee Needs A Treasurer

The notice for the CSD AGM appears opposite and contains the usual call for anyone interested in the management, operation and maintenance of Sea Essay. Whilst all Committee Officer posts are open for election we do have three positions where after many years of service the incumbents are standing down. Fortunately we have two who have stepped up to the Secretary and Yacht Husband posts but we really do need a new Treasurer.

Lindsay Cole, who has been taking care of CSD's finances and presenting our annual accounts for 20 years, feels, with the new boat in place and the division in a sound financial position, this is the best time for someone else to take over the role and will be standing down. Please do get in touch with Colin Smith (csddaysails@gmail.com) if you feel you can step up.

2024 Summer Cruise Survey

As usual to judge interest in next year's Summer Cruise we intend to embed a survey on the CSD website (www.channelsailing.org). Those who do respond, particularly Skippers, will be approached first when the plan is outlined and charter bids are requested.

Sailing Programme

The remaining 2023 Programme can be viewed on the Sailing Opportunities page on the website: www.channelsailing.org

The 2024 Sailing Programme will be published leading up to the AGM and bookings will be accepted from the 26th November 2023.



Photo A: How the Plotter was set up

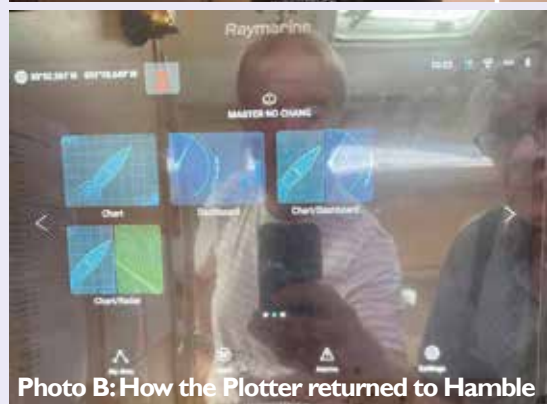


Photo B: How the Plotter returned to Hamble

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news and
information
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Channel Sailing Division 2023 Annual General Meeting

The 2023 AGM will take place on
Saturday 25th November commencing at 12:00.

The venue is:

Hornet Services Sailing Club, Gosport, Hampshire

It is intended to be a combined physical and Zoom meeting

If you wish to attend in person or via Zoom could you please let the CSD Secretary

Colin Smith know by e-mail at csddaysails@gmail.com

The AGM will include elections of the following CSD Committee Officers:

CSD Captain

Secretary

Treasurer

Yacht Secretary

Yacht Husband

Crew Bureau Secretary

At this time the incumbent Secretary, Treasurer and Yacht Husband are standing down.

We do have volunteers to stand for Secretary and Yacht Husband
but we desperately need someone for the Treasurer's post.

There are up to a further five committee posts,
which include the Training, Day Sail and Charter Organisers.

If you would like to serve on the committee would you please inform the CSD Secretary as
soon as possible.

Refer to our Facebook page and website (www.channelsailing.org)
for updates and further details.



Happy Les Miserables Noirmoutier



Les Miserables Noirmoutier

Andy Rankine, Gordon Logan, Jeff Llewellyn, Rob Stephens and Bob Meir at L' Herbaudiere in July 2023

The Scottish part of our program is almost complete and YNOT will be coming back to Liverpool. The Summer has seen her in the Orkneys for the first time, along with two passages around Cape Wrath. Some of the winter maintenance has already been done in Scotland but there will be more jobs to complete once back in Liverpool, if you have some time or even skills then please contact the club via our contacts page on the website: <https://5ksc.org.uk/sail/>

Training in 2023 has included some long weekend courses for competent crew, several 5 day courses for day skipper, two coastal skipper courses and two prep and YM exam weeks. The club has several new Yacht Masters who will be able to become CSSA approved skippers. This is a great achievement and will help support CSSA programs in 2024 – including the trip to Barcelona.

If you have questions or partly formed plans for training in 2024 please get in touch, so that we can plan around what people need, email: training@5ksc.org.uk

The next event will be the AGM - please see the notice opposite. You can join us in Liverpool – why not book a discounted stay in the hotel or on YNOT and enjoy the city. You can attend also by Zoom. If you want to contribute to the running of the club please volunteer, you will be very welcome.

