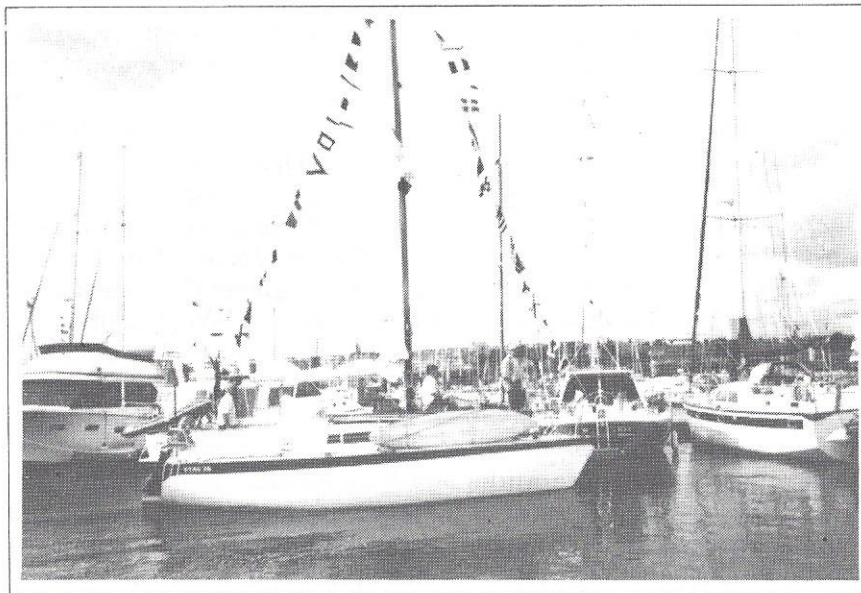


Studland Bay on the Sunday joined the fleet on Sunday evening. The shipping forecast at 05.55 Monday morning, confirmed by look outside, was SW winds up to force 6 and rain with fog reported at St. Peter Port. The vote was unanimous to stay and Monday was spent enjoyable shopping in St. Anne's and, the weather not being as bad as forecast, a ramble around the cliffs in the afternoon.

The Tuesday morning forecast was for a more westerly wind, force 4-5, so we set sail and made it to St. Peter Port, Guernsey, in time for a late lunch. We were welcomed by Walter Prow of Guernsey and by Hubert Jenkins and Jean, who had flown over. Unfortunately we were not in time to re-visit the Credit Suisse Bank building now nearing completion or to join our C.I. friends for an aperitif at the Guernsey Yacht Club, always a very happy occasion, but caught up with our programme in the evening when we were entertained by the Guernsey Tourist Board at a "Vin D'Honneur" at the Guernsey Museum in Candie Gardens. Following this we had an excellent dinner at the Duke of Richmond Hotel and retired to bed feeling our problems and our efforts in getting there had all been well worthwhile. Such is the joy of cruising.

Wednesday dawned bright and fair with a light favourable wind and we all made our own way to St. Helier in Jersey; in Amity we first



Birthday Celebrations on Sea Stag

anchored in Fermain Bay for a very cold swim and lunch followed by a beautifully gentle sail to the marina where they had reserved berths for us. We were on parade Thursday at 10.00 hours for the very strenuous programme laid on for us starting with a visit to the new St. Helier traffic underpass, which should be completed this year. We complained that the Works had taken up part of the already crowded marina but were assured another marina would be built as soon as they had decided which was the best site. Jersey is planning a maritime museum and our next visit was to see some of the exhibits which will be displayed when it opens. After this we were shown over the Jersey States Legislative



Works visit - Jersey

Chamber and Assize Court by the Secretary to the Bailiff who explained the working of government past and present. This was a most interesting interlude during which we were rejoined by Hubert and Jean. Lunch followed and footsore and weary we adjourned to the restaurant of the new museum where we ate a most delicious and welcome meal. This museum is a first class example of modern planning and we were most impressed; although open plan in concept, now corners and unexpected spaces were continually found, which kept us enthralled until teatime. In the evening, we entertained our Jersey friends to drinks on our boats; it is wonderful how many people you can get on a small boat if you really



