

VODCA Newsletter

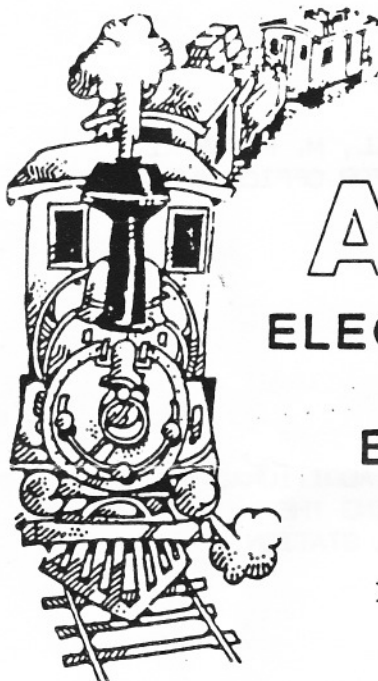
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Vega One Design Chesapeake Association

25 Oct. 1985



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ALL ABOARD FOR THE VODCA ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & ANNUAL DINNER
22 November, 1985
Enlisted Club, Naval Station, Annapolis
Greenbury Point, Annapolis, Md.

ENJOY THE VODCA CAMARADERIE - STUFF YOURSELF

ALL YOU CAN EAT SEAFOOD BUFFET !

Menu:	OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL	COLE SLAW
	CRAB MEAT SALAD	POTATO SALAD
	STEAMED SHRIMP	ROLLS & BUTTER
	FRIED CLAMS	BEVERAGE
	LOBSTER NEWBURG	DESERT

Price: \$8.50 INCLUDING TAX & GRATUITY

COCKTAILS	6:30 - 7:30 PM
DINNER	7:30 - 8.45 PM
MEETING	8:30

● Reservations required ●

GUESTS ARE WELCOME

AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM IS BEING ARRANGED



DIRECTIONS TO ANNUAL MEETING:

- . TURN OFF ROUTE #50 ONTO ROWE BLVD. (RT #70) GOING TOWARD ANNAPOLIS
- . GO TO SECOND TRAFFIC LIGHT (TAYLOR AVE) - TURN LEFT
- . GO TO DEAD END (ANNAPOLIS STREET) - TURN RIGHT
- . CONTINUE ON ANNAPOLIS ST (ROAD CURVES) - CROSS OLD SEVERN RIVER BRIDGE
- . GO TO 1ST TRAFFIC LIGHT AFTER BRIDGE - TURN RIGHT (RT #648)
- . CONTINUE ON RT #648 (BECOMES GREENBURY POINT ROAD)
- . GO TO NEXT LIGHT & TURN RIGHT (ONTO KINKAID RD) - CONTINUE TO SENTRY BOX
- . ENLISTED CLUB IS TO LEFT ONCE INSIDE THE NAVAL STATION

(NOT AS COMPLICATED AS IT SOUNDS) - DO PLAN ON BEING THERE!



REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

AT A MEETING OF THE VODCA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (D. ANGELL, M. MIYASAKI, AND D. PETTY), 10 OCTOBER 1985, THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE WERE SELECTED AS NOMINEES FOR THE 1985-86 FISCAL YEAR:

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| FOR COMMODORE | : | ANDY MONJAN |
| FOR VICE COMMODORE | : | GORDON HEMPTON |
| FOR REAR COMMODORE, CRUISING (N) | : | SAM AMOSS |
| FOR REAR COMMODORE, CRUISING (S) | : | RUSS WALKER |
| FOR TREASURER | : | JACK BERLE |

ALL NOMINEES HAVE AGREED TO SERVE IF ELECTED TO OFFICE. ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE MAY BE NOMINATED BY MEMBERS ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 22, 1985 (ENLISTED CLUB, NAVAL STATION, ANNAPOLIS, MD).

Reservation

Mr. Jack Berle
11 Romar Drive
Annapolis, MD 21403

MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 19th, 1985

Dear Jack -

Please reserve _____ places for dinner (\$8.50) at our annual meeting, Friday, November 22, 1983 at the Enlisted Club, Naval Station Annapolis. MY Check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

(member)

Guests are invited.



now hear this!



