

7/31—Rainy windy day. Stayed on boat. Man from Canadian boat brought us the Sunday paper, so we had a nice read. The p.m. John, Ann, Kathryn from Spindrifter visited. People on Canadian boat know John Letcher and Rusty Bradford. They seem very nice & hope to see more of them. Peter & Marjorie Conlin of Broad Reach invited us to use the Sailing Club. In evening catamaran came loose, and Spindrifter's crew & their friends from two other boats re-anchored it with me getting in the way. Meg burned her fingers on the oil lamp.

8/1—Gale warning & squall in a.m. so moved onto Tresanton's mooring. Turned out to be a false alarm & quite a nice day. Meg & Amanda took ferry into Falmouth; Tim & Mom went to beach. Dad sanded the toe rail. In the evening Geoff & Jayne Janis, 53 Farlow Rd., Northfield, Birmingham B313AH, tel. 021-476-3761, and Jim Butcher 021-440-2612 came over & we had a nice visit. In morning Geoff had gone down in his diving outfit & cleared the remains of the log line from our prop shaft and put in a new zinc.

8/2—Too rainy to varnish, so we all went into Falmouth by ferry & did the laundry & some shopping. Marked the anchor chain with paint when we got back, but am afraid it will wash off, as I neglected to get the salt off the chain first. Markings are:

Yellow	30 ft.
White	60
Blue	90
Yellow/yellow	120
White/white	150
Blue/blue	180
Yellow/yellow/yellow	210
White/blue/white	250

8/3—Day started beautiful & we thought we could varnish. Then clouded over. Brian & Chris Cadby came visiting & we varnished about midday. Went to sailing club for showers in p.m. Met Marjorie Conlin & invited them out for the next day for a drink.

8/4—Went to St. Mawes Castle in a.m. Cadbys came for a sail at 1:00 & we went over to Helford & back. It was a very



nice sail with about 10 knots of wind. Helford looks very nice & we plan to go back this weekend. After dinner Peter Marjorie Conlin came for a drink. Turned out that they know Michael Mandes very well. They have invited us for lunch next week. Called FNB and asked for wire transfer.

8/5—Girls went into Falmouth on ferry. Mom & Tim to beach. Dad changed oil & filters on engine @ 59 hours. Some sludge in filter bowl, so disassembled & cleaned it. Still have to do rest of 50-hour service. Sailed over to Helford River in p.m. and anchored off Durgan. Very peaceful & pretty. We are managing to get along o.k., although we have had some tense moments. Girls have been super & Timmy is very good although in grave danger of being spoiled (if he isn't already).

8/6—Went ashore at Durgan. Gardens are open MWF, so won't be able to see them for a few days. Walked along the shore to Mowman church.

The church is beautiful & the view extraordinary as it is upon the top of a point looking out on the channel. Came back along the roads and had lunch at a pub in the town of Mowman. Lots of shops there but we didn't really explore. Mom, Amanda & Timothy went to the beach & Dad & Amanda back on board. Dad finished up the 50-hour maintenance on the engine. We all pitched in and virtually all of the sanding for the rest, of the brightwork is done. After supper we had showers by going in swimming & washing with Joy. Then we washed off the salt water with fresh water on deck. Mom washed her hair below. Later we did some polishing on the stainless. If we get a good day tomorrow we will be pretty much done with the cleaning from the crossing. Lots of people come out to peer at Felicity even though we are anchored quite far out. At first it is flattering, but after a while it gets to be a bit of a nuisance.

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8/7—Finished off the varnishing today. Mom & the kids went to the beach. Mom was a bit despondent, but suspect it is homesickness. Everybody much more cheerful in the evening. Had a good game of Scrabble after dinner. Mom managed to get the 'Q' on a double word score & then to use it again later in the game. Dad was stuck with the 'Z' at the end. The weather continues to be beautiful. The anchorage is a bit rolly so we all felt a little sick at one time or another. It feels good to have the varnishing out of the way.

Would be good to have a light anchor to use as a stern anchor to hold the bow to the swells.

8/8—Went to Glen Durgan gardens in a.m. The gardens were beautiful. They consisted of trees & large bushes planted over a valley leading up to the house. There was also a laurel maze, which the girls & Tim enjoyed greatly. After gardens, moved down to Helford where we picked up a mooring & Dad went to look for the "mooring master" (Jim Stevens). Turned out there were no moorings heavy enough for us, so we anchored upstream of the pool. After lunch we took the dinghy to Porth Nevis & then up Frenchman's Creek. There was a swing in a tree at the end of the creek. Had dinner at the Shipwright's Arms in Helford. It was a do-it-yourself barbecue & was very good. Have anchored with a trip line which is presumably an improvement, but would be a great asset to have an easily set stern anchor. About a 20 lb. Danforth with 200' of 5/8" nylon would be good.

