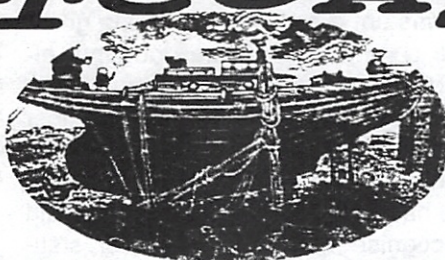


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MID WINTER SUPPER AT THE ROYAL BURNHAM YACHT CLUB 12 FEBRUARY 2000

The first major East Coast event of the season is the Mid Winter Supper at the Royal Burnham Yacht Club on Saturday 12 February 2000. The club will be open for drinks during the afternoon. At 1930 hrs we will dine in the magnificent RBYC Dining Room (ties & jackets/ posh frocks please, chaps, and please book and pay for meals in advance). The menu is Avacado for starters, Duck in orange sauce main plus pudding, cheeseboard and coffee. (*Spare puddings to EC sec please*) No doubt the usual insults will be received from the Crouch Mafia, but if anyone knows of a clean(ish) joke at their expense, perhaps they could contact Brian Hammet, our Vice President, as soon as possible.

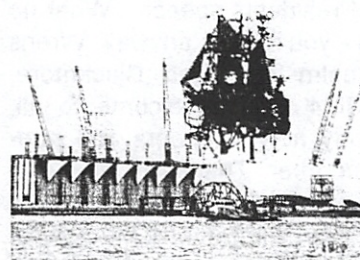
If you wish to eat at the RBYC, please could you send the tear off strip to Denise Rawlinson (TEL 01621 783969) well before 10 February, enclosing payment of £16.50 per meal (+any donation), cheques payable to OGA. Those with vegetarian requirements please mark on slip. For those wanting accommodation, try contacting the RBYC Secretary, who may be able to allocate you a cabin, if surplus to RBYC member requirements. Alternatively there is B & B nearby. The really tough can come by boat, even if their jackets/ frocks do get a bit salt stained on the way.

MALDON TOWN REGATTA AND OGA ANNIVERSARY RALLY - SHANTY EVENING 18 MARCH

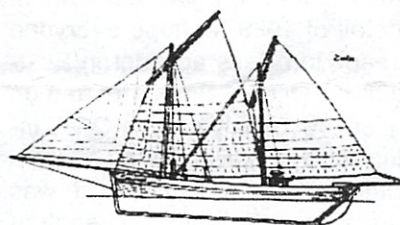
Plans are afoot for an even better event this year. The regatta committee are applying for funding from the District Council and other agencies, as well as seeking sponsorship. We want to have a huge shanty festival ashore as well, the Dutch Compagnie Zangers are on the invite list as well as Shanty Jack and Legacy and co. Afloat we want to try and get 100 smacks line abreast for a photo- shoot off Maldon.

Obviously we need to do our own bit to raise money - the fiver race entry fee doesn't go that far! A nice way of doing it is to come to Maldon for an evening of Shanties, Music Hall entertainment, renditions of Ticky Tacky etc, plus whatever you might like to do as impromptu performances, all for free! We will also make something on the beer as we get this at cost. The evening starts at 7.30 in the (Pre-Blairite) Labour Hall near the church. There will be rolls and drinks for sale. Entry is a fiver- please return the tear-off strip on page 5 to Jon Wainwright..

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STOP PRESS: VKSJ EUROPEAN CHALLENGE CUP

Brits beaten by Dutch, but get
silver and bronze!

1 Morgaine (Ned)

2 Vashti (GB)

3 Maryll (GB)

(out of 300 boats' results in recognised races in 1999)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 1999 AT SCHOONER CLUB, WOOLVERSTONE MARINA

Brian Hammett welcomed members to the 36th A.G.M. (50 + by the end of the meeting.)

