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2008 Round Britain Challenge

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Thank you for finding time to read my fifth newsletter, keeping you up to date with the final preparations for my round Britain trip. The last two years since I started planning this trip have really flown by, and the pace is starting to pick up! Not long now!

If you would like any information with regards to my trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.



In Pwhelli after my first solo sail.



Sailing off the mooring for the final time in 2007.

Preparations for my trip are going really well and I have been very fortunate in the positive responses I have received from everyone I have approached for help. Kemp Sails have kindly agreed to supply me with sails for *Casulen II*. Triarom, a local company have loaned me a projector so that I am able to make presentations to people. With the help of all at BF Internet, my website is live, and contains loads of information about my trip.

There has been a considerable increase in interest from all areas, and I have been fortunate enough to have been shown on Granada News, in the Westmorland Gazette and in the local village newspaper.

SLDC have also been great by awarding me with their "Talented Individuals" grant of £200

Furthermore, Northern Diver have been brilliant in that they have provided me with base and mid-layer clothing designed for wearing under a dry suit, but equally "suited" to sailing.

The last sail of the season was also a first for me, as I sailed *Casulen II* across from her mooring to Pwhelli by myself. Although I had sailed her "single-handedly" before and my dad has spent the majority of this summer trying to leave me to it as much as possible, this was the first time I had been alone on board, and it was a really great experience for me.



Finding time for a bit of sailing, on Ullswater.

Once last year's season was over, we started to reduce the job list, making the final preparations *Casulen II* needed to set her up for me to sail. The main job that I have completed is to make a self-steering windvane. The reasoning behind this was that I needed a Technology project for my GCSE's, and also that it would be a really great achievement if it worked. Another point that I drew into consideration was that I was not 100% sure if my battery would be big enough to power an autopilot all of the time, so a windvane would ease this considerably. (See the most up-to-date information on my website). We have also made a new set of berth cushions out of closed cell foam, to provide yet more flotation if the worst were to happen. Due to the masthead fitting being really cluttered and looking a bit suspect, we have also modified the current fitting to give a more organised, stronger set up. For the final step in deck layout, I have decided to bring all the control lines for the spinnaker and cruising chute back to the cockpit, so I shouldn't struggle to fly a spinnaker in light airs, even when I am on my own.



Instructing with the cadets.

So what have I been doing in the winter months? I've had a bit more time (between revision) to think about the finer details of my trip. I've been able to make a provisional food list, attempt to work out power consumption, decide on what clothing I will need to get, make some passage plans for the "nasties" (Portland bill, Thames estuary etc...). I have also been spending quite a bit of time poring over charts and pilot guides, in order to get a better picture of what I am up against!

Next newsletter: send off!!



Fitting the windvane.

In Brief...

Now I'm 16 my VHF certificate is valid... Other qualifications are all now preceded by the letters GCSE, and I am full on with school and revision. I have been to my 6th form open evening, and am trying to sort out my A levels.

As a result, I don't have much time for sailing, but, having been asked to help train the sailboat handling team for the cadets, I am getting on the water now and again, even if it is a bit chilly!

Once again, I have been fortunate enough to be invited on board *Polar Bear*, at the end of March. This time she will be sailing to Tromso, so we'll be well inside the arctic circle! It could be chilly! A report will follow, both on my website and in the next newsletter.

I have also managed to arrange an astro navigation course for myself, so I will be starting this after Easter.

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