108 Moore Avenue
New Castle, Del 19720

10-8-85



Dear Sid,

It's with great regret that I send this note to you - we sold our Vega and will be dropping out of VOCCA when our current year is up. We loved our boat and it was like parting with a dear friend. But, we needed more room and haved moved up to a wooden Dickerson 35' ketch (1967). Surprisingly, it has just about the same layout , keel configuration, etc as the Vega. We really like her - the "Maggie M."

We have an O-22 gasoline Albin engine in our basement. It is for sale - all, or parts. If anyone is interested, call (302) 322-1730.

We recommended VOCCA to the new owner & passed along the newsletters to him.

HAPPY SAILING!

Dottie & Rick



GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR NEW BOAT

REMINDER:

1986 dues are payable on November 1st. Next month you will receive a bill for your dues. Please send your check promptly.





September 29, 1985

VODCA Newsletter
Sidney Rosen
10615 Whitman Circle
Orlando, Florida 32821

Dear Sid:

We recently sold the "WITCH" (2934) to Bob Katz of Orange, N.J., and bought a Southern Cross 31. For the past 9 years the Vega has been a great boat and responsive sailor, but we needed a little more room for living aboard.

We will always have fond memories of the Vega and will look for VODCA members on our cruises.

Happy sailing and fair winds to all.

Sincerely,

Val & Derek

Val and Derek
Brinkman



BEST OF LUCK, HAPPINESS & FAIR WINDS ON YOUR NEW BOAT!

TRANSLATOR WANTED

WE NEED SOMEONE CAPABLE OF TRANSLATING DUTCH INTO ENGLISH. VODCA RECEIVES A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE KRING VAN VEGA ZEILERS WRITTEN IN DUTCH. THERE APPEARS TO BE A LOT OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION IN THESE ISSUES AND WE MAY BE MISSING OUT ON A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SECURE ANYONE TO TRANSLATE. IF YOU CAN HELP US, YOU WOULD BE DOING EVERYONE A GREAT FAVOR. PLEASE WRITE SID ROSEN - 10615 WHITMAN CIRCLE, ORLANDO, FL 32821.

Canadian News



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October 6, 1985

Mr. Sidney A. Rosen
10615 Whitman Circle
Orlando Florida.

Dear Sid,

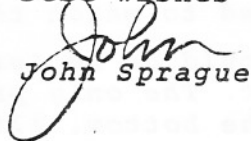
Glad to see that you are now settled in Florida and up to your old tricks with the VODCA newsletter. Hope you really enjoy the new location. I'll be thinking of you in a couple of months when the snow starts to blow here.

Enclosed is something that might fit in the newsletter sometime. It's about a grab-bar that is really a blessing when coming back from deck to cockpit on a windy day.

We did get to sail the Straits of Georgia pretty thoroughly this past summer, during our year out west. One of the main lessons learned was ALWAYS FLY YOUR VODCA PENNANT. We pulled into a marina for fuel, water and a passenger, and the handle of the engine stop-cable came off. The fitting was completely ruined. While I was sitting stewing, who should wander down but member Tony Skidmore from Victoria, who had noticed the burgee. He knew the local boat scene and was kind enough to drive around until we found a new cable. I really thank him.

Piloting in the strait was a piece of cake compared to the Great Lakes. The mountains stick up so that you can always see where you are going, and we scarcely used our compass. However, the tidal currents were most educational. Biggest thrill was following along parallel to a pod of killer whales. At one point, they decided to come up three boat-lengths away. Trailering the Vega back east was not so pleasant as it was 5,000 km. of fighting engine over-heating on our old van. It was worth it!

Best wishes


John Sprague

p.s. I wrote Harold Congleton about the sunken areas near his stern cleats. We had this and I filled them successfully with car body-filler and gel coat.



worth considering

A grab-bar on the Vega sprayhood.