Alison Hutton

Keep an eye on our sailing program at:
<https://5ksc.org.uk/sail/sdhome/booking.php>

Please email enquiries to:
training@5ksc.org.uk



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Notice of the 25th AGM of Five Kingdoms Sailing Club

The 25th Annual General Meeting of Five Kingdoms Sailing Club will be held
at 1pm on Saturday 11th November at:

The Holiday Inn Express

Britannia Pavilion

Albert Dock

Liverpool

L3 4AD

The hotel is offering discounted rooms for Friday 10th November

(contact yacht_husband@5ksc.org.uk)

or book a night on Ynot via 5KSC Booking Schedule

Parking is available at the Albert Dock L3 4AF or Liverpool Marina, L3 4BP

Members can also attend by Zoom, but first please email: secretary@5ksc.org.uk

A light buffet lunch will be provided at 12noon.

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the AGM of 19th November 2022
4. Matters arising from the minutes
5. Captain's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Election of an account's examiner for 2023
8. Debate of motions received
9. Election/Appointment of Officers and Committee Members for 2024

Motions

Proposed motions should reach secretary@5ksc.org.uk by 14th October 2023.

Nominations to the Committee for 2024

Nominations are invited for Vice-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Crew Bureau and five Members.

Nominations for the Committee should reach secretary@5ksc.org.uk by 14th October 2023 indicating the proposer, seconder, and agreement of the nominee to stand for the post eg e-mail thread.

Let us know what you want from 5KSC in 2024

Over lunch and from 1.30pm - 2.30pm, share your 2023 cruising experiences.

Planning for practical training within the cruising programme can be firmed up - so come and have your say.

Inshore Skippers, get your heads together and let us know what weeks you'd like Ynot to be on the Clyde for you. If you can't join us, please give crew_bureau@5ksc.org.uk advance notice of your wishes so that he can produce a draft programme ready for discussion. Also do let us know if you have suggestions to improve Ynot or her operation: inventory, instruments, administration, etc. Bring your ideas along!

Freyja in the Baltic

I'd been looking forward to seeing the Baltic back in the summer of 2020; flights and berth fee were all paid up, I was quite excited, then along came Covid

Deborah's cancelled sailing trip was possibly the least of the world's worries, but it was annoying at the time. So it was fabulous to re-visit the Baltic opportunity again this summer, and actually get off the ground this time.

ECYD's Freyja had been moored in Stralsund, a handsome old town on the northern coast of the former Deutsche Demokratische Republik (DDR).

Our crew gathered from various parts of the UK and off we went, heading north east to visit the island of Rügen. First of all, we had to queue with other yachts waiting for the opening of the Ziegelgraben bridge, an impressive structure that lifts just a few times daily to allow shipping underneath. You need to know the precise timetable, or you'll miss it and the previous crew had fortunately left us excellent notes.

We rounded the island in gentle winds to stop at the tiny village of Gager, a peaceful



Passing Ziegelgraben bridge



Ziegelgraben bridge

spot with a scattering of houses and the only thatched bus shelter I've ever seen. Next day, we reached Sassnitz, a resort town with spectacular chalk cliffs set in a wooded national park, perfect for a bit of a trek with sea views.

A curiosity for us Brits was the 'U-Boot Museum', which in fact turned out to be our very own English submarine HMS Otus, purchased by a German entrepreneur from its old home in Merseyside. A very claustrophobic



HMS Otus



Deb in the submarine

but interesting experience, leaving me even more thrilled to be on a boat with an open-air cockpit, sea views and space to move around.

Denmark beckoned next, and we sailed the 50nm to the holiday island of Bornholm, popular with Scandinavians but something of an unknown quantity to many in the UK. The sky was blue and the winds were gentle. Passing several offshore windfarms – more are planned - we moored at the main marina in Rønne and ventured inland by bus, visiting several small stone harbours,

strolling past tranquil beaches and spending a day on the neighbouring island of Christiansø. Confession: we went by ferry.



