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Day boats

We have featured 3 yachts in this section, as there is increasing interest in the concept of day boats which look lovely, are easy to manage and are also of course, great fun. Martin Farnworth writes about his Tofinou MINX aboard which he has had a ball, she replaces the X Yacht that we sold for him. Philip and Tessa Derby's lovely FREYA, now for sale with Berthon is also featured; as well as the new Rustler 24'. This article has been written by Alan Baines who flies the Berthon banner in the USA in Newport, Rhode Island. The first 24' is now in the US and we will exhibit her at the Newport Show in September.

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Supercar run

Written by Brian May who is Managing Director of the Berthon Group, it features the Supercar Club rally from Brooklands in the UK, across rural France and over the Alps to Casino Square in Monaco. Brian took part in this event this summer.

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Big Spirit's Atlantic challenge

The tale of the Challenge 72' BIG SPIRIT's voyage with the 2008 ARC Rally, written by Kurt Lillywhite who bought one of the 18 Challenge yachts that Berthon handled for the Administration of the Challenge Business in 2007/08. Kurt is an enthusiastic sailor who has purchased and sold a number of yachts with us. Berthon also sponsors the ARC.

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Manned flight and gondolas

Lars Eric Moere and Kaili Kidner bought a Judel Vrolijk 51' from Berthon this year. During the course of the transaction we learnt about their fascination and commercial expertise as balloonists. This article tells you more.

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Hidden anchorages

Linda Dashew has written this great piece whilst cruising with husband Steve aboard their FPB 83' WINDHORSE this summer in Norway. Linda, Steve and WINDHORSE have clocked up an astonishing 40,000 nautical miles in 3 seasons. Berthon market the FPB 64', sister to WINDHORSE. With 4 already in build, other yachtsmen are soon to experience Steve's design expertise and the great cruising that this concept offers.



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A vine romance

Setley Ridge Vineyard is local to Berthon in the New Forest, and this enchanting article written by owner Paul Girling. Any trepidation you have about sampling English wine should certainly be put firmly aside.

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Dreams do come true

Pamela Malcolm and her husband Brian had the stunning 23m Gannon & Benjamin schooner REBECCA built at Vineyard Haven in 2001. This is the story of the adventure of her build and subsequent cruising programme written by Pamela. REBECCA is based at Berthon and is now offered for sale by us.

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Cruise with the New Angel

An enthusiastic yachtsman and Berthon supporter John Burton-Race writes about his legendary restaurant in Devon and his busy schedule. He still finds time for some fishing aboard the Restaurant's motorboat and the results of this can be sampled on the menu.

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Guaranteed respect

The Fastnet Race is a legendary event that is a must in the diary of all serious ocean racing sailors. 2009 is a Fastnet year we asked Justin Chisholm, a freelance journalist with www.offshorerules.com and Berthon supporter to write about this extraordinary race.

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Super sailor to master tailor

An article featuring Keith Musto, an enthusiastic sailor who began his career in National Twelves. After a spell sail making he founded the internationally renowned Musto brand of specialist sports clothing. Amy Smith who is on the Musto team and who's Swan 441 Berthon sold this year, has kindly written this for us.

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Project art

Written for us by Claire Haggard, for Art Contact who specialise in providing advice about the accumulation of art collections, both for private and corporate clients. Art Contact are Berthon supporters who sail in their spare time.

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lifestyle



FPB 83' WINDHORSE in the Lofoten Islands



written by **Linda Dashew**

hidden anchorages

The kettle is on the stove for tea, whistling for attention. The smell of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies wafts across the salon. And we sit, transfixed by the beauty which surrounds us. The sun has begun to play hide and seek with the clouds, creating a kaleidoscope of colours and shadows on thousand metre vertical rock walls, while six waterfalls cascade around us.

We are anchored in the fiord complex behind the village of Reine, in the Lofoten Islands of Norway. Within a day's sail there are dozens of picturesque fishing villages to explore, hundreds of miles of coastline, and a myriad of hidden anchorages. Surrounded by fascinating people, culture, and history, and there is not another cruising yacht in sight. An amazing contrast to where we were just a few weeks ago, ending a month's stay in London at St Katherine's Docks. It is precisely this ability to change our surroundings which draws us to cruising.



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We love the solitude, beauty, rugged people, and adventure of the high latitudes. This time last year we were working our way up the coast of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Labrador, towards the majesty and big ice of Greenland. The two years previous it was Alaska with its abundant wild life (whales, grizzly and black bear, moose and elk). Yet too much of any environment grows old. A month spent on our own in Greenland and we are ready for a bit of socializing in Ireland and the UK. After spring on the Solent and Thames we eagerly look forward to the lower population density of Norway.

Right now we're at anchor on a fifty-foot deep plateau, surrounded by depths of 300 to 600 feet. Our Rocna anchor is securely set, and this period of enforced idleness (mountain williwaws are gusting to 55 knots) will be employed to catch up. We sort photos, work on e-mail with the mobile broadband system, do two loads of washing and drying, and give the engine room a check. A brief work out with exercise bands and weights comes next. Later on in the afternoon we watch a movie, which is where those fresh cookies come into play.



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A cozy night’s sleep transitions to brilliant blue skies and cotton ball cumulous clouds. Perfect day for exploring. We work our way North, but there are so many interesting villages and anchorages to visit it is impossible to decide where to go. We compromise by going everywhere, slowly, taking in the scenery, checking each option, then agreeing one particular spot has the charm to entice us to stop - for a day, or maybe three. We’ll see how we feel tomorrow.

The midnight sun has made its appearance and in a few weeks the Lofoten Islands summer season will start. By then we will have moved on. Maybe Svalbard, Iceland, or the Shetlands. Charts are aboard for them all. We will let weather and whim dictate which way we head. Next year? We are starting to dream about the South Pacific again.



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