Party in St Helier Marina

try. Friday was a make and mend day and we were pleased to welcome Chris and Wendy Bosker in Caledonia who were starting their summer cruise to North Brittany. The final event was the customary cocktail party and excellent dinner at the Grand Hotel. We were very pleased to be able to make a much better show than the previous year and hope this improvement can be maintained this year. We were most grateful to those friends who did so much to make this cruise one to be remembered; the arrangements were first class and, in particular, we thank Colin Partridge, Walter Prow and Terry Denziloe in Guernsey and Les Winton and Geoffrey Le Feuvre in Jersey. We were also pleased that Sir Angus Paton, past President of the Institution, was able to join with us on all our visits in Jersey.

On the Saturday having extricated ourselves with some difficulty from the very crowded marina, we went our various ways, Caledonia and Sea Stag to Brittany, Sympatico back to Lymington for work on Monday morning, and Idle Jack and Amity to Dartmouth passing close to the Channel Light Vessel en-route for Plymouth and dinner at the Royal Western Yacht Club on the following Saturday. While in Dartmouth Amity, piloted by Roy Peel, explored the R. Dart as far as Totnes before sailing in company with Idle Jack to Plymouth via

Salcombe and Newton Ferrers. John Rowe with his daughter Sarah and son William joined us in Plymouth having sailed from Morlaix through the night in poor visibility and rough seas. In Plymouth we were pleased to welcome John's wife Jane attending her first CEC party. Dinner was enjoyed but we felt rather lonely being the only diners in their large and beautifully sited dining room. We were very sorry that we were unable to persuade any of the local engineers to join us but hope for better luck next time we go west.

Our next event was the Autumn Rally on the 26th September at Beaulieu. Unlike the two previous years the weather was magnificent, the sunshine with a light SE breeze. The 26th was also the start of the British Steel Challenge Race and many of us joined the throng of boats wishing them 'bon voyage'; on Amity we were most grateful that we did not have to go along with them. The scene was spectacular and a little frightening as we got a little closer than intended to the racers, but all was well and we got some good photographs of the boats with spinnakers set passing through the spectator fleet. The Harbour Master at Buckler's Hard had arranged for us to be moored in the same part of the marina so our display of the Club flags was the best yet. There were parties on Caledonia and Amity before we adjourned to the Master



Part of fleet at Buckler's Hard

Builder's Hotel for dinner. The Rally was attended by the following recorded number of boats (12):- Amity: Caledonia: Mad Gem, George Lyons: Nadezhda, Martin and Tina Hirst: Outrageous, Roger Hyde: Palu: Samiotissa: Sea Stag: Simonetta, John Crofts: Sympatico: Tehari II, David Wood: Toxotes, Alan Payton. We were particularly glad to welcome Charles and June Paice from Cape Town to the rally.

Not the least achievement by a member of the CEC last year was the trans-Atlantic voyage of David Wood and Sepha in Tehari II from Charleston in the States to Falmouth via Bermuda and the Azores. Although they did not have to cope with a hurricane this year, trouble with their self steering gear meant they had to helm much of the way. Our congratulations to them and their crews.

The Cowes rally held jointly with the Societe des Ingenieurs et Scientifiques de France this year was held on the 28th November in an empty and rather depressing West Cowes Marina. The cheer was as good as ever, however, and the dinner at the Island Sailing Club raised morale to a very high level. Hosts at the dinner were David Wood and Alec Leggatt. Boats attending were Capriol, Alec Leggatt: Novak: Niobi: Simonetta and Tehari II.

Samiotissa last recorded as being left in Craobh Marina, was brought back to Beaulieu by John Bartlett following a cruise to the Outer Hebrides via Mull and Tyree. Unfortunately much time was spent sheltering from the gale force winds they encountered and although they got to Eriskay, where they endured yet another gale, they then had to return. The return voyage was made down the eastern seaboard of Ireland to the Scillies and up Channel pursued to the end by strong and gale force winds. Samiotissa anchored in Studland Bay before returning to Bucklers Hard on the 23rd August. The Met: forecast for the day was typical, Gale Warning. Winds SW 6 to 8.

