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Disclaimer

Neither the BCCA nor Committee will accept any liability for personal injury arising out of participating in any event, rally or race organized by or through the BCCA whether sustained by members, guests, or visitors, or caused by the said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the BCCA.

Boat Owners Third Party Insurance

It is the responsibility of all boat owners to have adequate third party insurance in respect of him/herself, vessel, his/her crew for the time being & his/her visitors.

October 2004

To all fellow Bobcat and Catalac sailors

Hallo fellow Bobcat & Catalac Association members

You will see from the minutes of The Annual General Meeting enclosed in this Newsletter that I was elected Commodore to the newly constituted B.C.C.A. My first aim is to relieve Peter Gimson of some of the many duties he has so manfully undertaken since the death of Mary Lack so that he can enjoy using the boat he has at last completed building.

On behalf of all the members thank you Peter for what you have done.

You will see John Green has agreed to be the technical advisor on the committee. Please continue to send your queries via the newsletter or by email but john will provide the answers. Similarly with the social events for 2005 listed in the minutes i.e. continue to send your queries and suggestions to the newsletter but the answers will come from the particular organizer. I would like to encourage those members who do not receive the newsletter via email to bit the bullet during the coming winter months so that you can enjoy the debates and queries that go back and forth via email. Whether you be novice or an old salt do make use of the winter months by making suggestions as to the running of The Association or raising queries through the media of the newsletter as it is my hope that we have an Association where everyone feels free to air their views.

Jeremy Bretherton of "Allez Cat" 8/184

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BOBCAT & CATALAC ASSOCIATION
AT
The Round The World Restaurant, Town Quay, Southampton
On Saturday 11th. September 2004**

The meeting was opened by the Secretary who explained briefly the necessity for reorganising The Association with a new Constitution and management arising out of the death of Mary Lack.

Those present proceeded to elect Jeremy Bretherton to the chair the proceedings as Follows:-

1. The draft rules which had been formulated from the model provided by the RYA and circulated at the meeting on March 27th. 2004 were formally adopted as the rules of The Association.

2. In accordance with Rule 3. The management of the Association was elected as follows:-

Commodore: Jeremy Bretherton who was proposed by Peter Gimson and seconded by John Green and was elected Commodore of the Association for a term of two years.

Honorary Secretary: Peter Gimson was proposed by Jeremy Bretherton and seconded by Rick Harvey and was elected the Honorary Secretary of the Association.

Honorary treasurer: Rick Harvey who was proposed by Peter Gimson and seconded by Aleck Tidmarsh and was elected Honorary Treasurer of the Association.

Committee: Bob Freeman, Sue Gimson, Andy Carr, Linda Carr and John Green as Technical Adviser together with Maggie Smith as overseas member were elected to the Committee en bloc.

3.Accounts: Rick Harvey presented the accounts for the year ending 1st. September 2004. After his explanation of them they were duly adopted by the meeting.

4. Any Other Business:

4a. After the Commodore had expressed his view that it was essential to give members as much advance warning as possible of the calendar of events so that diary entries could be made. The meeting then discussed possible future events and agreed the following events.

Saturday 29th. January 2005 a lunch time “**Meet and Eat**” properly in the Southampton area. Members being encouraged to notify the Secretary of suggested locations.

Saturday 26th. February 2005 a lunch time “**Meet and Eat**” in Lymington to be organized by The Commodore.

May Day Bank Holiday Saturday 28th. April to Monday 2nd. May 2005. at Bembridge Isle of Wight to be organized by The Commodore.

Spring Bank Holiday Saturday 28th. May to Monday 30th. May 2005 in Poole to be organized by Aleck Tidmarsh incorporating an evening meal at Poole Yacht Club and a Bar-B-Q on one of the private islands in the harbour.

August 2005 a rally to involve those with children and grandchildren covering more than just a weekend to be organized by Andy and Linda Carr.

First Saturday of The Southampton Boat Show (September) for the Annual General Meeting.

4b. The Secretary stated that it was his intention to produce an up dated Owners Register by March 2005. In order to do this he needed the co-operation of members to notify him of changes. Publicity would be given in future News Letters.

