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Monsieur J. Desmousseaux,
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1 -> 29th November, 1984
2 - moteur réparé fin de cette semaine
3 - Peut on organiser RDV
Mercredi 20 à confirmer

Dear Monsieur Desmousseaux,

"AR GOELL" - ex "RIANA"

I must apologise for being so long in replying to your interesting letter. This got mislaid and has only just come to light again, tucked in one of my files.

I was very pleased to hear that you have bought "RIANA", which we built for Mr. and Mrs. Cornall here in Jersey. She was designed as an easily handled motor sailer for two elderly people and was given shallow draft and a big engine, which was intended to help her when going to windward.

Re the points in your letter, the addition of a centre-board would be a very expensive thing to do and would not add materially to her windward performance. This problem would be better solved by increasing the draft to at least 2 metres, which could be done, but would need some looking into in the Drawing Office.

2. The accommodation, of course, could be redesigned and rearranged to meet your own requirements and the main bulkhead between the saloon and galley could be removed without additional strengthening.

3. The B.M.C. Commodore engine, I note, is not now in very good condition. but parts for this engine and for the gearbox are readily obtainable through the U.K. agents. Our partner, Mr. Williams, who, incidentally, speaks good French, has recently made enquiries and could put you in touch with the agents, if required. It would probably be more economical to rebuild the existing engine and gearbox, than fit a new engine, as this would entail at least new engine beds and probably a new propeller and shaft.

4. I note that the wheelhouse is getting old and that you are contemplating altering the ship and reducing the height

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and, again, this would be possible.

6 We have all the detailed drawings for "RIANA" here in the office, which are available at the cost of reproduction, but what I would suggest is that perhaps our French speaking partner, Mr. Williams, should go to St. Malo to meet you and carry out a Survey to establish the exact and present condition of "RIANA". The cost of a Type 1 Standard Survey would be £350, plus the surveyor's travelling cost to and from St. Malo. I am enclosing details of the Type 1 Standard Surveys. At the same time as the survey, your requirements could be discussed on board and, following this, we could produce the necessary drawings covering the modifications and alterations, which Mr. Labbe could price and then work on. We could either give you a price for the design work when we know what this is, or, alternatively, this could be based on our standard hourly rate.

Once again, my apologies for the delay in writing to you, but we are delighted to hear that you own "RIANA" and are sure that she will give you a lot of pleasure.

Yours sincerely,



Alan H. Buchanan

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