1993

The new season beckons and all being well we shall have more enjoyable cruises and rallies. An innovation is the establishment of a trophy to be awarded to the highest placed civil engineer yacht entered in the Channel Handicap Class in the Round the Island Race. This trophy to be known as the Telford Goblet will be presented at the Island Sailing Club's prizegiving after the race, so hopefully the Club will get some publicity. The existing Smeaton Trophy will continue to be awarded by the Club to the civil engineer yacht having the best result over all the Classes in the race; this will be the yacht having the lowest quotient -

determined by dividing the yachts finishing position in its class or section by the number of starters in that class. If possible the Smeaton Trophy will be presented at the Autumn rally.

It is also proposed to have a summer rally in Chichester Harbour in August provided there is sufficient support. It is the intention that we join up with the "steamers" at a Steam-up with Archie Shaw at 'Lamorna'.

Programme

May 8th/9th

May 29th/30th

June 19th

July 3rd to 10th or

17th to 24th

August 21st

September 25th/26th

December 4th/5th

Rally at Yarmouth or Hythe Marina.

Rally to St. Vaast or Cherbourg.

Smeaton Trophy and Telford Goblet

Channel Islands Cruise

Rally to Itchenor, Chichester Harbour.

Rally to Beaulieu or Port Solent

Cowes Rally with Societe des Ingenieurs et Scientifiques de France

Included with this Newsletter is a loose leaf form for you to complete and return if you are not involved but would like to become involved with our boat people either as owner or crew. Good sailing in 1993!

John Witchell

Scotland, North Wales and Northern Ireland Fleet

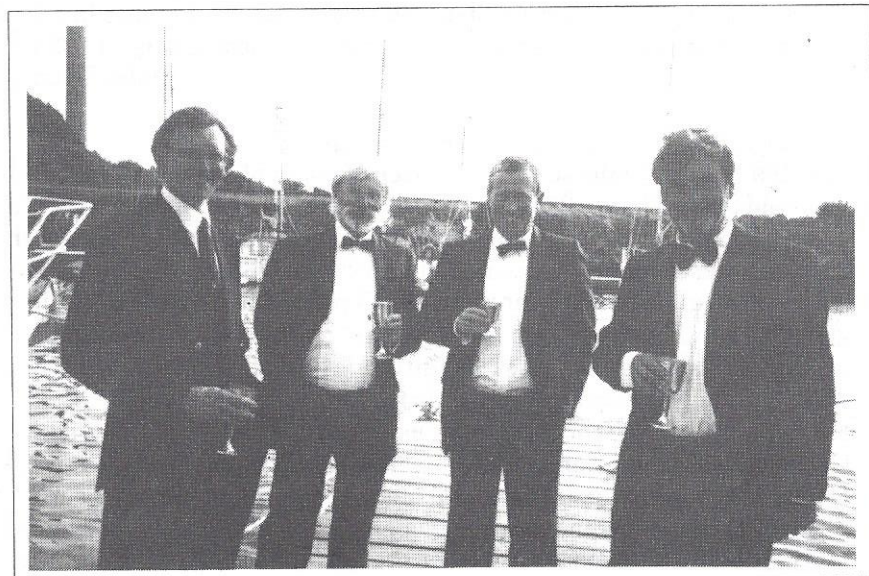
The 1993 annual mid-summer muster of boats of the Irish Sea group was held on the 19th to 21st June at Inverskip Marina on the Clyde. The usual formal dinner was held in the Royal Gourock Yacht Club on the 20th and was attended by over 30 members and guests, who had earlier been entertained at a pre-dinner cocktail party aboard David Wildings' yacht 'Ocean Phoenix' (from North Wales) berthed in Inverkip Marina.