Sunset at Bornholm

Freyja in the Baltic (cont'd)



Canons at Christiansø



Fighting the Brits



Tower at Christiansø

This rocky fortified mini-island, run by the Danish Ministry of Defence, covers just 55 acres, and was frequently the focus of wars between Denmark and arch-enemy Sweden due to its location on the main Baltic shipping routes. Surprisingly, to me at least, the main adversary in the 19th century was England: our ships attacked with relentless bombardments over a period of years but failed to conquer. That never featured in our school history lessons!

Unsurprisingly, it also served as a penal colony but today, its crumbling walls, carefully preserved towers and old jail make a fascinating excursion for day visitors.

Finally, off to Ystad in Sweden, more or less upwind all the way. Another elegant Scandinavian town with understated architecture, an abundance of cyclists and a sense of calm. At the marina, boats from Poland, Denmark, Germany, Sweden

were a common sight but I didn't spot any other red ensigns. Had to confess, when asked, that we didn't actually sail all the way from the UK but just from Stralsund, although our ECYD crewmates had crossed the North Sea earlier.

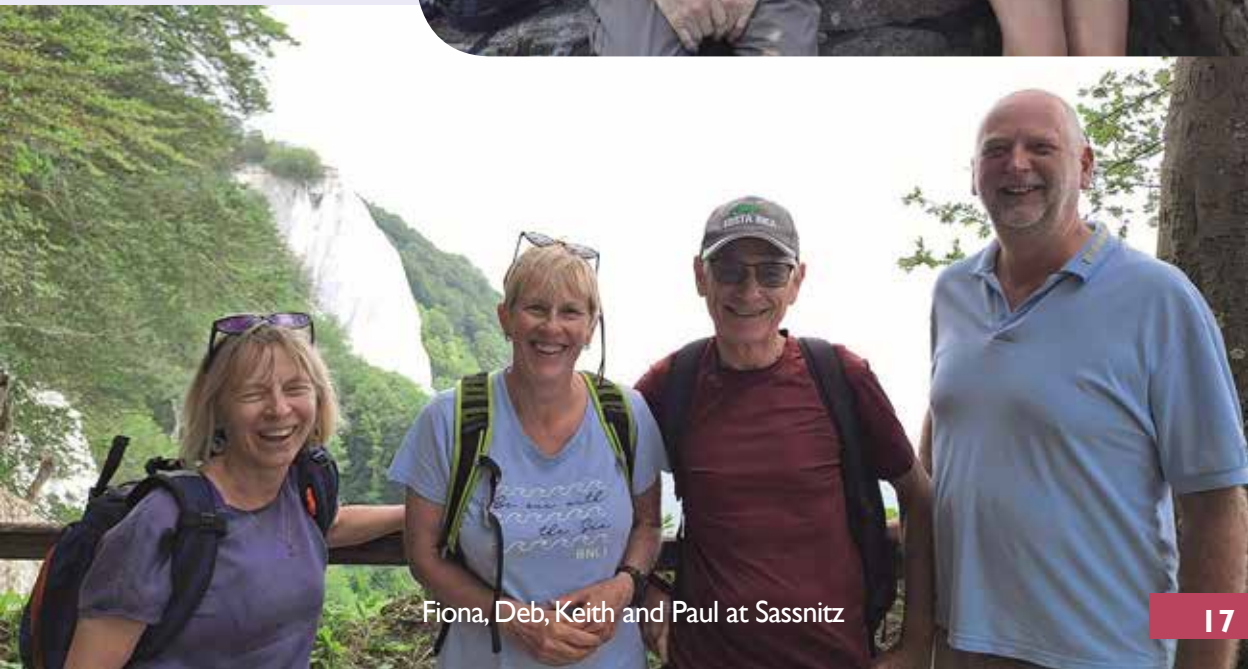
We ended the journey back in Denmark, crossing the famous Øresund Bridge by train to fly home from Copenhagen. I'm not going to mention how three of us missed the flight to Manchester and were obliged to spend a day sight-seeing in Copenhagen

And of course, huge thanks to skipper Paul Brereton and crewmates David Hedley, Keith Morris, Fiona Jack and Julie Allen.