The most useful modification I've made is a "roll-bar" at the rear of the sprayhood (dodger). The standard sprayhood is convenient to grab when going on deck or returning, but it is certainly not very strong. The added bar provides a reassuring solid hand-hold and is also in the right place when steering in bumpy water.

The bar is aluminum pipe (not tubing) one inch O.D. and 13/16 I.D. It fits under the top edge of sprayhood and I put it inside the fabric at the bottom.

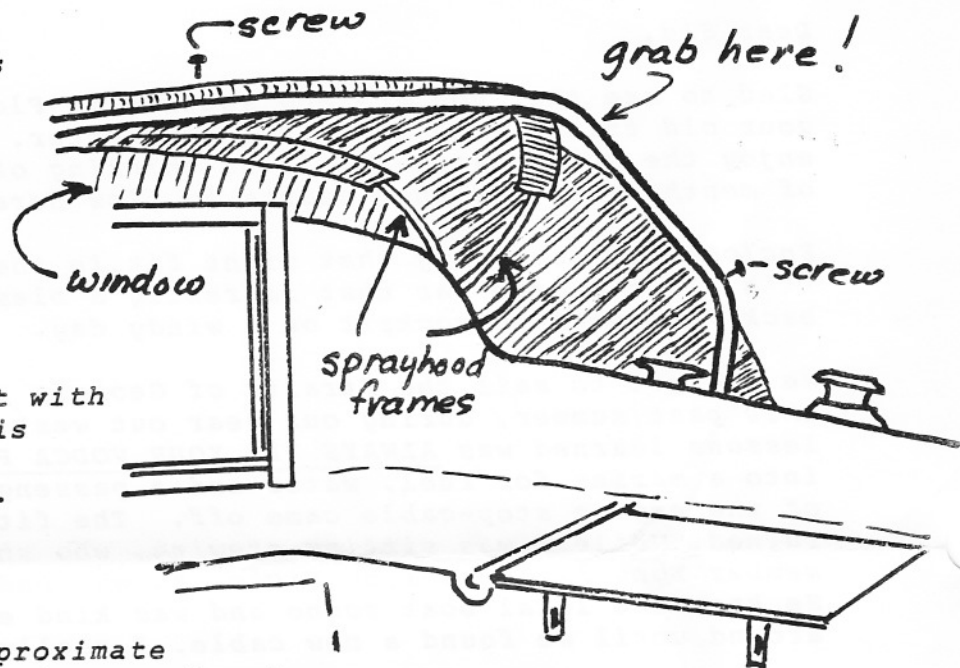
With a standard Vega sprayhood, this leaves about 18 in. of bar which sticks out astern of the upper corners of hood, with a maximum gap of about 1 in. Just right for grabbing!

The bar ends up about 115 in. long but start with an extra foot. There is no way to list exact dimensions and angles. I made a full-size cardboard template of the back of sprayhood and got an electrical contractor to make approximate bends. Then by trial and error I made it fit exactly, levering against strong points on a workbench.

The bar goes down the outside of cockpit coaming at the rear end of forward cleat. Two bolts with giant washers on inside are put out through the coaming then through the bar. Since one has to lie in the locker to get inside of coaming, put the heads inside and leave bolts in place even if bar is removed. A decent-sized s.s. screw goes down through top centre of sprayhood frame and secures in the bar. This is enough to make the whole affair rigid. A couple more screws hold the fabric to the bar near the bottom. The bar was painted to match the sprayhood.

Stainless steel would be better than aluminum if you can figure out how to bend it. The only problem is putting the fabric outside the bar at the bottom. Although this holds the hood out nicely so you can get at the forward cleat, it guarantees that your shoes will scuff the fabric as you go by. If it gets too dirty or worn, I'll put on rub-patches.

John Sprague





10615 Whitman Circle
Orlando, FL 32821
September 14, 1985

Dear Don -

Thanks for your letter and the info about the VODCA picnic that you sent me. Sorry that I couldn't be there & join in the fun, food, & story swapping. It was the first picnic that I missed since we started having them.