Due to "adverse weather conditions" two of the four boats who started from Northern Ireland, only made it as far as Portpatrick. The crew of one (was it George Millington and his party?) 'wrangled' a lift to Gourock, while Raymond Cummins and his crew hired a taxi at a cost of £95 for the ninety mile drive to attend. This stalwart effort of support by the Northern Ireland members ensured the success of the evening.

Bill Stewart, Vice Chairman of the West of Scotland Association, welcomed the guests on behalf of the Scottish Section and this was



The ladies enjoying cocktails and conversation with Russell aboard "Ocean Phoenix"



Drinks on the pontoon at Inverkip

followed by speeches given by Laurie Balmer for North Wales and Ronnie Bryson for Northern Ireland. Grace was given by our sailing Chaplain, Russell Owen, and the Chairman for the evening was Harry Osborn.



David Wilding and Ronnie Bryson watching Russell Owen adjusting his halo during dinner at Royal Gourock

Following the practice initiated last year during the visit to the Isle of Man, each of the skippers was presented with a memento of the visit in the form of a genuine Scottish reared haggis, tartan attired and with poetic verse attached, to sustain their crews on the return trip.

This was a most enjoyable event and we now all look forward to visiting Bangor in Northern Ireland and meeting all our friends again next June. The dinner will be in the Royal Ulster on the 19th June. (Harry Osborn has said it would be great if some of the boats from the south could join them.)

Following the Clyde muster, Harry Osborn in "Hot 'n' Tot" sailed in the Clyde Cruising Club's Blue Water race to Brest in Brittany, which started on the 4th July; included in the crew was Brian Davenport, another member of the Civil Engineers' Club. The race had been timed to coincide with a festival of sail being held in Brest and five pleasant

and interesting days were spent there visiting and taking part in the festivities before returning to Inverkip via the east coast of Ireland on the 24th July. (In the 21 days she had been away "Hot 'n' Tot" covered over 1020 nautical miles. -John Witchell)

Harry Osborn

ELVERA CUP - 1992

Three entries for the Elvera cup were submitted this year as listed below in the order they were received.

-Log of Tehari II's crossing from Charleston in America to the River Hamble via Bermuda and the Azores, submitted by David Wood.

-Log of Sea STag's Channel Cruise to the Channel Islands, N Brittany and Devon, submitted by John Rowe.

-Log of Hot 'n' Tot's race and cruise from the Clyde to Brest and back, submitted by Harry Osborn.

It was difficult to decide between the three very interesting logs submitted but because of its greater interest and better presentation the cup is awarded to David Wood for his log of Tehari II's crossing of the Atlantic.

It is stressed that the magnitude of the voyage undertaken is not the most important factor in the award of the Elvera Trophy and future entrants should not be put off if their logs cover less ambitious cruises than those of David and Sepha in the past two years.

SMEATON TROPHY

1992 The Trophy was not awarded owing to lack of wind.

BRUNEL TROPHY BRIDGE COMPETITION 1992

The third Brunel Trophy Contract Bridge Competition was held at Great George Street on 17th September 1992. Run by the Civil Engineers' Club, multiple teams bridge was played during the day and a dinner held in the evening.

The winners were a team from London called Greenshoots, consisting of Avril Blandain, Oldman Bloomfield, Robert Balchin and Andrew Okrzeja. Runners-up were last year's winners Ove Arup. A total of six teams competed, representing Chilterns, Southern and London Associates.

The Brunel Trophy was presented by Civil Engineers' Club Chairman Stuart Mustow.

If anyone is interested in playing in next year's competition on 17th September 1993, please telephone Peter Richards (home) or 071 928 6690 (work).

Peter Richardson

VISITS TO WORKS

Ray Horner has prepared a list of proposed visits in 1993. These are shown on the enclosed loose leaf. Please complete and return to Ray.

Ray's sterling work in making all these arrangements is much appreciated.

SQUASH

Phil Barnforth has taken over the Squash. Those interested please contact him at:

c/o Taywood Engineering Ltd., Taywood House, 345 Ruislip Road, Southall, UB1 2QX.

