



One Boat – Ten Stories

**SOUTHAMPTON
INTERNATIONAL
BOAT SHOW**

16-25 SEPTEMBER 2022

24 Saturday

**French Passages:
Khamis 045 & Liberty Jane 095
Michael Wright**



Nicholson 31 Association

“The classic blue water cruiser”



French Passages

Background

These reflections are of five passage - 2 on Khamis & 3 on Liberty Jane, between 2010 and 2021. Having crossed the Channel, passages have included the Chanel Islands, then the North Brittany coast from Lézardieux and round the Brest peninsula and down to Rochefort, in Poitou Charentes. Far from everywhere has been visited. On Khamis I crewed for Peter Foston, the owner and very experienced skipper - a fountain of knowledge on Nic31's and sailing these waters. I skippered the passages on Liberty Jane.

The trips were made when no bureaucracy dictated a passage plan – just the weather and good seamanship.

Timing

Go before France goes on holiday. France is generally, but not always, warmer in April than the UK; however, not everything will have woken up. In late May 2016 on Ile Hoëdic, provided you kept going, an open hotel bar could be found for crew & Skipper.



Tides & headlands

Tides are large & fast. Get the timing (and weather) right - headlands are a joy.



Raz de Sein - benign



River Aulne -
Guily Glaz lock
at low water

Rivers at low water can be “eye popping”.

Bridge heights - daunting

Auray motorway
bridge - 14m
above MHWS



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Harbours & Marinas



Many locked
Some with sills

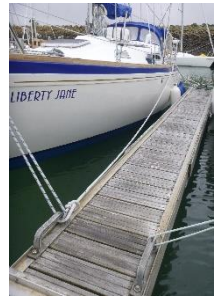


Busy and interesting



Modern & big

But some with
narrow & low
finger pontoons



Small – on the islands

Ferries rule supreme



Some fishing boats are bullies!



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

Ten Stories

16 Friday

Ownership Since New:

Dolly V 092 Alex Moore

17 Saturday

Nic31 Design & Development:

Michael Wright

18 Sunday

Argentina or bust:

Darteign 098 Eric Witheridge

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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