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2008 Round Britain Challenge



First sail of the season.

Thank you for finding time to read my third newsletter, keeping you up to date with the preparations for my round Britain trip. Maintenance complete, *Casulen II* is now back on the water in North Wales.

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



Sailing *Casulen II* in Cardigan Bay.



Surfing into Aberdovey at 10.5 kts!

Having spent the whole of last season on the West Coast of Scotland, the waters of Cardigan Bay and North Wales initially seemed unnervingly shallow! It has taken a few weeks to get used to being maybe a mile or more offshore with only a metre under the keel, so the learning curve remains steep! The bars off most of the harbour entrances mean that we have to time our entrance to coincide with the tide, which adds yet another dimension to passage planning. The weather has been extreme for most of us this year, and, as a result we have experienced some interesting passages, and have also had to get used to force 7-8 winds on the mooring. Our trip down to Aberystwyth was particularly memorable, as was the return trip, when we were faced with force 7 headwinds and a 2.5 - 3 metre swell. It has been said before, but I feel the need to back up the statement that the *Coribee* is an amazingly seaworthy boat!

All of the modifications made to *Casulen II* over the winter seem to be working really well, and, when my website (www.jonnymooresailing.com) is up and running, I intend to put a "technical" section in, detailing some of these. A local company, bfinetnet, have agreed to help me build my site, and I am hoping that this can be live before I return to school this September. Many thanks.

This summer, I am hoping to sail down to the south coast via Fishguard, Milford Haven and Padstow, in order to get some experience of longer passages. I have four weeks at my disposal, and should be able to cover some serious mileage, weather permitting.

One of my training aims before setting off around Britain was to complete my Yachtmaster practical exam. However, there is a minimum age of 18 on this qualification, but I still intend to complete all of the pre-exam requirements (see below), and this year's summer trip should see this completed. I see this as an essential part of my training, as I need to feel confident that I am prepared for this challenge.

RYA Yachtmaster pre-exam requirements.

- 50 days seetime.
- 5 days as skipper.
- 2500 miles.
- 5 passages over 60 miles, including 2 overnight and 2 as skipper.



Up Polar Bear's 90 ft mast.



At the helm of Polar Bear.

Between the 2nd and the 8th of June 2007, I was lucky enough to be invited to join *Polar Bear*, formerly Dee Caffari's *Aviva*, on the first leg of a voyage into arctic Norway. A full report is available at www.corribee.org under the heading Jonny Moore. Many thanks to all the crew on board *Polar Bear*, all of whom contributed to making the trip a great experience. For more info on what *Polar Bear* is currently doing, go to www.thepolarfront.com.



On the crossing.

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