OVERSEAS MEMBERS

Overseas members are welcome. As you will see from our Chairman's letter, we do from time to time receive letters from club members overseas asking about the possibility of being linked to a pen-pal in the UK. Anyone willing to participate please contact the Club at the I.C.E.

CIVIL ENGINEERS' CLUB LIST OF TROPHIES

SAILING

The **Elvera Cup**, presented to the Club by Archie Shaw and awarded annually to the member who as Master completes the most successful and meritorious cruise of the year.

The **Smeaton Trophy**, presented by Robin Wilson to be awarded to the first civil engineer at the helm of a boat in the Round the Island Race.

The **Telford Goblet**, presented to the Club by Ken Scott, to be awarded each year to a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers' sailing a boat in the Channel Handicap Class in the Round the Island Race, who comes first of the I.C.E. members taking part in that class.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

The **Brunel Trophy**, presented by Robin Wilson to be awarded each year to the winning team in annual inter local association Bridge competitions.

GOLF

The **Thomas Telford Trophy**, donated by Sir William Francis to "The Civil Engineers' Club" for presentation each year to the winners of an annual golf tournament between the local associations of The Institution of Civil Engineers. The winning local association team to have the pre-emptive right to act as host for the tournament the following year should they so wish.

WINE TASTING

Peter and Rita Morice continue to look after our Wine Tasting activities. Several events are in the pipeline. More news to follow.

Private Party for Friday 2nd April 1993

Santo Mann has organised a private party with *The Wine Society* in Stevenage. The timetable is as follows:-

12.30	Arrive. Glass of sparkling wine to be served in the showroom.
1.00 pm	Lunch with wines to be tasted.
2.15 pm	A talk given by a member of the Society staff on the wines tasted during lunch. Questions answered.
2.40 pm	Tours of the Duty Paid and Custom Tax Warehouse and Members' Reserves.
3.30 pm (approx.)	Departure.

Cost £15 per head. Limit 30 persons, so book early with Santo Mann, Tel: 071 477 2831. The Wine Society's showroom is in Gunnells Wood Road, Stevenage, Herts.

MODEL ENGINEERING

Hubert Carr has various events in hand. More news to follow. A little bird tells me that there will be a C.E.C. visit to Archie Shaw's garden railway on Sunday June 20th – picnic and barbecue. Families welcome, contact Hubert Carr.

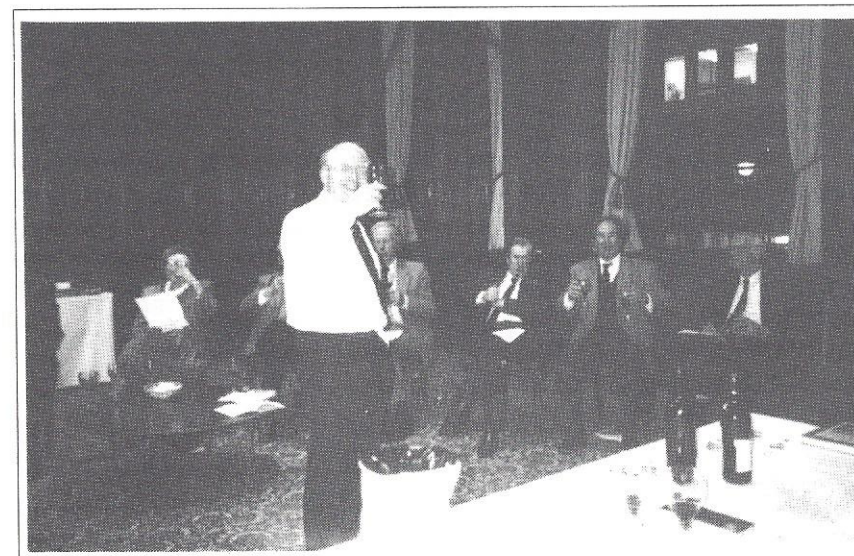
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Ian Wilson

*Stuart Mustow
1992 AGM*

Mary McBride



Peter Morice in action following the AGM