8/9—Motored with jib set to Falmouth in an easterly wind. Picked up mooring & had lunch as it was dead low on a spring tide. Went into dock to get fuel & water & then got one of the visitors moorings from the town. Into town to do laundry

& shopping. Dinner & Scrabble on board. In the middle of the night another boat showed up & rafted up with us.

8/10—Found ourselves alongside Pelagic, which was built in 1952. They had had trouble coming in because of old charts which didn't show the new cardinal buoys. Went back into town for a stern anchor & fishing gear. Ended up with a 10 kg. Bruce anchor. Will be interesting to see how it does. The man running the chandlery claimed that they are great & that the Danforth bends when the direction of the strain is changed suddenly. Motored to St. Mawes for lunch. Fixed up weather cloths & greased & adjusted steering gear. 2nd reef point in main will definitely need a sailmaker. Barbara feeling rather homesick, but the rest of us are in good spirits & the weather continues to be terrific.

8/11—Went to bank in a.m. & picked up money which was



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wired in. Amazed that this worked smoothly. Bill, Meg & Amanda took ferry to Falmouth for shopping & lunch. Barbara & Timothy visited the Cadbys. All to Cadbys for dinner. Had super meal & good time. Timothy loved to run in the garden.



8/12—Into town in a.m. to deal with the packages we shipped from Hinckley's. They went by sea instead of air & are now in Barking & we don't have the bill of lading to get them released. All of this took about an hour on the phone to sort out. After this we all went to Peter & Marjorie Conlin's for lunch. (Broad Reach, St. Just-in-Roseland.) Met Michael Mandes' sister & brother-in-law. He is in banking in Hong Kong. Later rescued a dinghy which had snapped its centerboard & been blown on the lee shore on the south side of the harbor. Towed them back into the inner harbor with the dinghy.

8/13—Went for walk to St. Anthony's Head in a.m. Meg & Dad saw boats anchored off coves & beaches on the point & we took Felicity around & had a picnic on a small beach in front of a deep cove. After Timmy's nap went ashore for the parade. Watched it with Jean Cadby & Joyce (her neighbor). Afterwards had a drink at The Rising Sun & then dinner at the Buttery.

8/14—Left for Fowey about 10:40. Motored for an hour with main up & then set jib and turned off engine. Sailed the rest of the way. The coastline was spectacular. Both Nare Point & Dodman Point really stand out. Fowey is very crowded. We are anchored just SW of Penruth Point on the edge of the swinging ground. It is Fowey Week, and a lot of boats are coming in for the racing. The weather has been consistently beautiful—sooner or later our luck will have to change. Are reading The Hobbit with the girls & they have really become interested in it so we are reading twice

a day! Timothy was rather distressed by the sailing and wouldn't leave Mom. The girls were also a little sick & turned drowsy. Later moved up the river to between the boat house & ferry at the HM's suggestion. Town very pretty in the dark.

8/15—Into town in a.m., grocery shopping and showers at the Yacht Club. Dad & Timothy checked out the laundromat, which turned out to be rather inconvenient. In p.m. a whole raft of boats came in and anchored on top of us. Spent some time fending them off. Later most of them moved & one ended up rafted up with us. They were from Plymouth & recommended the Mayflower Marina. In the evening we went up to Foy Hole & saw the crowning of the carnival queen. Then did Flora dance down the hill behind the band. Topped it all off with a visit to the aquarium. Mom & Meg report feeling a little ill.

8/16—Went into Polpean to get petrol for the dinghy. Then we all went up the river to Lostwithiel. Had a walk around & a pub lunch at Lostwithiel and then came back down with a stop at St. Winnows. River very pretty & wandered through a marsh. The loading installation for the china clay is most impressive & has turned the whole valley white. It is still fed by old four-wheeled goods vans.

Ended up with a man & two kids in a power boat alongside. Went into town for the Mevagissey Male Voice Choir in Parish Church. Concert was great & included hand bell ringing.

8/17—Sailed to Plymouth. Nice southerly breeze about force 3-4. Set staysail & made 6-7 knots. Kids were all sick & Timothy threw up. Came into the Mayflower Marina which seems very nice. Cleaned the boat, ourselves & our clothes. Visit in the evening by an English family setting out for the Caribbean.

8/18—Walked into Plymouth in morning and went to Dingles, which is owned by the House of Fraser, which owns Harrods. Bought some food & a visitors book. Took a taxi back. Laundry in p.m. Girls had showers. Rained for the first time in

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Plymouth



two weeks!

