

We intended this adventure to give us a chance to see the British Isles, mostly from the coast but we also visited many inland places and cities.

To sum up our feelings at the end here is part of the daily log entry for our last day: Pressure 1024.5mb blue sky wind blowing down the river Dart. At 0900hrs we cast off. Both quiet, thinking about going home, leaving GK after 12 1/2 weeks, 'take just a few things, we don't need to clear her out, after all she is not a charter boat! Hurray'. 34mls motor sailed. 1440hrs approach River Plym, rounded Mount Batten Breakwater. We decided that we had better go up to and around B8 (the mooring we left from) to complete our circumnavigation - cannot miss completing it by 200yds! (because of our absence the mooring was sub-let and another buoy allocated on our return).

At 1445hrs pick up C4, weather sunny with an east wind 10knts, moderate sea. We have done it! The eagle has landed, daydream achieved! Jock (who lent us many charts) was on his mooring, saw us pick up and came straight over to welcome us back, very appropriate and much appreciated. Taxi to No 2 for mooring lines, (removed to stop fouling.) make her secure. Tidy up, find jobs to do... clean fenders, hull and exhaust marks, check prop for weed. Finally, reluctantly, leave GK 1830hrs.

Postscript

Good Krack has just returned from a wonderful adventure in the Med this summer. They did 2,000miles in 130 days. Their trip took them from Plymouth, through the French Canals to Cote d'Azur and included Corsica, Sardinia, Italian mainland, Elba and French Riviera.

Places Visited

Waterford -	Reginald's Tower, Maritime Museum, Waterford Glass, Scion Hill Gardens
Dublin -	Guinness Storehouse
Cambletown -	Heritage Centre
Oban -	Oban Distillery, Cruachan Power Station (1km under ground), Loch Awe, Mc Caig Tower
Tobermory -	Maritime Museum
Skye -	Armada Castle and Gardens
Inverness -	Bus Top Tour
Edinburgh -	RY Britannia, Forth Bridge, Edinburgh Castle, Craig Mullar Castle, Rosslyn Chapel
Stonehaven -	Dunottar Castle
Wallsend -	Roman Ruins Hadrian's Wall
York -	Cathedral
Brighton -	Lanes, Volk's Electric Railway, Rottingdean

Golden Eye of Chichester Passage Report - Thailand to Djibouti via Sri Lanka, the Maldives and the Gulf of Aden by Bernard Clarke

After a busy morning dashing around Phuket to buy and fit three new service batteries to *Golden Eye* we lifted our anchor and set sail for Sri Lanka. We soon settled down in good sailing mode for the passage across the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal to Galle some 1100 miles away.

An 'easy' Ocean passage marked with a couple of events to remind us that blue water sailing, even at this late stage, can still catch you out. The first occurred during benign sailing conditions when the mainsail ripped (for the second time) from the luff to the leach. Later we were to spend all afternoon, including three hours up the mast, working hard to get the partly reefed sail out of the in mast furling gear and

down into its bag. Emails to the UK where sent to order a replacement so that it could be sent out to Sri Lanka.

The next event happened, as is often the case, in a split second. Whilst hooking a strop onto the end of the boom, a Westerly feature, I was swept over the side of the boat with the boom as it was not sheeted down. Rather like an unsaddled jockey I just managed to hang onto the outside of the boat, just above the water, with one hand and both my legs gripping on to the guard rails. Whilst we did not finish up in a man overboard situation, the end result was a badly strained shoulder that is still painful three months later. Other than that, the passage to Sri Lanka was uneventful



Bernard and Jean at Phuket