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Newsletter from and for Gillissenvaarders

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The aim of our newsletters is to stimulate the contacts between Gillissenvaarders

From our chairman

After all the Covid restrictions we are able to organize our regular Gillissen events again! Like last month in Uitgeest about 'Cruising the Wadden Sea' and the upcoming Whitsun weekend. See the articles in this newsletter.

Based on requests we will make a list of participants of the Whitsun weekend and after permission the list will be sent to the participants. I would like to ask support for the editor of the newsletters. It is so far an one man job and support is needed. Also I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the present board of the Gillissenvaarders will resign in May 2023. So if you want to play an role in the new board, please let us know.

On behalf of the present board members I would like to wish you a pleasant and healthy season on board.

Wout Kraaijeveld

Chairman

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Gillissen MY 'Havfruen' in Uitgeest with interested Gillissenvaarders

From and for Gillissenvaarders

We would like to publish your experiences during this season in the next newsletter, to be issued in September next. Also we need background information about shipyards where Gillissen designs have been built and about experiences with new toilet solutions. Please mail all your reactions to nieuwsbrief@gillissenvaarders.nl

'Allegro'; Kleines Boot auf grosser Fahrt

Swiss couple Christopher (67 and pensioner) and Ursula (43) Steiner are living permanently on board their Gillissen vlet 'Allegro' since May 2021. The story of these Gillissenvaarders members is worthwhile to publish in this newsletter.

We have dreamed since years to buy a yacht and cruise with it for a longer period of time. Our planning was to start our journey in spring 2021. In the last years we have tried to figure out what kind of yacht we should buy. First we were thinking of sailing the open seas with a sailing yacht, but we changed our ideas to cruising rivers, lakes and coastal areas with a motor yacht. Culture and nature were aspects we included in our considerations.



'Allegro', Gillissen vlet 10.30 OK/AK, bj. 1979 bij Venema / VEHA

In autumn 2019 we started our quest and surfed on the internet to sites of yacht brokers. Also we made two trips to The Netherlands to view around 100 occasions which we found on the internet. And then in December 2019 on the website of Goliath yacht brokers we saw the 'Allegro', a Gillissen vlet 10.30 OK/AK and we instantly fell in love. The boat was well maintained and at first glance without defects. We decided to make an offer and then we learned that the owner was a Dutch gentleman who was selling his boat because of his age. Just before Christmas 2019 we reached an agreement and payed a deposit in order to be able to do a full

inspection of the ship in January 2020. To assist us with the inspection we hired an independent adviser and we ordered an engine oil analysis. Based on all the results there was nothing left between us and the 'Allegro'! We agreed the handover date on 1st of May 2020 in Joure.

And then came Corona! Although the international travel restrictions we were able to fly to Amsterdam and in the pouring rain the handover took place. Our first trip with the 'Allegro' was to Terherne where we had a temporary berth for the boat.

The 'Allegro' is like a dream! No major defects came up and the sailing characteristics are super. We have little history about the Allegro. We know that the boat was from 1979 and recently we found out via the Gillissenvaarders that it has been built at the shipyard Venema.

In 2021 we have been cruising in the north half of Holland, including the Wadden islands. A number of friends from Switzerland has visited us on board and we all had good times.

We are living permanently on the Allegro since May 2021. That means we don't have another place of residence. At the moment we are in Amsterdam South, in the port of Onklaar Anker (Nieuwe Meer) in the winter quarters. We don't have a fixed home port location and since a collision in autumn and the subsequent repainting of our boat, Sneek is on the transom of the 'Allegro'. Our trip will continue in spring. Our plan is to leave for Belgium at the end of May. We would like to go to Calais and see if it is possible to come to London. But we don't know exactly where it's going to take us. Another long-term goal is to travel on the Danube to the Black Sea. However, time and destination are relative.

We have read about the Gillissenvaarders meeting in Uitgeest, but unfortunately we could not attend because we're skiing in Switzerland at the moment. Too bad.

Our website for our family and friends to check out: www.böötli.ch

Freundliche Grüsse,

Christopher and Ursula



Christopher: "Die Gillissenvaarders haben uns gefunden. Ein anderer Gillissenvaarder hat uns den Flyer aufs Schiff gelegt."

Venema / VEHA shipyard

Some of the Gillissen vletten have been built by Venema in Harkstede, later renamed in VEHA. Venema made 9.00, 9.70 and 10.30 m. Gillissen design hulls in different stages of dismantling, also for Dolman in Muiden. Some of the hulls were of a so called low budget type; Venema stated in advertorials "Finally an affordable round bilge vlet for the Dutch market". Venema moved the shipyard from Harkstede via Hoogezand to Groningen, but we do not know exactly in which years.

Whitsun event 2022 in Hattem

Our Whitsun weekend will be held from Friday 3 up to Sunday 5 June in the IJsseldelta Marina in Hattem (on the river IJssel not far from Zwolle). See for details our website www.gillissenvaarders.nl. The formal announcement will be sent by the secretary to our members soon.



MY 'Bengel V'

Betty and Cor van Engelen from Breda are the owners of the Gillissen vlet 10.50 'Bengel V'. After reading the previous newsletter, they contacted the Gillissenvaarders about replacing their mast. John Meijwaard helped them through his son. In this newsletter Betty and Cor introduce themselves:



'Bengel V', Gillissen vlet 10.50, bj 1978 bij Venema Harkstede

"We have bought our Gillissen vlet 'Bengel V' in 2015; before that we were sailors with different type of sailing boats and from our home port in Zeeland we made everal trips to Belgium, France and England. After switching to our Gillissen vlet we discovered that the inland waters are surprisingly beautiful. The same counts for Belgium and Germany. Our present home port is Dinteloord and also the necessary maintenance takes place there. Our vlet is built in 1978 at Venema shipyard and still has the original engine; a Ford Lehman 105 hp. We do not know yet what our destination will be this year, but for sure we will enjoy our trips."