8/19—Meg & Dad picked up car & then we all drove to Moorwhellean, which is a restored port & copper mine. Spent the whole day there & had a trip down the copper mine & in a cart behind horses. Slide show gave rather unfair treatment to Duke of Bedford. He didn't want his land dug up & slide show couldn't see this point of view. Later drove through Dartmoor. It was very beautiful & we saw wild ponies, sheep, and cows. Also went past the prison.

8/20—Tim & Jill Spooner and Matthew, Will & Edward came down to visit us & Nick & Ellen Hughes, who are with Nick's mother in Tavistock. We all went to a pub on Dartmoor called The Elephant's Nest which had been open as a public house since the 16th century. The pub was super and the food delicious. English food has improved immeasurably since I was here. After lunch we walked up into the moor along the river Tavy. Meg, Dad, Tim & Nick climbed to the top of a tor. Later the Spooners came back for supper on the boat. We had take-out chicken & curry & a very nice wine.

8/21—The whole party (Beans, Spooners, Hughes) went into Plymouth for the day. Went to the Barbican and the Hoe. What



remains of Plymouth after the German bombing is very nice, but the new buildings are rather bad. Had cockles, jellied eel, baked potatoes with butter & cheese on the waterfront—much like Quincy Market. The baked potato machine was built in 1845 on New Street, which was new in 1541! Later Spooners came back with us for tea. This was the first real rain we have had on the trip. It is really a relief to get some after such a long dry spell. Certainly the countryside needs it. We are all exhausted from touring & need some rest. We seem to be adapting to the life pretty well & everyone seems happy, although Meg has been a little depressed & may be a bit homesick.

8/22—In a.m. Dad & Amanda went to Immigration & shopping. Immigration officer did not understand one-month pass which I was given in Falmouth & stamped my passport for six months. After filling water tanks etc. we left for Newton Ferrars at about 3:30. Moored fore & aft abreast another boat in the river Yealm. Found we need more, bigger & longer dock line. Also lines with shackles for the mooring buoy.

8/23—Key #s: outboard 3868 Master; main hatch D8707 Duo; other H267 Northeast. Walked into Newton Ferrars in a.m. and across to Noss Mayo, as it was low tide. Very pretty little house on shore called Kiln Quay. Had big door open to water. In p.m. took nap, then motored/sailed to Salcombe & came alongside a large Dutch yacht at Harbormaster's direction. Into town in p.m.

8/24—Shopping in a.m. Possum & Robert arrived in p.m. & met them in Yacht Club. Went swimming in pool at Hotel & had dinner there. Robert is taking our U.S. Kodachrome back to be developed.

8/25—Mom & kids went into laundry in a.m. Dad spliced eyes in some heavier mooring ropes. Later went to Marine Hotel to swim & take showers. So far we have been having a holiday. This is beginning to pall & we will have to establish another mode of living with its own satisfactions.

8/26—Into Yacht Club in a.m. to meet Jean & Chris Cadby, who had brought our cartons. Lunch with them and shipped back two cartons (one belonging to Nils Bruzelius). In the evening



tried to get petrol, but the barge was empty.

8/27—Filled dinghy and mailed two more cartons, then motored to Dartmouth. Regatta on in Dartmouth & marinas full. Anchored between slip and moored boats opposite town. Big regatta on and carnival in town. Went in and rode dodgers & merry-go-round. Meg & Amanda wanted to go off alone & weren't allowed to, so we had a running battle through the streets of Dartmouth. Many old buildings—very interesting. Fireworks in the evening & a sleepless night bumping other boats who came in and anchored after us.

8/28—Motored up to Dittisham & anchored south of Anchor Rock. Mom, Dad, & Tim went into town in afternoon & saw early (1333) church. There was a gray seal on anchor rock. Discovered our multi-colored flag is a "citizen of the world" ensign (?). All went in for a drink at the pub after dinner. Started school in a.m.

8/29—Today is August Bank Holiday & we have no food. Luckily, Dartmouth stores are open. Motored down & anchored next to HMS Achilles. Mom & Meg went in town to shop. Expect to lie alongside pier tonight. (Later) Decided to stay at anchor, but had a bad night because Achilles was preparing to go

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to sea & asked us to move at 7:30 a.m.