1. Apologies : Jagos, John Robinson, John Martin, Richard Taylor, Clare Catchpole, Brian Green

2. Vice Presidents speech : What no address - you'll get it anyway : Wrens Park, Chelmsford Road, Blackmore, Essex CM4 0SG. Welcome to all, particularly new members and non-gaffer member. Thanks to all Committee and non-Committee members for their hard work during the year at the many events with particular thanks to Phil and Wendy Whetherall. As there had been more events than ever and fewer people to run them Brian made a extra plea for assistance next year both on the Committee and at individual events. For detail of 1999 he hope everyone had read Hon Secs account in Eastcoaster 37 (Oct.99). Brian reported on activities on behalf of the OGA including the Royal Burnham Committee Dinner, when in America he was able to "spread the word" on behalf of the OGA, and discover "Optimists" built 1918-20! He requested input from members present concerning next years programme - later on the Agenda. He hoped there would be additional help to run events - please bear in mind that he and Avola would be going to St. Petersburg from May to August.

3. Minutes of 1998 AGM. Since no-one could remember - again (they were printed in Eastcoaster last January). They were assumed to be accurate. Proposed: Arthur Keeble, 2nd: Jane. In favour - those present.

4. Secretary's Report: This had been printed in Eastcoaster 37 (Oct.99) Jon Wainwright had a few extra comments. The East Coast Classics had been an excellent event.. Europe Week had been rather disappointing. He felt the East Coast and Central OGA should have made more of it publicity wise. The European support

was definitely lacking. So financially it was not a success but racing good. He commented on the doughnut effect with lots of people around, particularly Suffolk, but lacking member numbers on the Blackwater despite the number of eligible boats. He said he had come by boat so people could recognise him in his natural state (?) At Jon's request Sue Taylor reported further on Europe Week and East Coast Race giving background on the running and financing as the East Coast Area had contributed £500 toward the former and ½ the entry fee for the latter to West Mersea Yacht Club. WMYC had supplied the advertising, produced the race programmes, provided the start and support boats (other than Sparerib) and supplied the shore venue. It had been regrettable that sponsorship had been withdrawn and that nothing had been forthcoming from the E.C.Y.U. nor O.G.A. Central. Still a very sore point with the East Coast Area, and a matter to be aired at the National AGM Brian asked if the year's programme had been liked. Paul Wright gave thanks from the floor to the Committee for an excellent year.

5. Treasurer's Report: "G'Day" from Denise (and comment on who had won the rugby). Thanks to Ipswich for 2 mailshots, Fox's for 1 mailshot, Harbour Marine, West Mersea Yacht Club, and in particular to members for donations.

Total in the bank : deposit £532.37 (including interest) + Community a/c £558.60 = £1,090.97, so we are slightly down on last year (£1,253.29). Current a/c is now called "Community" a/c and Barclays have agreed to continue to waive interest and no charges. Brian remarked that we had started the year with £1,000 on deposit and for this reason Central had refused funds to support events by paying for advertising of "national" events - Europe Week. He said he would again be taking up the matter of funding at the Central AGM. He thanked Denise for again doing a fantastic job -

Barclays' loss was our gain. Arthur Keeble commented that the funding issue had been going on for 30 years!! It was thought to have been

resolved. Sue remarked that it appeared Central had gone back on that decision. Brian/Jon to address matter in January. Paul Wright proposed accounts be accepted, 2nd Jeff Osborne, Unanimously accepted. Brian signed the accounts.

6. Refreshment break - Meeting reconvened at 19.10.

7. Log competition - Wainwright in charge this year. He said he had lost the best one over the side when lightening ship while racing Bona to Woolverstone. This left 3 entries. Colin Swindale in Telegraph, Martin Scannall in Sauntress and Rob Williamson with Ian Wright in 2 Vertues. Colin had recorded Telegraph's adventures sailing to Gravelin, the indulgence in hospitality and resultant short crew start for home. Sauntress visited Ireland and Dartmouth, a tricky harbour with no engine, little wind and a swell over the bar. However, the winner of the Francis B Cooke Trophy was Rob Williamson for his wonderful record of his 107 day holiday which included lots of photos and narrative, charts, deck log and hand written day notes. Jon thanked the competitors and looked forward to a good entry for next year.

