

FC News

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Welcome to the Summer 2003 issue of the FC News. Issue number 22 for those of you who are keeping count. There was no Spring 2003 issue so this one will have to cover that time frame as well.

I'll admit to being a bit distracted this year. Much of my FC News time in the late Winter and Spring was spent polishing off the Falmouth Cutter Newsletter Project, with help from Terry Hill of *Angelsea*, FC #19. The Falmouth Cutter Newsletter Project is discussed in the article at the end of this issue. But, briefly, it's purpose was create new electronic versions of all of the Falmouth Cutter newsletters published before I became editor. These are now available for download from my Falmouth Cutter website at: <http://homepage.mac.com/rwsailor>. See the article at the end of this issue for details.

There seem to be a lot of Falmouth Cutters for sale presently. Advertisements for four are posted on my website, and I know of one more that is for sale. This might reflect the sad condition of our national economy, or it might just be statistically normal. Either way, I hope more of you will write about cruising your boats, describing new projects, or whatever. The more often I receive enough letters, the more often I publish the FC News.

There are quite a few letters in this issue. From the owners of *Dazzler*, *Jaquelina*, *Second Look*, (two from) *Jack Russell*, *Angelsea*, and *Lonsome Dove*. These letters include those from two new owners who have joined our fleet. But, note in particular John Riebe's letter (*Second Look*); he has found an address for obtaining BMW diesel parts.

Finally, I know that many of you have computers, use the internet and e-mail. You are probably familiar with the Unofficial BCC Owner's Website. There the owners (and wannabe owners) of BCCs exchange information about their boats. Recently, someone asked on that site if the Falmouth Cutter owners had a similar website. Well, thanks to Terry Hill of *Angelsea*, FC #19, we now have our own Internet Forum website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/falmouthcutter> I hope you will all check it out, join the group, and post questions, answers, etc there. The Falmouth Cutter Forum can provide yet another way for the owners of our little boats to keep in contact and share ideas.

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Dazzler, FC #1

Mrs. Dorothy Boone (Dot) asked me to write you about listing her Falmouth Cutter in your newsletter. Ogden Boone, her husband, passed away May 24th.

There are photos of the boat on the internet at <http://groups.msn.com/FalmouthCutterForSale/fcphotos.msnw>

The boat is Hull #1 (Nor'Sea Yachts on the placard). I believe it was the first Falmouth Cutter (Nor'Sea 22?) ever built. The interior is first class, all wood w/o a liner, with ceiling strips, teak and

holly sole, so on. It was all done at the factory, and the workmanship is definitely first class. It has a Yanmar diesel. Ogden had a lot of expertise with engines, particularly diesels, and kept this one in prime working order. So despite its vintage, the new owner will not have to be concerned about diesel problems for a long while. The diesel fuel tank was replaced with a polyethylene tank, so no worry there either.

Overall, the boat is ready to go cruising. Unfortunately, Ogden, since his health began failing some months ago, has not been able to keep the teak up and to keep the shine on. Still, the boat only needs a good compound and wax and some good old-fashioned elbow grease applied to the teak to bring the new back. The non-skid is excellent. It has a nearly new main-sail cover.

Dot wants to list the boat at \$39K. Those interested should e-mail Mrs. Boone at:

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Thanks very much Ron.

Jim

From the photos, Dazzler looks like a very lovely example of a Falmouth Cutter, available at a good price. I was saddened by the recent news of Mr. Boone's passing and I hope Mrs. Boone will not have any problem selling Dazzler.

Ron Walton

Jaquelina, FC #8

I purchased Garry Adalian's old Falmouth Cutter last June. I've been e-mailing him and picking his brain about his magnificent old boat the past few months. What a talented man. My boat is like a piece of furniture. Garry bought the hull in 1980 and launched her in 1988 after 8000 hrs. of work to complete her.

The name on the boat is *Jacqueline* and the port is Newport. *Jacqueline* is carved into one of the overheads so I assumed this was the original name. Anyway she'll be *Jacqueline* from here on in.

Garry gave me your email address and phone number and mentioned you are the editor of a Falmouth Cutter news letter. I would be very interested in subscribing to it. Please send information when you get time. Thank you.

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James, you are now on my e-mail list for the newsletter. Welcome to the fleet.

Ron Walton

Second Look, FC #11

I tracked down a source for BMW parts through Boat US on the east coast. The source is: Sealand in Linden, New Jersey. Phone 1-800-225-0004. They were able to send me the zincs for the BMW block, and have a catalog for other BMW parts as well as other engines. So this might be good info for the newsletter since there might be a owners of this engine in early Falmouths. I also learned that the owner of BMW Marine in Svendsen's yard has folded shop and moved to Arizona, so I thought I would save you some leg work. Thanks again.

