

20 February 2002 Mrs Dawn Austin 56 First Avenue HOVE East Sussex BN3 2FF
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Dear Mr Gimson, --- ~~~~ --- - - --- Please find enclosed cheque for £25 for subscription
of the Bobcat & Catalac Cruising Association newsletter, which I would prefer to
receive by post. Please accept my apologies for the delay in settlement. I was sorry to
hear of the sad loss of Mary Lack, who was such a figurehead of the association with
boundless amounts of enthusiasm She will be missed. Whilst writing, I would like to
make a couple of suggestions for the newsletter; could it include a section 'items for
sale', and indeed, a 'wanted' section? Who knows what goodies other owners have
stowed away which could be useful to someone else! On that score, if anyone has any
spare sails for an 8m Catalac, I would be interested to hear from them The section on
maintenance tips is a great idea. Perhaps this can be expanded to include news from
other boat owners giving their experience of problems encountered and, hopefully,
solutions found, or indeed just somewhere to ask a question that another owner might
be able to help with. Your readers may be interested to know that my husband & I
decided to try a different prop on our 9.9HP 4-stroke Yarnaha outboard fitted to our 8m
Catalac. The outboard comes with a standard 9.25" pitch x 11". We changed it to a
prop of 11" x 11" and found our petrol consumption virtually halved, with no loss of top
speed, or thrust (we even made steady, but slow, progress against Littlehampton's mid-
ebb at springs!). However, Yamaha only supply this prop in plastic and it did not take
long to become dall1aged. So, we found an alternative. Streamlined Props of Unit 17
Cavendish Mews, Grovenor Road, Aldershot, Hants GU11 3EH, can repitch (and cup)
the original alloy prop for an inclusive cost of £35. They can also replace hub centres at
a much lower cost than the purchase price of a new prop. All for now. Keep up the
good work with the newsletter. Yours sincerely =~~~"-- Dawn Austin