4c. John Green suggested updating the heading of The News Letter. This was discussed with numerous suggestions being made to the Secretary all of which he agreed to consider.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the bar.

The draft rules which had been formulated from the model provided by the RYA

BOBCAT & CATALAC CRUISING ASSOCIATION

RULES 2004

1.-----NAME AND CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a. The Association shall be called **Bobcat and Catalac Cruising Association** and its objectives shall be to promote and encourage participation in sailing maintaining Bobcat and Catalac Catamarans and such other cruising sailing catamarans as the committee consider synonymous with Bobcat and Catalac Catamarans by the provision of social activities for members; by preparing and distributing to members by means of a Newsletter information articles accounts and advertisements likely to be of interest to members; by encouraging and popularising seamanship in every way.
- b. The Association shall be a non-profit making organisation. Any profits made from Association activities may only be used to maintain or improve the related facilities, or for non-profit making purposes eg. a charitable body. In the event of a winding up or dissolution of The Association such profits or surpluses shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 9.
- c. The Association shall consist of A Commodore, A Committee, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer and Members.

2. THE ASSOCIATION BURGEE

The Association Burgee shall be the same as the one currently in use namely of triangular shape depicting a red cat riding the waves.

3. ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

Control of The Association shall be vested in a committee to be called the "Management Committee", consisting of the Officers. The Commodore who shall act as chairman at committee meetings and any Annual or Special General Meetings, and four elected members. There shall be a quorum at committee meetings when four persons are present.

- a. The Commodore shall serve for a term of two years. The Term shall commence from the conclusion of The Annual General Meeting at which the election has been made. The Commodore shall not be eligible for re-election until at least one year after the conclusion of that term of two years.

- b. In each year in which there is an election for the post of Commodore the Management Committee shall nominate a Member to fill that vacancy whose name shall be circulated to all members in the Notice of The Annual General Meeting. Any Member wishing to propose an alternative candidate for Commodore may do so at The Annual General Meeting, provided that the name of such candidate, together with the name of the proposer, the seconder and six other supporters has been notified in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than one calendar month before the Annual General Meeting.
- c. Two members of the Management Committee shall retire annually, by rotation, at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election at that Meeting. Any two members of The Association may nominate a Member to serve on the committee provided the candidate has consented and the nomination has been sent in writing to The Honorary Secretary so as to reach him two calendar months before The Annual General Meeting.
- d. Should the position of Commodore or committee member become vacant the Management Committee may appoint a Member to fill the position until the next Annual General Meeting.

4. HONORARY SECRETARY AND HONORARY TREASURER

The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by The Annual General Meeting and shall hold their appointment for three years but are eligible for re-election. The Management Committee has the power to authorise the payment of expenses incurred by the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and the discretion to grant an honorarium to either officer. The Management Committee may appoint a Member to fill either office in the event of a vacancy arising, such appointment to continue until the next Annual General Meeting.

5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- a. Meetings of the Management Committee shall be held as and when The Commodore and the Honorary Secretary deem necessary after due consideration as to the availability of other members of the Management committee provided that there shall not be less than two such meetings in any calendar year.
- b. The Management Committee shall be empowered to determine any Membership Entrance fees and to set the level of subscriptions; any increase of either shall become effective as at the 1st. January in any year.
- c. The Management Committee may, at its discretion remove any member whose subscription is six months overdue and take such other measures to recover the money as it shall consider necessary but at the discretion of the Management Committee the name of such member may be restored to the Register on payment of all arrears.
- d. The Management Committee shall submit a report of the years activities together with an annually independantly examined statement of accounts to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There shall be one Annual General Meeting in every calendar year for the appointment of Officers and other general business and the date fixed shall be communicated to the members either by post or through the medium of the Newsletter at least two calendar months before such date. All resolutions shall be carried or otherwise by a bare majority the chairman shall have a

casting vote only. In the absence of the Commodore a Chairman for the meeting shall be elected from members of The Management Committee present. There shall be a quorum when ten members are present.