John Riebe

The thanks go to you, John, for tracking down this new source of BMW parts. All owners of older FCs with BMW diesel inboards will be grateful to you.
Ron Walton

Jack Russell, FC #17

I have been a sea slug this year so boating has not been major item in my life. However *Jack Russell* lives and so does his skipper. Looking for better ahead. Still didn't get up north as promised but there is still time. Enjoyed stories about *Mon Desir* and hope to get with the two again some time. My dogs, home on the hill, and still working thing doesn't allow me much getting away. Boo hoo on me, eh? But the burn is still there. Keep up the good work. The new site looks great. It was interesting reading about going to weather. I had noticed similarly that even when heeled way over might look good, the boat sailed much better when depowered. Happy trails...

Bob Carmody

Another beautiful day here with warm weather. I seem to be spending all my time 'playing boat' as I continue to get *Jack Russell* better and better. Stopped off in Costa Mesa and had great visit with Tommy Whistler and also met the new owner. Again, they make those boats so well. I have finally installed a propane system for my Force Ten as I have fought the urge for some time but finally did it. I have an outside solenoid to shut off the tank with a galley light indicator by the stove. Lots of inventing as you go...Designed a great sun cover which passed with flying colors over the fourth of July. Still marvel at all the great ideas of Larry Pardy. Use the jib downhaul regularly and as I solo most of the time, many compliment the 'just how do you do it?' Used some of those colored plastic tie-wraps and marked my anchor rode at 50 foot intervals. Keep it simple, right... For those of us who have the FC. it is just no problem. I had hoped to get up to SF and sail with you but time it has some habit of getting away too quickly. *Jack* is still the cutest little boat in our harbor. Sail on gang.....

Bob Carmody

Angelsea, FC #19

Thanks for the recognition on the project (*the Falmouth Cutter Newsletter Project -- Ed.*). Frankly, you did the majority of the work. I am sorry I slacked a bit in the past few months. Last night I read all the newsletters that I had seen before. They are a treasure-trove of information on our boat. I especially like the information from Sam Morse and insights from Lyle Hess. That information is great.

I was telling my wife, Mary Ann, that I am hoping I get a severance package from &&&& this year and then take some time off and go sailing for a few months. I have no idea where I am with my employment situation. As I keep telling Mary Ann, "If I get up and drive to the office then I still am employed," and then chuckle. As soon as I decided that a job change could be good for me at this point in my life - it looks as if my time was extended for an unknown amount of time. We'll see, a few months off from work sounds wonderful right now. I've decided to be happy either way.

I like the new pictures added to the FC Site. I particularly like the one of "*Churruca* in Twilight." The dodger and awning look really nice. I want to have one made like that. I don't have any sun protection in the cockpit and nothing protecting the hatch from rains. Do you have one on *Mijita*? Have you considered it?

I also noticed on *Churruca* a Furuno Radar dome up the mast. I think you have one as well on *Mijita*. Do you use the radar? Is it worth the investment?

I am starting my spring cleaning, varnishing, polishing, waxing, inspecting rigging, and TLC for *Angelsea* this weekend. Right now, I am leaning towards leaving *Angelsea* nearby for the next few months until my job stuff works itself out. There is another lake 20 minutes from my home that I am considering docking at. We'll see. The idea of being on the coast of GA and exploring the ICW this summer sounds fun too. I'll let you know.

Thanks for all the work you put into the group. I truly appreciate your work and commitment.
Terry Hill

Having you as an assistant editor on the Falmouth Cutter Newsletter Project was really important. If you hadn't volunteered to help I would probably not have been able to maintain my own motivation to do the Project. It is not easy retyping some old newsletter I had already read several times. But that was necessary to in order to keep the documents to a manageable size; the difference between vector and bitmap graphics for the computer geeks in the fleet. Also, to make some of the graphics legible.

The photos of Falmouth Cutters on my web site originate with the owners. I, too, like the one of Churruca; the lighting is excellent in that photo, as it also is in the photo of Second Look at anchor.

No, I do not have a dodger on Mijita. I used to, but it was a very cheap one that only covered the hatch and was in such bad shape it was only fit to be thrown in the trash, which is what I finally did with it. The frame was thin-walled aluminum tubing and also so poorly made I tossed it as well. I do have an awning. It works very well on hot days to keep the boat cool as it shades the whole cockpit area. But it cannot be used under way.