7. 1999 Events : Brian believed that Ipswich no longer clashed with the Fish Festival but had not got a finalised date. He had been to a "debriefing" meeting and had voiced the OGA's concerns arising from Ipswich 99. He was promised there would be "class" parking - smacks together, classics together, etc and not all of a muddle and shoved in a corner with loos miles away. He told them that there was likely to be a change to format of East Coast Classics and, together with the "been there done that" feeling, there may be fewer OGA/Classic willing to go to Ipswich next year.

Jon reported that Waverney District Council had a budget for promoting the maritime heritage of the area, which might include Southwold and a rally at Lowestoft. The Fish Fayre funding was already agreed. He reported that David Cade (OGA

"World" President) and South Coast were organising a gathering at Eastbourne 6-8 July - Free moorings! Maldon Town Regatta would be in September. Royal Burnham Dinner - March? 12 Feb. was decided on. Brian told of how Shotley had run for 9 years before Ipswich "killed" it. Now more events than ever causing fewer attendants at individual events. Committee are considering running "linking" rallies to set events and the East Coast Classics being a "Series". Tessa and Paul both felt it was better to be able to "book" a definite week/ten day holiday which included some cruising, some static socialising and a few races. - Thanks were given to "Good Intent Trading (NZ) Co Ltd" for excellent barbecues - In order to implement suggestions Ian Wright suggested Election of Committee at this point.

8. Election of Committee : Brian Hammett, Jon Wainwright, Denise & Trevor Rawlinson, Ian Wright, Graham Wadson, John Krejsa, Sue Taylor, Don Windley and Ali Inglis all agree to stand (and did so members knew who they were) and were duly re-elected. In addition, Mike Roskell, Paul Wright and Tessa Mackenzie volunteered and were duly elected by common consent.

Brief return to 2000 Events - D Cade had asked East Coast members to keep July clear for Eastbourne event! It would be entered in the list for member to note. The Europa (square rigger) would be near Tower Bridge for New Years Eve then sailing back to Ipswich on 2nd Jan. Tickets available - ask Don Windley.

10. Members Questions : None

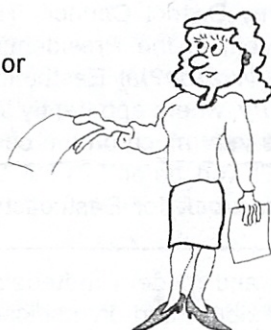
11. Relevant Matters for the OGA AGM in London : Brian and Jon to attend National Committee meeting prior to AGM. Clarification would be sort concerning funding. Rob Williamson strongly requested that the £500 for Europe Week be returned to East Coast and funded from Central since it had been a "National" event. Jeff Osborne felt there must be a "National" fund from which to assist Areas with advertising, etc, Nationally inspired events like Europe Week.

12. Any other business : Pete the Knife wondered if it would be possible to set up a "Swap shop" so members from

different Areas could get to each others events and have some where to stay (with locals) and boats to crew on if it is too far, too rough, whatever, to get their own boats there. Jon briefly explained the National Historic Ships List (a bit like listed buildings). Started by "Admirals" so had started with mostly large vessels. Progress is being made but very slowly. Heritage Afloat would like to produce a data base to gather Gaffers, barges, narrow boats, etc, to fit in with the "Core" collection in time. Don Windley commented on possibilities of gaining funds to assist in restoration work if a boat (like Kate) in on "the List". It was felt that the criteria must be changed and the 40 ft rule amended.

As supper was smelling good and the Barnacle Shanty Band ready and in good voice, Brian closed the Meeting at 20.15.