Christiansø



David and Julie at Christiansø



Fiona, Deb, Keith and Paul at Sassnitz

The world we have lost

I have hurt my foot. The physio tells me it will get better in a week or so, but for now I should not walk on it. What can I do to fill my time?

The obvious answer is to turn to the minutes of the CSSA "Notice to Mariners", a monthly digest of all that was happening in the club during the 1960s.

As I skimmed through the large sheaf of foolscap, with manual typewriting, I was reminded of a book I read when I studied social history at college. "The World We Have Lost" by Peter Laslett is a classic, widely regarded as vital in reshaping our understanding of the past. Have a look at these extracts; I hope you will see what I mean.

Extracts from Notice to Mariners

December 1960: Sailing in the USA chez the American Embassy

On Monday 6th February, at 6.30 p.m. Captain Walter Rowe, Jnr., U.S. Navy, will be giving a talk "Sailing in the U.S.A". This will be held in the new American Embassy in Grosvenor Square.

In addition to hearing about activities under sail there will be an opportunity for us to have a look around the building.

All members and their guests will be welcome.

Surely not.....! No booking system, no proof of identity? Bring your friends as well.....?

February 1961: Yankee Sailing : The Reminder

We made a promise last month and now we are fulfilling it.

A talk on Sailing in the U.S.A. will be given by Captain Walter Rowe Jnr. U.S.N (etc etc).

To attend the talk it is only necessary for members and their guests to report to the Embassy doorman. After the talk there will be a tour of the new building and the facilities of the bar and buffet (hot dogs and American ale) will be available to us



March 1961: Hands Across the Sea

The talk and film show on 6th February 1961, given by Capt. Walter Rowe Jnr. U.S.N. must have surprised everyone, not the least Capt. Rowe and the U.S. Embassy.

Very nearly 200 turned up to the cinema at the Embassy and we were given the free run of their canteen afterwards for hot dogs and drinks. We were shown an absorbing film of the construction and launching of the first nuclear powered merchant ship "Savannah" and then Capt Rowe spoke about the problems of sailing in America with a special word about the training of juniors.



Then - The old American Embassy London 1960 - 2018



Now - The new American Embassy London since 2018

Thinking back from our present times, with memories of bombing of the Baghdad Embassy and the 9/11 Twin Towers attacks, it is almost impossible to imagine such a generous and casual invitation. Truly a world we have lost.

Bri S

Can YOU help - Vintage CSSA history - Yacht Sannu

Back in the period 1971 to 74 the graceful yacht Sannu Sannu was busy with CSSA training courses, races and cruises on the Essex coast. We have some logbooks for this period but would love to hear, please, from anyone who has memories or photos to share from that time.

The reason for asking? Well, Sannu Sannu is alive and well, a much loved yacht based in Vancouver, British Columbia. Her current owner Anthony is very keen to know more about her early life and (if possible) to find out what happened to her post 1974. Who took her across the Atlantic and how did she get to Vancouver (where she has been since the mid-1980s)?



Sannu Sannu is a Northney 34 Sloop, built at Hayling Island around 1968. By 1971 she was kept on a mooring at West Mersea, where CSSA ship's bosun Alan Hoskins lived. Her owner was Howard Sant, who lived at Waldringfield, Suffolk; his brother John Sant seems to have been the link to CSSA. John Sant's name lives on in the two hand-carved wooden trophies he presented to CSSA – the Small Cruiser of the Year trophy and the Barge Trophy.

Sannu was very well used in a variety of roles. She raced many times from Harwich to Ostend as well as cruising ports on the North Sea and Channel coasts from the Waddensee to Brittany (incidentally, tips on tracking down duty-free supplies are much mentioned in the log). On one race, Harwich Shipwash to Galloper and return,

Sannu covered 91 miles in 15 hrs, average 6 knots, much of in SW5. The spinnaker was regularly flown. Reefing down was by taking up to 8 rolls around the boom.