Gillissenvaarders Spring event

26 March 2022 in Uitgeest; theme: Cruising and falling dry on the Waddenzee.

Around 40 Gillissenvaarders were present at the meeting and welcomed by our chairman Wout Kraaijeveld. The presentations were on the program. Michel Maters started with a nice presentation about his experiences on the Waddenzee with his Gillissen cutter Grote Beer. Good preparations are essential, including related to the boat, navigations equipment etc. Ad Krom, secretary of the Nautin Foundation explained the importance of information and information sources. On www.nautin.nl most of the relevant information can be found (in Dutch). Also because of the beautiful weather it was a meaningful and cosy meeting.

Both the presentations are stored on www.gillissenvaarders.nl; hit the Gillissenvaarders Foundation button and navigate to 'Events'.



Board notices

- The price of the Gillissenvaarders pennant (small flag) including postage costs within The Netherlands is from now € 17.50
- The cost of a set (two pieces) of the stainless steel Gillissen plaques is now € 30,- excluding transport fees. The board will also bring the plaques along to the upcoming events. In that case you do not need to pay transport fees, but mail the secretary in advance at info@gillissenvaarders.nl mentioning your order.

Tip: at delivery the plaques are still covered by foil and some glue residue. The foil can easily be removed by hand, glue residue can be removed with thinner. After that you need to polish the plaques.



A familiar ship with new owners: 'Vagebond III'

The current owners of the Vagebond III would like to introduce themselves in this newsletter.



'Vagebond III', a Gillissen cutter 11.40 type Skipper, built in 1978 at Shipyard Akerboom in Bergum

Since April 2020, Paul and Liesbeth Joosten are the proud owners of the 'Vagebond III', a Gillissen cutter 11.40 type Skipper, equipped as a motor sailer with 2 masts and davits with swimming platform. The ship is powered by a 130 hp, 6 cylinder DAF 575 marine engine. Paul and Liesbeth previously had a sailboat. The transition from a 7 meter polyester sailboat to an 11.5 meter steel cutter was a great adventure for them. During the sea trial it was windy and we felt how forward the ship went. The spacious gangway with the high superstructure and railing felt safe and comfortable. Since then they have had beautiful trips, also over the Wadden Sea. Last summer we met a Gillissenvaarders couple in the port of Enkhuizen with a slightly longer but very similar Gillissen motor sailer. They were members of the 'club' and we thought it would be very nice to meet other Gillissenvaarders and exchange experiences. That is why we have now also become a member of the Gillissenvaarders.

Skipper

Theo Gillissen has given one of his designs a type name: "Skipper". These are the 11.40 m cutters that have been built by Shipyard Akerboom in Bergum. The Skipper 11.40 is built in 2 versions, the motor cutter and the motor sail cutter. The 'Vagebond III' discussed in this newsletter concerns the motor sail cutter type Skipper. Akersloot in Bergum went bankrupt in 1978, after which, as far as is known, no type of Skipper 11.40 were built anymore. A larger model Skipper motor sail cutter has been built in 1974 at Shipyard Bak in Broek op Langedijk. This is de 'Aleida Johanna' with a length of 12.10 meter; the owners are also member of the Gillissenvaarders.



MY 'Stormvogel'

Rob Krebs tells us about his Gillissen cutter 14.00 'Stormvogel' that he bought last year.

Rob is originally a sailor and has had several sailing ships with which he sailed on the inland waterways and sea. Due to the many international trips, he had less time and that is why he went for a motor ship.

Through a tip Rob found the Gillissen cutter 'Stormvogel'; 14 x 4.15 m., heavily built in 1996 at shipyard Boer in Sliedrecht (builder of barges and workboats). The previous owner had been very good to the ship and she was in top condition. The sale last year was therefore quickly closed. Last summer Rob cruised on the Haringvliet to get to know the ship; she sails and steers great and has a lot of space. At the end of 2021, the ship was brought to Shipyard Rotterdam for major maintenance of the underwater ship, the installation of a swimming platform with a ladder in stainless steel, replacement of all rubber hoses of the engine for silicone hoses and a major turn of the engine. During the winter months, the 'Stormvogel' is normally located in its own port in Capelle aan de IJssel and in the summer in the marina Cape Helius in Hellevoetsluis. Rob always sails 12 months a year; on the main rivers it is also wonderful sailing in winter.



'Stormvogel', Gillissen koter 14.00. built in 1996 at Shipyard Boer in Sliedrecht

Serious maintenance MY 'BYtheW'

The owners of the Gillissen vlet 10.50 'BytheW' have spent a lot of time in the renovation of their vlet this winter. Electricity, rust removal, painting, recovery of the wooden roof hatches etc. See the photos in the Dutch version of this newsletter.

Tip from Bert de Wilde: search in a Kringloop shop (second hand shop) for cheap teak furniture; that wood can be used for all kinds of applications on board.

Question or remarks for the owners could be mailed to: nieuwsbrief@gillissenvaarders.nl

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See you at the Gillissenvaarders

Whitsun weekend 2022 in Hattem