8/30—Watched Achilles leave (complete with salute for the town & sailors manning the sides). Then went into Darthaven Marina. Took Dart Valley Railway to Paignton & back in p.m.—beautiful ride behind a real steam engine—Timmy loved it. Later Meg & Amanda went to town in dinghy & rest of us took ferry. Mom & Dad had cream tea & visited church & antique shops. Church was spectacular. Town had no guildhall so they embellished the church instead. (Saw engines No. 7827 & 5239.) Dartmouth has a number of 15th & 16th century buildings & is a very nice town. Later had dinner at the Royal Dart restaurant on the Kingswear side. Had a lovely dining room with French doors onto a terrace and a view of Dartmouth.

8/31—Visited the castle in a.m. and motored round to Torquay in p.m. Visibility about 1 1/2 to 2 miles. HM told us to go alongside wall, which we did, but ferry arrived and we had to move quickly. Lay alongside other pier for a few minutes, then moved into the pontoons which were cleared so we could lie inside since we plan to leave the boat for a few days.

9/1—Picked up car & did laundry in a.m. After lunch drove to Anne Jones' where we will be staying. Had dinner in Exmouth



at Italian restaurant. (Wonder how they ended up in Exmouth?) The Warren is lovely.

9/2—Into Exeter in a.m. Cathedral is stupendous. One of the most beautiful I've ever seen & terrific job of restoration. Then to Maritime Museum, lunch, & back to the Warren. Harbor Master had called & left message that we should return as force 11 gales are expected! Meg & I went back & added extra lines & fenders & gear. Meg made supper, complete with gingerbread & whipped cream, which we shared with the neighboring boat. We never saw anything worse than gusts to 35, but there are 14 ships sheltering in Torbay. Not much sleep at night, but no damage.

9/3—Spent morning with Meg looking for extra mooring lines. Ended up getting them in Kingswear. Saw the Golden Hind in Brixham. She was very interesting, but not in terribly good repair. Shopping in afternoon and a good read in the evening.

9/4—Went to get Barbara, Amanda and Timothy in a.m. Did laundry & returned car in p.m. Gambling in the evening. Lots of 10p pieces in the pusher machines without much luck!

9/5—Left for Weymouth about 10 a.m. Motored to the Portland Bill & sailed the rest of the way. The Race was very



impressive. We went inside at slack water, and there were still big overfalls just outside of us and large areas of dirty water where the sand was churned up. Would hate to see it in bad conditions. The whole trip was 59 miles. It was a bit of an ordeal all around. Meg & Amanda took 1/2 of a Dramamine apiece & slept most of the way. Tim also slept most of the trip. Weymouth is very nice. The harbor is narrow and has, beautiful houses on either side. Tied up next to wall on south side, but decided that there wasn't enough water, so moved over to the other side where we are rafted up with two other boats. Everyone now in a good mood.

9/6—Nice day in Weymouth. Donkey ride for Tim. Up at 6:30 a.m. to help outside boat get out. Had a good shop and a walk up to Nothe fort. Told that Hamble Yacht Services in Port Hamble is a good yard —Speak to Dick Saint, not Ray Kinnish.

9/7—More shopping & showers at the Yacht Club. Had a drink there in the evening.

9/8—Rented a car and drove to Stonehenge, where we met. Howard & Donna Stone! Went to Bath with them & stayed at County Hotel. Stonehenge was somewhat disappointing, largely because it was very badly explained. There were very few signs & they didn't say much ..



9/9—Visited Bath Abbey, Roman Baths, Pump Room & Assembly Rooms. All were superb & well presented. Kids enjoyed this too. Lunch at good pizza place. Then drove to Salisbury & saw cathedral & copy of the Magna Carta. Had cream tea in Salisbury. On way back to Weymouth drove out to Portland Bill to see the race. It was spectacular. Waves breaking in all directions. In no way would I want to get caught there.

9/10—Our 17th wedding anniversary. People on next boat, "Deprival," gave us a cake/wine. Was a nice party. Otherwise had a quiet day on the boat.

9/11—Set off about 9:30 for Poole. Force 5 wind from the NW and tide with us made for, a fast passage. Used double-reefed main as far as St. Alban's Head. Then set about 50% of working jib for the rest of the way up to Poole. Sail worked well reefed. In the Med may put up the genoa since it appears o.k. to sail it reefed. Went into Poole Yacht Club Harbor Marina. Seems rather a dreary place, although clean & new. Don't suppose we will stay long. Into club in evening & called Colin Brown & had a drink at the bar. Kids watched TV upstairs.

9/12—Went over to Cobb's Quay Marina for our mail in a.m. (by taxi). Most of the rest of the day spent answering letters &

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cards. Rather a gray, cold, unpleasant day. All started ampicillin today. Amanda has been on it for two days.