Sannu regularly competed in the CSSA Cowes Rally (Cariad Cup) and, understandably, won the meritorious passage prize for the longest journey to get there. By contrast the boat was often out on 3 day training courses in the Blackwater and Harwich area, either for novices or skipper sessions.

Sannu's petrol engine went through some periods of great unreliability, but this did not stop her crew from setting out cross-channel. On other occasions they reported "the engine started easily by hand".

Here are some of the names noticed from the logbooks: Bill Baily, Brian Congdon, Reg Amery, Gordon Hadden, Hugh Brodie, Roy Deeks, Brian Conroy



– many of whom I recognise as folk who helped introduce me to offshore sailing when I joined CSSA in 1975. So please – does anyone have some memories, anecdotes and photos of those days, further knowledge about Howard Sant and who he might have sold Sannu to next, any more background? A family in Vancouver will be delighted to hear more about the doings of their cherished yacht in her young days.

Here's hoping some of you will have some reminiscences to share! Please send these in via the Editor,

Thanks in advance from

Hilary Tyrrell

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RNLI to celebrate 200 years – and counting



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2024 will mark the RNLI's 200th birthday and they will commemorate its past, celebrate today's lifesavers and inspire a new generation.

Ever since the RNLI was formed on 4 March 1824, a year hasn't gone past without outstanding rescues, leaps in lifesaving progress and bravery amid unforgettable storms. Courage, selflessness and innovation have propelled our lifesavers through busy summers, wild winters, wars and pandemics. So, in 2024, there will be many ways to reflect on RNLI's remarkable heritage, share your love for the charity, and help ensure they're ready to save lives for another 200 years.

For more information see:

<https://bit.ly/RNLI-200>

What's happening to mark the RNLI 200th anniversary?

RNLI watch spans across our nations so they'll be taking to the road, coast to coast. Touring heritage exhibitions and roadshows will bring renowned and lesser known (but no less incredible) lifesaving stories to life.

A 200 Voices podcast will celebrate the RNLI family. From lifesavers to those they rescue. From water safety volunteers to fundraisers and supporters. Each playing their part in our 200-year-old mission to save every one. Look out for news of these and other events as 2024 gets closer.



THE LIFEBOAT FUND

Helping the RNLI save lives at sea

The Lifeboat Fund is an official charity of the Civil Service. It also receives valuable support from employees of the Royal Mail and British Telecom.

The Lifeboat Fund is a charity that exists for one purpose: to help the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). The Fund is a public service charity, and proud to be the single largest regular contributor to the RNLI.

A group of civil servants raised money from their colleagues to buy their first lifeboat back in 1866.

The Lifeboat Fund is an official charity, which was set up over 150 years ago by civil servants and is run to this day by the Civil Service. It raises funds through donations from both serving and retired employees and from legacies. Civil servants across the UK organise fundraising collections and promote the lifesaving work of the RNLI.

All money raised by the fund goes directly to support the RNLI. Since it was formed, The Lifeboat Fund has donated over £26 million which has provided the RNLI with 54 new lifeboats as well as refurbishing lifeboat stations and boats, buying crew kit and equipment, and training RNLI volunteer lifeboat

crews and RNLI lifeguards. They are currently raising money for Tower, Whitby, Stonehaven and Blackpool Lifeboat Stations and international work in Tanzania.

In 2023, its 157th year, The Lifeboat Fund has set an ambitious appeal target of £90,000 to help the RNLI save lives at sea at home and abroad. The total raised will be split between four lifeboat stations – Whitby, Tower, Blackpool and Stonehaven – and water safety projects in Tanzania. In 2022, these four stations cumulatively launched 898 times, coming to the aid of 186 people and saving 29 lives, contributing to the 9,312 times RNLI lifeboats launched and the 506 lives saved last year. The improvements and development of facilities at the four lifeboat stations using the funding from this appeal will make a huge difference to the RNLI's lifesaving volunteers. The money raised will provide RNLI volunteers and crew with the environment they need to maintain a world-class lifesaving service and continue to launch to those in trouble at sea.

The Lifeboat Fund has funded 53 lifeboats over the years, a pier and a hovercraft.

For more details see:

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