Susan J Taylor
Minutes
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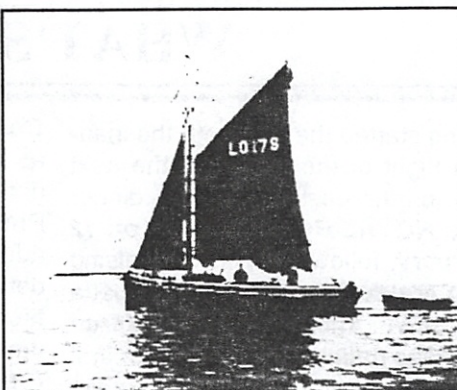
SUE TAYLOR COLOURING COMPETITION 1999 WINNERS

1. S Johnson
2. C R Taylor
3. A N Blackadder

NB 2000 Competition- for those who can't be bothered reading the minutes, colour picture of Sue Taylor and return to Brian Hammett instead

LOG COMPETITION

- 1 MAID OF TESA
- 2 SAUNTRESS
- 3 TELEGRAPH



What the minutes did not say was that at least another 50 slunk into the meeting after the boring bit had finished, and a very good party was had by all - at least that was my memory, after Sue Taylor (38-28-43-no lies) gave us all a scintillating display of her evening ware. I seem to remember seeing my favourite Swede Lena Reekie from Faversham, who, although was only recently out of hospital after major injury, made a tremendous effort to be at the party. I would also like to warn members about a moving pontoon at Woolverstone Marina. I did notice the pontoon was black and tarry and had a derrick rigged when we tied up, not the standard Walcon variety, and the slats on top went the other way. But it was a very good pontoon, with full facilities, which I have used on several occasions in the past without any problems other than a mild hangover. Imagine then my concern when looking out of a port hole in Deva when I saw the land moving by at increasing speed- I checked my lines- they were still secure. It was the pontoon which was adrift. This pontoon then set funny brown sails from its derrick and we went barreling down the river Orwell, much to the mirth of spectators. We were deposited somewhere off Col-limer, and left to make our own way home.

Many thanks to the Lady of the Stores (Ali) and Don Windley (Good Intent Trading Co (NZ) Ltd) for organising the shore side.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2000

Having started the year with the inaugural flight of the Zeppelin, the next event on the east coast is the dinner at the **ROYAL BURNHAM YC on 12 February**, followed by a fund raising do at **Maldon** for the Town Regatta and OGA Anniversary on **March 18th** - see details elsewhere. The first sailing event will be the **Foulness Island Rally**. We anchor off Quay Reach on Sunday **30 April**, go ashore and walk across this very quiet island to the George & Dragon for a meal - it's like going back 60 years in time- no traffic, just fields and farms. But it is MOD property. Next event is the **Crouch Rally**, which is based at the Royal Burnham Yacht Club at the Whitsun weekend (**27-29 May**). The sailing / racing won't be the same as last year, we'll do our own thing a bit more. Less than a fortnight later we have the **Three Rivers Millennium Festival** at Haven Ports Yacht Club Lavington, **9-11 June**. The OGA have been invited to take part in the celebrations, which will include parties, barbecue's, gala dinners, discos etc., fun for all the family. There will also be some racing to clear the head. **East**

Coast Classics won't be the same as last year, because of the Millennium Celebrations and our Vice President will be a guest of Valadimir Putin KGB in Russia. Final details are being worked out. The first weekend should see us entering the "pond" adjacent to the **Walton & Frinton Yacht Club** on Saturday afternoon (**17 June**), partying overnight, then coming out Sunday afternoon. We will try and fit in a **Swallows and Amazon Race** for the dinghies while we are there. Then we kick around the **Stour and Orwell** for a couple of days, before heading off for **Southwold on 21 June**. We stay a day at Southwold before heading off for **Lowestoft**. On Saturday **24 June** we hope hold a smack/classics race in the morning, followed by the **Fish fayre** in the afternoon. Discussions are at an advanced stage re assistance from Wavney District Council. The next big event is the Presidential bash (**OGA Worlds?**) at Eastbourne, w/e **8-9 July**, where apparently sponsorship is very much on the cards. We are still working on this but a rally at **Poplar dock** for Eastcoasters and

MNK's is being considered for w/e **1/2 July** as a possible feeder. **22 July** is our traditional **East Coast Old Gaffers Race** at **West Mersea** - these have been running on the Blackwater since 1963. After this, there is being planned a **cruise to Holland** (Frisian Islands, then back via the inland waterways to come out at Roompot/ Schelde). **August Bank Holiday** weekend sees our traditional rally at **Walton Backwaters** for a barbecue and a sail back to **Woolverstone** for further partying. Our last sailing event is the **Maldon Town Regatta and OGA Anniversary Rally** on **16 September**. There will of course be several other events organised by other agencies in the area, details of which will be published when they are to hand. So from Eastbourne to Texel, there's quite a lot going on, cruising, racing and partying!