I have a Furuno radar on board Mijita. I do not use it; the display is at the Nav station. It could be useful in fog, which does occur on SF Bay, but I have not had occasion to need it so far. It might also be useful as an automatic watch for ship traffic at sea. You can set it to come on every 15 minutes or so and search for any targets. Unfortunately, my radar only has an 8 mile range (it is an older unit). And, if you are under sail and the boat is heeled significantly it is possible you will get a lot of sea clutter on the display so you might not be able to detect a target in directions abeam of your boat.

Ron Walton

P.S. The radar antenna also chafes the staysail, so if you get one make sure you have chafing patches added to your staysail.

Lonesome Dove, FC #31

Lonesome Dove, FC # 31, now resides in Mobile, AL. I've parked it outside my workshop to pull all the incomplete interior out and start over. After the "standard" interior I'll finish the exterior. Time line, about one year.

I retired 2 years ago so this will be my new job (with naps any time I wish).

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With a timeline of one year I'll bet there won't be too many naps. Just be sure to have a "thinking chair" in the shop. It is my understanding that is the most important tool for any boat builder.

Ron Walton

The Falmouth Cutter Newsletter Project

In 1997 I began publishing the FC News, but I had not seen a single copy of the previous Falmouth Cutter newsletters. Then, in 1999, I received virtually a complete set of those “missing” newsletters, thanks to the generosity of Gregg McDonald (*Siddhartha*, FC #6) and Lore & Carroll Allen (*Aspeden*, FC #20). I would consider the latter event one of the two most significant for the FC News.

The second most significant event for the FC News occurred in late 2000 when I upgraded my ancient computer. This led me to go “online”, finally, with an e-mail address, internet access, and a Website which I have mostly devoted to the Falmouth Cutters and the FC News. In fact, I have posted all issues of the FC News I have published on my website for downloading by anyone interested. Each issue is contained in a “pdf” file which can be read on virtually any computer using Adobe’s Acrobat Reader software (available for free for both PCs and Macs).

The apparent success of the Website sparked an idea: create “pdf” files for each of the Falmouth Cutter newsletters which preceded the FC News and post them on the website for downloading, thereby preserving some of the “history” of the Falmouth Cutters for future owners of the boats in our little fleet. That is the Falmouth Cutter Newsletter Project.

The Falmouth Cutter Newsletter Project is now complete. Each of the Falmouth Cutter newsletters which preceded the FC News has now been digitally remastered by the work of Terry Hill (Angelsea FC #19/assistant editor) and myself, Ron Walton (Mijita FC #5/editor). The digitally remastered Falmouth Cutter newsletters are all in PDF format, and are all presently available for download on my Falmouth Cutter website at: <http://homepage.mac.com/rwsailor> Go to the FC News page on the website and open the Archives folder. Then look in the "pre FC News" folder contained there. There are 25 files in the "pre FC News" folder, each containing an issue of the Falmouth Cutter Newsletter or a letter to the fleet from one of the editors. The files are each named in the following format: FCNxxaby.pdf. Here:

FCN = Falmouth Cutter Newsletter

xx = chronological number of the newsletter

ab = initials of the editor

y = the issue of the newsletter by the editor ab

Example: FCN04pc2.pdf is the fourth issue of the Falmouth Cutter Newsletter published (xx = 04); it was edited by Paul Christensen (ab = pc; see list below); and, it was the second issue which Paul Christensen edited (y = 2). Note: Those issues with y = * are just letters to the fleet from the corresponding editor, not actual newsletters; they are included for historical completeness.

The previous (to me) editors of the Falmouth Cutter Newsletters were, in chronological order:

Gary Ryan = gr 1981-82

Paul Christensen = pc 1982-1986

Sam Morse = sm 1986

Rex Johnson = rj 1986-1988

Greg McDonald = gm 1990-1991

Ennis Elliott = ee 1992-1993

Brian Wootton-Woolley = bw 1993

Donna Hayward = dh 1994-1995

Everyone who receives the FC News by e-mail has already been notified of the completion of the Falmouth Cutter Newsletter Project. And, I hope you all have enjoyed reading those old newsletters. For the rest of you, who receive your issue of the FC News the old-fashioned way, I hope you will go to your local library and download them from the Internet there. But, if you can’t do that, then I am willing to produce complete sets for purchase. My estimated cost is US\$25, which includes postage for destinations in the U.S.

Ron Walton

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