9/13—Rainy, unpleasant day. Cleaned out boat in a.m. Dad did laundry in p.m. Meg quite sick. Started on ampicillin.

9/14—Left boat & went to London by train. Stayed at Basil Street Hotel. Went to. Harrods, Tower, British Museum, Changing of the Guards, McDonald's, Madame Tussaud's, Hamley's—phew! (P.S. Also Kensington Gardens, Science Museum, & Museum of Natural History.)

9/16—Took underground out to visit Tim & Jill Spooner. Went out to dinner with them & didn't get back until 3 a.m. On Sunday (17th) had a restful day.

9/19—Took train to Sheffield to visit the Browns. They live in a lovely restored farmhouse. Was originally property of Knights of St. John (Malta) & corbel stones carry cross to indicate exempt from rates.

9/20—Walk in hills in a.m. Out to dinner in evening. Super meal.

9/21—Drove to York & visited York Minster. Very large &



built on remains of Roman castle.

9/22—Train to London & then from London to Poole. Felicity is very clean from a week's rain.

9/23—SE wind 15–20, so we decide not to go on today. Quiet day at the marina.

9/24—Motored to Cowes in a.m. Needles very impressive with freestanding blocks of chalk on one side and waves breaking on the other. Banged up boat and outboard on the way into the marina because of a strong current running. Spooners came to visit in p.m. Went for a walk and then set up awning and had dinner. Lost part of one of the awning poles overboard. All ten of us slept(?) on board; three in the cockpit and seven below. The marina was very crowded with a racing fleet that came in after us. Boats were rafted up five deep in the turning space in the center of the marina.



Cowes : Le Havre



9/25—Went for sail with Spooners in a.m. Rested & had tea in p.m. Much more peaceful in the marina this evening.

9/26—Went over list of work to be done with John Moor of Graves & Gutteridge. Had diver in to look for awning pole without success. Boat hauled to switch propeller. Spent night in travellift.

9/27—Had trouble getting propeller shaft out to machine it to fit new prop. Finally managed it by removing the cutlass bearing. Are propped up ashore because travellift is in use for hydrofoil with bent prop.

10/6—Showers this morning! Very nice. Clean & lots of hot water. Managed to buy ice after much confusion. Also got a French hose. Meg is sick.

9/28—Rented car & took propane tank to Southampton to be filled. Southampton has a good deal of its medieval wall left & is quite a nice city. After return, Mom, Dad & Tim drove to Yarmouth, which is very nice. We are still propped up in the yard & prop is not yet back in.

9/29—Went to Carisbrooke Castle, Alum Cove, & Yarmouth today. Carisbrooke v. large & impressive. Was site of Charles

I's imprisonment before he was executed. Has 160' well with donkey-powered wheel. Alum Cove has multicolored sands & chairlift down to beach. A real tourist trap, but rather fun. Nice lunch in pub (The George) in Yarmouth. Prop is now back on & compound drying, so we will be back in the water tomorrow.

9/30—Back in the water at last. Spent the day cleaning up and getting gear ready for Channel crossing. Have found a crew for the crossing, so all we need is good weather. (Nigel Luter 294-766.)

10/1—Day on boat with Marjorie visiting. Teppers have given us name which may be useful in canals: Joe Parfitt, Peniche 'Johanna', Mailly-la-Ville, Yonne; (86) 40-44-77. Had dinner with the Graham's (Claudia, Henry, Jeff & Marjorie). Also met Barbara and Gary (?), who are on board Spirit of Pippit & are also going through canals. He was able to give me Rudi's address, which is: Rudi Weber G4FTO Hilbre, Flushing, Falmouth.

10/2—Day on board getting ready to go. Left at 11:30 with Nigel Luter. Sailed in 20-25 knot SW to within 10 miles of Le Havre, when wind died, & motored the rest of the way. Barbara, Tim, Meg & Amanda took ferry.

10/3—Marched all over Le Havre looking for customs without much luck. Now back on boat. Don't appear to be any services at marina & don't know where our refrigerator pump will end up. Went to meet Barbara & kids at ferry at 9:30.

10/4—No problem with customs this morning. Marina will take out mast on Friday & package should be delivered there. Trouble is that there is a train strike & we don't know how long it will take to get here. Beautiful weather, and have taken most of the inside of the boat out to dry.

10/5—Unrigged boat. This is a big job & took most of the day. Beautiful weather.

10/7—Took mast down in a.m. Was a little worrisome as the boat was rocking a little. Have some scrapes on the port side from a small fishing boat which was moored alongside. Mast overhangs more forward than aft. Very tired—it was a lot of work to get everything squared away after removing mast. We took it down