North Sea Sails

'North Sea Sails' is to be the new name for 'Gayle Heard Sailmakers' the firm is currently undergoing a few changes, notably that it has taken on a new sailmaker who is Steven Hall. Steve will work with Gayle and over a period of time a transition will be made from 'Gayle Heard Sailmakers' plus Steven Hall to 'North Sea Sails', but still retaining the old firm with its high standards " Things are working well so there is no need to change any thing except introduce some new blood. Steven Hall is a native of the 'Colneside' town of Wivenhoe, he has spent a decade sailmaking on the East Coast. Steve has made sails ranging from the largest (Square rigger, Sailing Barge and Schooner) to the smallest (Optimist. Duckpunt, Winklebrig), using all tradi-

tional and modern materials, showing flexibility and diversification, are his greatest assets.

Gayle has spent many years sailmaking, he now feels that it is time that he should start taking things a little bit 'easier', he is keen to pass on his knowledge and experience of the business onto Steve over a period. With Gayle's experience and knowledge, coupled to Steve's skills and commitment to the future, they both feel that they have a special commodity to offer boat owners who require a professionally made sail, to the highest standards of design, cut and finish, whether it be a yacht or sailing smack. Gayle's Morecambe Bay Prawner Laura is legend on the East Coast scene, whilst Steve is currently undertaking the restoration of a 28ft 'Leigh Shrimper' called, 'Victorious', built at Leigh by Frank Parsons, in 1945. (tel 01621869367)

EAST COAST OGA PROGRAMME 2000

SUPPER RBYC 12 FEB

SHANTY EV. MALDON 18 MARCH

FOULNESS RALLY 30 APRIL

CROUCH RALLY 27/9 MAY

3 RIVERS MILLENIUM FESTIVAL 9-11 JUNE

EAST COAST CLASSICS MILLENIUM CRUISE 17-25 JUNE

LONDON POPLAR DOCK 1/ 2 JULY (PROV.)

EASTBOURNE 8/9 JULY

EAST COAST OLD GAF-FERS RACE 22 JULY

NORTH SEA CRUISE (TBA)

WALTON & WOOVER-STONE 26/28 AUGUST

MALDON ANNIVERSARY & TOWN REGATTA 16 SEP-TEMBER

ZEPPELIN FLIES BUT EAST COAST SLAMMED

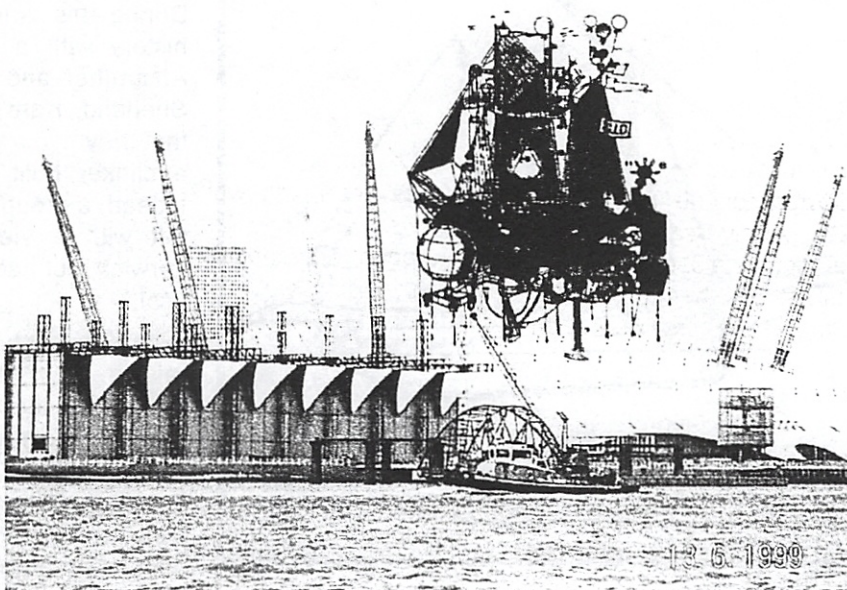
The East Coast Committee came under heavy fire last night for upstaging World OGA President Cade's Millennium Bash at the Dome with the maiden voyage of their magnificent Gaff Rigged Zeppelin Ketch.

