

THE OWNER SPEAKS FOR

Atalanta



Her maximum speed, achieved on this particular passage, 9 knots on the knot master when surfing—considerable periods at 8—it was the best sail we have had in her.

H. F. ETHELLS, RICHMOND DRIVE, WOLVERHAMPTON.

By now the seas had built up a bit and I was a little concerned to see whether there was any tendency to broach-to at the bottom of our wave sliding. With this in mind I kept the keels about two thirds down and found that she behaved superbly. There was not the slightest tendency to broach-to and it was extremely comfortable on the tiller. Alchemy sailed extremely well and I am delighted with her performance under conditions in which frankly I thought she might leave much to be desired.

RONALD BROOKES, HILL COTTAGE, FECKENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

As you know, for the past six years we have sailed a 40 ft. gaff rigged ketch, which under plain sail spread over 800 sq. ft. of canvas. Our two older girls, who this year are 9 and 10 years of age were unable to take anything but a very minor role in our cruising activities. We have found with the Atalanta, under normal conditions they can perform every task required to rig and sail the boat. Raising and lowering the keels, which we keep only 'hand tight' except in very rough weather, is carried out by our six-year-old daughter.

J. W. KNOX, ST. JAMES STREET WEST, MONTREAL, CANADA.

I am very pleased with my Atalanta; not only does it sail very well but I had good experience trailing it behind my 1957 De Soto. I have no difficulty in making the 75 mile trip from Barnegat Bay to Philadelphia going at a speed of around 50 m.p.h. I haven't had the boat off-shore in any rough conditions, but I have been out in very high winds in Barnegat Bay which is six miles wide and about 15 miles long. She has very good stability and after I got used to adjusting the retractable keels for balance, I can now sail in any winds with very little weather or leeward helm.

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..... we cruised down to Falmouth and back. We found her a good sea boat, climbing over almost everything that came along.

J. P. B. MOURANT, CAFFOQUIN, DUNCHURCH ROAD, RINGLEY.

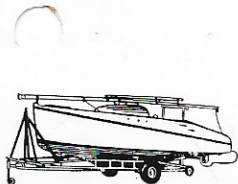
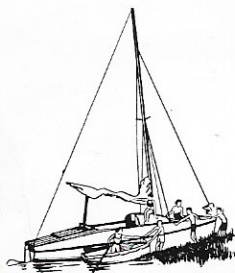
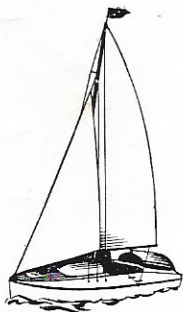
..... crossed from Hamble to the Isle of Wight somewhere in the region of about 20 times and got to look upon the trip as rather like a London bus ride in whatever weather confronted us.

I might add that the asset I have found in trailing the boat has been that I can enjoy my sailing at week-ends at Burnham-on-Crouch due to the fact it is really the nearest spot where I can enjoy a bit of sailing in company. During the summer when the evenings are lighter and I do not mind the longer journey, the boat can be taken down to Hamble and the Solent and I can have my holidays there and one or two other good week-ends.

DENIS S. PLAYER, THE OLD VICARAGE, HELPSTON, PETERBOROUGH.

In the nasty steep seas you get in the Straits she behaves beautifully and is really very dry considering her size and it is impossible to get solid water on board, in anything up to force 8.

LORD STANLEY OF ALDERNEY, GIBRALTAR.



We found the boat to sail very well indeed even in very heavy seas and we had no pounding whatsoever. Also it is an exceptionally dry boat.

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I can honestly say that at no time did I have qualms about her ability to see us through.

SHERWOOD DOULTON, DOULTON HOUSE, ALBERT EMBANKMENT, LONDON, S.E.1.

I towed the Atalanta from Hamble to the North of England behind a Land Rover at an average speed of 27 miles and found the outfit very easy to handle. I launched the Atalanta on a concrete ramp with the help of two men, and managed very well indeed.

PETER PROCTER, TOLLER GROVE, HEATON, MANCHESTER 9.

Even so it was the Atalanta's qualities which made a fortnight's cruise with the three children a practical and enjoyable proposition. Neither did the gales of Cowes week succeed in spoiling our fun. We snuggled at the tops of the creeks when it blew force 8, but growing bolder as our confidence in 'Minuet' grew, we accept the children's view that although force 7 may be a 'bit bumpy,' force 6 to windward was 'great sport'.

I find she will carry the whole working rig in strong winds, but there is no gain. Reefed she travels very fast in an upright position.

I sailed her single-handed quite a lot, which I find simple with a yacht so easy to handle, and after falling overboard once I discovered that it is not only possible, but also more convenient, to handle all sails and gear from either cockpit or fore-hatch, as Fairey Marine intended.

EDWARD BANKS, REXBRIDGE, BURHILL ROAD, HERSHAM, WALTON-ON-THAMES.

Her motion was very comfortable and she did not seem to find the going heavy or make enough disturbance through the water to cause seas to break on us, although we wondered how big they could get before this happened!

G. H. DAKERS, BRENTWOOD, SOUTHGATE ROAD, CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

I would say that the Atalanta is a tremendous advantage for someone sailing in shoal water as I do off Fleetwood and berthing 6 miles up the Wyre. I think the best thing I can say of the Atalanta is that though common sense decided on this boat and I had a deep distrust of the plywood construction, I find myself growing more and more attached to her lines and more and more confident of the design.

H. B. BERRY, OVENDEN, HALIFAX.

At 4.30 p.m. on Friday, July 27th, we left Rugby and trailed Alouette to Bosham arriving there soon after midnight (12.30 a.m.). I towed with a 1936 Riley 1½ litre.

J. P. B. MOURANT, CAFFOQUIN, DUNCHURCH ROAD, RINGLEY.

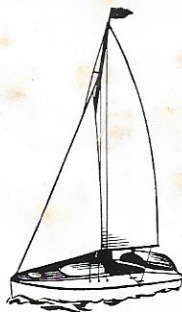
I changed to a small shoal draught Atalanta for the sake of the family. To find that she is a much better sea-boat in heavy weather than my old 10-ton ketch is incredibly gratifying.

E. C. BANKS WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

It is very fortunate that I have had the chance of trying her in gale conditions so early in life for it has given me great confidence in her ability as a thoroughly safe and practical cruising vessel with many overwhelming advantages.

Congratulations on proving my worst doubts almost entirely unfounded. She is an incredibly good boat.

R. BROOKES, FECKENHAM, WORCS.



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