

Support your Association!

You can always learn from other people. Hence the popularity of owners associations. Of course, some are more popular than others. As a case in point, the Vega Association of Great Britain has over 200 members – a figure of some significance when you realise that the total number of Vegas in the UK is around 110. I'm not quite sure how it works, but according to Brian Pilcher, one of their leading lights, the Association attracts members from all over the world. In his usual self effacing style Brian suggests that part of the reason for their succes is the energy and application of people like Diana Webb, who deals with all the paperwork, and Steve Birch who provides technical back up, tracks down low cost spares, and even arranges short production runs of spreader roots, stemhead fittings and anything else that proves difficult to source. Their enthusiasm for the breed is typical; with some 3450 boats sold, this is one of the most successful cruisers ever built – and skipperes are understandably keen to sing their

praises. As an attractive, economical 4-berth family cruiser with good seakeeping qualities and a reasonable turn of speed, she's practical and built to last; a good secondhand example will fetch you back about £11,500.

Having bought one – and joined Brian and his chums – as well as all the obvious support and camaraderie, you can look forward to such things as International Friendship Regattas which attract as many as 100 boats for five days of friendly rivalry and fun. The next one is in Denmark in July 2002.

As I say, such Associations are really good news and well worth encouraging. This one welcomes owners of any of the models in the Albin range – as well as the Vega of course. Further details from Diana Webb on (020) 8642 9521 or email di@albinvega.com

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Brian's boat: the ever popular Vega - Per Brohall's incredibly successful 27ft cruiser which he designed back in 1967.

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