"TYPICAL EAST COAST"

"Typical East Coast", he stormed incandescently, "I had the UK President Blair, and his Cabinet, and my full Politburo all as my special guests as well as the Queen when we heard this disgusting laughter and rendition of the Ticky Tacky from above. We had to strike up Auld Lang Syne immediately. I knew it was the East Coast because they were clearly under the influence."

"WORSE THAN EUROPE WEEK"

Brenda Jago, OGA Publicity Officer told reporters "This is even worse than Europe Week. If the other areas hear about this, they will all want zeppelins. I am putting a complete news blackout on the subject. The East Coast need not bother sending any report to Gaffers Log, it's been censored like



the rest of their rubbish already!"

"GROZNY AGAIN"- PUTIN

News of the zeppelin reached Moscow and the ears of Premier Vladimir Putin KGB. "Cade's losing his grip- it's Grozny all over again. If the East Coast sail over here in their zeppelin to top up with vodka, extreme counter measures will be taken." However, Eastcoaster is pleased to report that the Mackenzie Shipping Co was very impressed with the Zeppelin.

"FANTASTIC !" -TESSA

Tessa Mackenzie (19), a senior spokesperson for the line, said "Fantastic! I spent my new year

sourcing alternative docking sites in Edinburgh. There are a few good breweries for refuelling, and there's Loch Lomond nearby where the Zeppelin ketch can heave to for a couple of hours for a kilt filled caille." The Magnificent Gaff Rigged Zeppelin Ketch sailed over Greenwich to Hollowshore on the Swale, to take on board fresh beer supplies and Lena Reekie (MNKOGA), before returning to a secret location on the East Coast. MNK have prepared plans for their own zeppelin, but need to utilise the East Coast's gaff technology with the motorised leeboards. Brian Hammet (93), East Coast Vice President, was unavailable for comment.

RBVC Supper 12 Feb- return to D Rawlinson 24 Russet Way, Burnham on Crouch, Essex CMO 8RB- ASAP

Please book me _____ places at £16.50 + donation ____ each (incl ____ vegetarian)

Name & Address _____

Tel No _____ Cheque (to OGA) £ _____

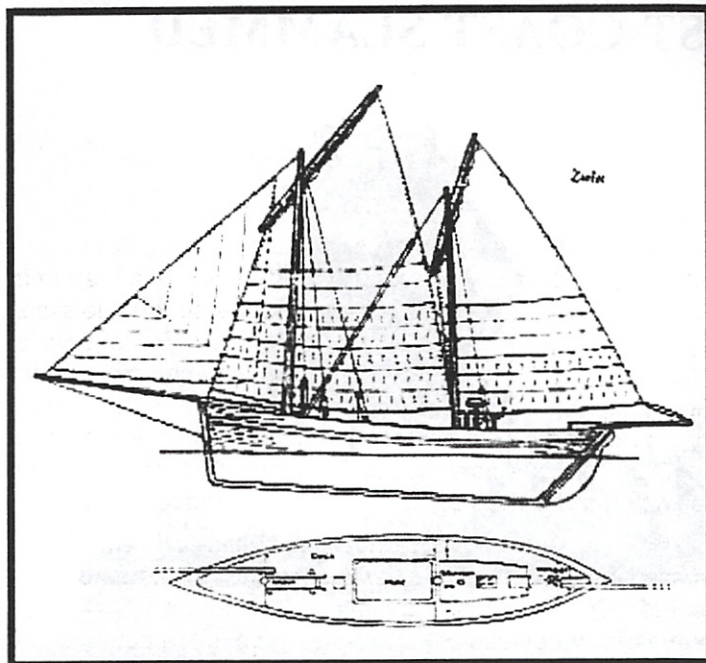
Shanty Evening at Maldon 18 March- return to J Wainwright Portview New Road Mistley, Essex CO112AE