7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting on giving fourteen days notice to the members, such notice specifying in the form of a resolution, or resolutions the subject or subjects to be discussed, and the discussions and voting shall be strictly confined to such resolution or resolutions amendment or amendments. The Management Committee shall also call a Special General Meeting on the written requisition of ten Members not being of the Management Committee under restrictions similar to those set out in the previous sentence. The quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be twelve Members and no resolution shall be passed unless passed by a two thirds majority of those present.

No alteration or addition shall be made to any Rule of The Association except at a General or Special General Meeting.

The Commodore shall preside at the meeting. If The Commodore is not present the meeting may appoint its own Chairman. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote only.

8. HONORARY MEMBERS

- a. The Management Committee is empowered, at its discretion, to grant Honorary Membership to certain persons. These persons may become Honorary Members by name or ex-officio Honorary Members on account of positions they hold or have held in The Association.
- b. Honorary Members shall have no rights to, or claim upon, The Association, its property or funds, but shall be entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings.

9. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

If, at any General Meeting, a resolution for the dissolution of The Association shall be passed by the requisite majority as specified in these rules The Management Committee shall thereupon at the date specified in the resolution proceed to realise the property of The Association and after discharge of all liabilities divide the same rate ably between all current paid up Members and upon completion of such division The Association shall be dissolved.

10. DISCLAIMER

Members of The Association their guests and visitors may use the facilities of The Association and participate in events rallies or races organised by or through The Association entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that :-

- a. **The Association will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members their guests and visitors.**
- b. **The Association will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of The Association's facilities or out of participation in any event rally or race organised by or through the Association whether sustained by members, guests or visitors or caused by the said members guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect default or negligence of any of the officers committee or servants of The Association.**

- c. Neither The Association nor The Editor of The Newsletter will accept liability for the contents of The Newsletter nor the accuracy of any advertisements placed in the Newsletter and any transactions arising from such advertisements are undertaken entirely at the risk of the participants.
- d. Before inviting any guests or visitors to participate in the facilities of or events rallies or races organised by or through The Association members will draw attention to this Rule.
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The final event this year will be

THE

*******FROSTBITE*******

RALLY

It will be held on the 2ND / 3RD October at the "Folly Inn" I.O.W.

The berthing master is Garry Field. Telephone No. 07887 25922

It is hoped to make this an annual event depending on how many members wish to attend.

please contact Peter Gimson or Jeremy Bretherton.

More email chat on the subject of engines.

Bob/John

On the subject of bigger engines for a 9m, our boat as you know is an oceanic 30 it is very similar under water to the 9m and was fitted as standard with a pair of bukhs, a 20 and 24 these gave her about 7.5 knots, and would push her all day at 6k in all but the most extreme conditions. Our older stbd engine gave up this year and I replaced it with a Lombardini 39 so we now have a total of 60 odd hp. We are a little faster now although still running in I would guess a top end of about 10k the new engine is quieter smoother and lighter than the original and had the water pump etc at the back end which suited our access restrictions, I would expect a 9m to be a bit faster with a similar set up as they are a good deal lighter, although it sounds odd we don't go round in circles, and can now cruise or motor sail comfortably on one engine.

Hope this helps

Howard Scott

Many thanks Howard,

On reading your article I was reminded of a gentleman who worked for Shelby American Racing on the "AC Cobra." He was employed in developing their sports car racing division. They always wanted more speed and his answer, typically American was-- There ain't no substitute for cubic inches Boy! i.e. the bigger the better. They were then increasing the engine's size from 4.7 to 7.0 litre.

I drove one of these 7 litre beasts at Silverstone racing circuit. Drove is not quite the right word aimed is nearer the mark. Blip the throttle and the car rocked sideways from the torque. The track was dry but even at 100mph, full throttle would still spin the tyres leaving long black rubber skid marks. At full chat the vibration and noise was ear splitting. I know this has got nothing to do with sailing but!! The point I am trying to make is that although not 7 litre I am of the opinion that 60HP. Is a little over the

top in your Oceanic and wonder whether your insurance company is aware of the new engine. I also wonder what a marine surveyor would have to say should your insurance Company require a survey. Most modern boats have a stated maximum Hp for their craft.

