



One Boat – Ten Stories

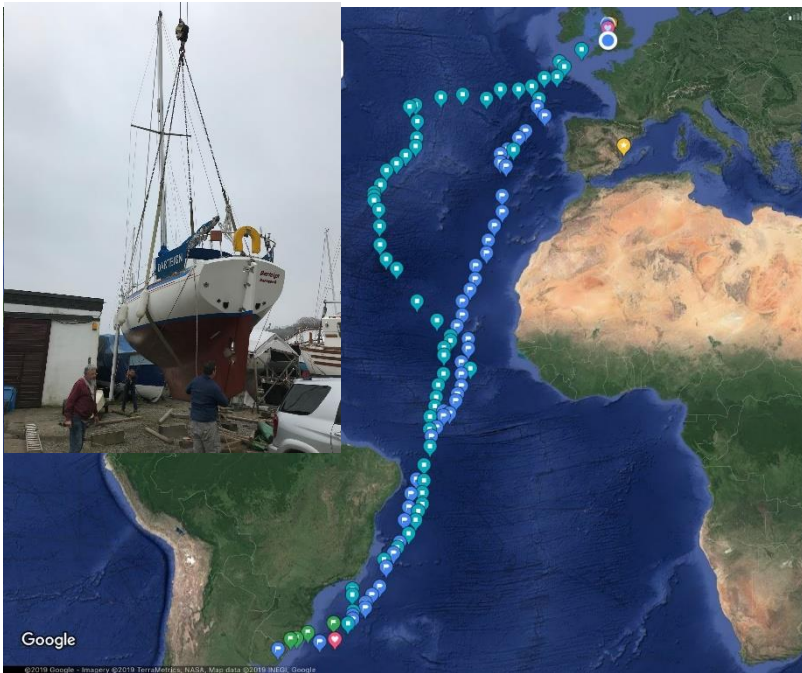
**SOUTHAMPTON
INTERNATIONAL
BOAT SHOW**

16-25 SEPTEMBER 2022

18 September

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In 1890, 130 years ago, my Great Grandfather, James Witheridge sailed a three masted Barque called Iron Queen to Argentina. They were delivering Railway Sleepers and Lines for the construction of the South American Railway system.

In those days, sailing ships could still compete on these routes due to their cargo capacity and lack of fuel costs. I had been given the Log Books for these journeys by my father and on reading them felt compelled to try and recreate his voyage.

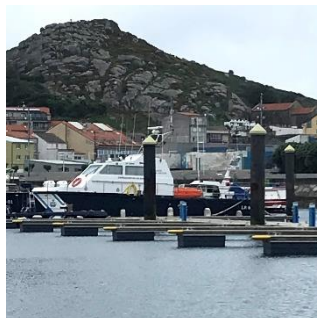


Needing a very sea worthy yacht which could be sailed single handed I looked at Nicholsons and Contessas deciding that the former felt stronger and easier to sail.

I purchased Darteign in 2018 and proceeded to fit her out for a long voyage.



I left Cardiff in January 2020 just as Covid was raising its threat. Bad weather forced me to port hop around Biscay and I ended up in lockdown in Spain, on the Portuguese border.





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I wasn't prepared to chance being infected in a foreign island so decided to return to the UK until I had been fully vaccinated before attempting the trip again.



It wasn't Argentina but nevertheless an amazing adventure during which I learned a lot about both myself and Darteign. Once the Pandemic is under better control in South America I will definitely be making another attempt.



Nicholson 31 Association

“The classic blue water cruiser”



Amended following the death of Her Majesty *Queen Elizabeth II*

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16 Friday

Ownership Since New:

Dolly V 092 Alex Moore

17 Saturday

Nic31 Design & Development:

Michael Wright

18 Sunday

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19 Monday

***Funeral of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II***

20 Tuesday

Atlantic Crossing:

Misty Ord 047
Jack Gifford & Alice Pr at

21 Wednesday

Cruising UK: Liberty Jane 095
Michael Wright

22 Thursday

Sailing Maine, USA:

Blueprint 113
Bill Roesner

23 Friday

The Future:

The boat & Association
Ian Stone

Boat Show – Association Day

24 Saturday

French Passages:

Michael Wright

25 Sunday

Upgrades:

High Spirits 022 Ian Stone

Cruising Ireland:

Seal Morning 013
Mitch Cameron-Mitchell

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