Please Book me _____ places at £5.00 each

Name & Address _____

tel no _____ Cheque (to OGA) £ _____

ZULU KATE



Kate was first spotted by Don Windley when he went exploring Lake Lothing in his skiff during the Lowestoft Smack Race and Fish Fayre. Kate was a sorry sight sunk with her bows up the beach laying on her starboard side with the tide washing through her, half her decks gone and full of thick stinking mud. Despite her forlorn and abandoned appearance, the form of a shapely double ended fishing boat could not be ignored. Don returned to the Trawl dock and sought out his old mate Graham Brewster of the smack Pembeth. "Graham, I think I've found a Zulu" said Don, and a plan was hatched to obtain the wreck, refloat her and begin yet another full smack restoration.

Don, Graham and Alison Inglis, with help of John Lawrence and many others worked through the Winter months to clear the wreckage off Kate's hull, dug out the tons of mud inside and put many lead tangles or patches to slowdown the ingress of water. After many trips up to Lowestoft, they finally refloated Kate at 10pm one cold March night. With motor pumps just keeping ahead of the leaks, she was pulled round beam on to the shore to a position where crane slings could be put round her. In September, the crane, sponsored by HMS Buckley, was booked, and a successful lift was made at midnight in thick fog.

The hull was inspected, and all timber and fittings that were not part of her original construction were removed. She was in a very weak condition, so restoration work was started where she lay. 10 feet of her aft section of keel was replaced, together with aft frames and floors- this was due to weakening with a centreline engine installation. The years of work as a motor trawler had been less kind to her than her years as a herring drifter. By November 1999, she was strong enough to move to Nacton, near Ipswich, where Don and Graham had their workshops. An all weather cover is under construction, new larch planking is cut and seasoning, many blocks and other equipment have been obtained.

During this time, Don had set about tracing her history with a visit to the fisheries museum at Anstruther and also made contact in Lerwick in Shetland, Kate's birthplace. It was soon apparent that they had a very rare hull, the last known hull of a clinker built First Class Zulu Herring Drifter. Indeed, a group from Shetland had been to Lowestoft with a view to salvage and restoration in Lerwick, but had abandoned the project as impractical.

With Kate's future assured, attention turned to fund raising. A "Friends of Kate" Club was formed, based on the idea that in return for financial investment, members would in return receive free sailing holidays on Don's Good Intent & Graham's Pembeth. Alongside of this plan several companies have been approached for practical assistance e.g.. timber, paint, fastenings etc.. Applications will also be made for heritage grants as and when these become available. Kate is a designated vessel in the new National Historic Ships Committee's register. Don and Graham would welcome any OGA members who may be interested to help in any way possible with this fascinating project. (telephone Don on 01473 780918)

KATE LK 126

Built Lerwick Shetland 1910, Hay & Co, as a two masted First Class Herring Drifter

LOD 42ft, Beam 13 ft, Draught 5ft 9in

Rig: Twin Lug, Dipping Fore, Standing Mizzen.

Displacement: 18 tons

Hull Shape: Straight stemmed with 45 deg raked sternpost with full length rudder wheel steered. Flush decked with lowering foremast. Fish-hold and aft crew quarters.

Construction: larch clinker planking on oak frames, stem & stern post. Elm keel. Double ended

Fitted with twin Kelvins 1915, fished as purse seiner until 1939. Partly rebuilt after War fished until late 80's.