We are fortunate our catamarans are very safe, tough and often described as idiot proof.

Your Oceanic is not new. To try and put things into perspective, just drive an automobile built in the nineteen seventies or even the eighties and I am sure you would be shocked by the heavy steering, brakes without ABS and suspension that feels little better than a horse cart. Fortunately things have become more efficient, the modern gearboxes and engines are far less agricultural than twenty to thirty ago. Likewise in the marine industry the modern diesel and petrol engines are both quieter, lighter and more efficient. They have vastly improved in power to weights ratio. All this without increasing the cubic inches a boy.

These are all plus points.

Sorry folks it is not all good, the minus points are that they are not designed to be owner friendly any DIY maintenance is limited to the very basics. They require special tools and this equipment required can cost thousands, it also needs specialist training in its use. This all adds up to more expensive servicing and repairs. Should you have a problem it will be put right. Always ask for an estimate before work begins. The offending part will be replaced. But don't forget to ask the specialist who did the job why the gizmo has failed and also what was wrong with the old gizmo—the stock reply is "it's had it mate" Make sure your good lady is out of ear shot then Pluck up courage and Do ask "well what was wrong with it then" The inevitable answer it's^@@@@@@ is more than likely not printable because the truth of the matter is that "the specialist really cant tell you, he is just a fitter who will not check he will just replace. Always ask for the old parts because once the faulty part has been identified it's usually something small inside that has caused the item to fail and the small item can usually be replaced at little cost.

With servicing even minor adjustments, need to be plugged into a computer. This is not the ideal for the sailor when one is cruising many miles from home. The local blacksmith or garage wont be in a position to help even if he is willing too. He may help by ordering the spares that you require, but without the specialist tools he is not able to complete the job properly. The manufacturers are also not bound to honor any warrantee work should it be required.

Can members please inform us of which suppliers and manufacturers from their experience they have been pleased / not pleased with. ED.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

Two 9.9 yamaha 4stroke FT99AE outboards electric start and charging unit,

Complete with extended wire loam and switch panel,

Also two control boxes,

Age of engine 1997 all in good condition,

Two plastic fuel tanks and conecting hose.

£550 each . Phone Ray Badman on 01934631925

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Wanted deisel engine about 25hp

FOR SALE
8 Metre Catalac "Minou Chaud" #115



Refurbished in 2001 to a very high standard. New 25HP Mercury 4 stroke engine with electric start, trim & tilt. New hydrodynamic shaped rudders in stainless steel encapsulated in GRP. Full width GRP spray hood. Full plastic cockpit tent. New windows. New fully battened main and top zipped sail cover. New roller reefing head sail and gear mounted on new stainless steel bowsprit. New electric windlass & Chain. New Raytheon radar & reflector. New Airmarine 400 watt wind generator. New Hydraulic steering system. New Autohelm 4000. New thermal head lining. New high efficiency 12 volt fridge. New cooker. New gas water heater. New electric water system for hot & for cold supply. New toilet. New 20 amp battery charger. New 12/240 volt inverter. New 4 x 110amp/hour batteries. New central cockpit winch. Renewed rubbing strake. Twin Calor & Gaz supply. New 32amp 240 volt shore connection. New boarding ladder.. New nav. lights. Seatrek Depth, Log & GPS repeater. Yeoman chart plotter, Garmin GPS, Nasa navtex, Simrad radio. New full sprung double mattress. Rebuilt & upholstered saloon seats around 4 foot square fixed table which doubles as nav station when on passage. New carpet throughout. And much more.

This boat was surveyed and valued at £30,000 this year and the full report is available. Reluctant seller is hoping to buy a larger Catalac and invites offers from interested parties able to complete quickly. Whoever buys this boat will be more than satisfied with it.

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PS DON'T FORGET THE "FROSTBITE"

updating the heading of The News Letter please send your thoughts and designs. **ED.**