You asked about my life in retirement. Well, while retired, I'm not yet into normal living. I feel that we're living like a bunch of Gypsies. Not all of our things are unpacked yet. We're still in the throes of construction. We're in the process of adding two rooms onto the house. One is a large 15'x25' "Florida" (family) room. The other is a 11'x12' hobby room for me - where I can do my VODCA newsletter composing & editing, my "Ham" radio operating, build radio controlled model sailboats, & keep track of family finances, etc. The walls are up, the roof and windows in. The dry wall man is coming back on Monday to apply some more "plaster" to the joints. Electrical wiring is in but not connected at this point.

Even though retired, I haven't had the luxury of sleeping late. My pre-retirement routine had set my mental alarm clock at 0620 and that mental alarm goes off regardless of it being weekday, Sunday, or holiday. After reading the "Orlando Sentinel" I usually have breakfast with Florence. Sometimes it's a quick trip to a local McDonalds for a quickie, or to Denny's for a "Senior Citizen special". After dressing & some house straightening, painting, or planting, I'm usually at the clubhouse swimming pool by 0930 for a morning of swimming, lounging, reading, & chatting with the other club members. I prefer the morning since it's cooler and not many people present. It's almost like having your own pool. It is very nice!

Afternoons at this stage are usually devoted to shopping for food, household needs, shrubs, drapes, blinds & furniture (with some "supervising" the workmen building my addition). I even do some work on our VODCA newsletter.

Occasionally we get to the movies. Anywhere we go, a lot of car mileage is involved. We're using up our new car a lot faster than I figured on. We get to the beach about once a week. We've been to New Smyrna Beach (South of Daytona Beach) and also Cocoa Beach (below Cape Canaveral) - in fact you can see the launching pad towers from Cocoa Beach. Don't care for New Smyrna Beach since cars are allowed to park & drive on the beach (about 5 lanes wide). In fact they have speed signs there. Then too there are all kinds of vendors in trucks selling hot dogs, drinks, etc. Cocoa Beach is a real beach.

Got a call recently from Dick Coe (MEIRA) in St. Petersburg and an invitation to sail with him. He lives on the Gulf coast of Florida below Tampa. Since I'm leaving soon to visit family and to attend a couple of very special events back North, we're trying to work out a sailing date. Hope to call & see you when I'm back in Virginia. In the meantime, stay well & happy sailing. My best to Retta

Sincerely,





Lars Lemby opened the meeting, welcoming a great number of VEGA-sailors from Holland and abroad with a special welcome for John and Muriel Dobbie from Toronto, Canada. The total number of VEGA's participating in this event was 72, with 8 from England, 6 from Germany, 3 from Sweden and 1 from Norway. Robert & Monica Lyle, honorary members of the VEGA Association of Great Britain sailed to Hoorn to watch our activities. The absence of Per Brohall, due to his physical condition, was highly regretted. Lars Lemby emphasized again the importance of one design and uniformity of VEGA's.

The attendance register was signed by:

Eric & Rosemary Morrison and Don Seddon from the UNITED KINGDOM,
Dieter Glatzel, Wolfgang Rotter, Robert & Christine Kammrath,
Richard Kappe and Walter Schlaphof from GERMANY,
Lars Lemby, Bengt Kallin, Henry Gustafsson, Kaj & Arne Nilsson and
Bengt Palmberg from SWEDEN,
Tom Rasmussen, Erik Raestad, Karl Dahlberg and Knut Hall from
NORWAY,
John L. Dobbie from CANADA and
Louis Caminada, N. Elsink, J. & M. 't Hart, Henk Jansen, Rudi
Kirch, A. de Klerck, K.v't Klooster, Frits Kokkes, D. Lindhout,
Jacques Litjens, Rienk Nieuwland, Aat Nolke, H. Proper, Gert & Gre
Wonder and Jan Vis from the NETHERLANDS.

1/4. The suggested proceedings had been distributed among members who elected Lars Lemby as chairman of this meeting and as president of VODA until the next meeting. Jan Vis was likewise appointed as secretary for the meeting and of VODA. The suggested proceedings were accepted and the minutes of last General VODA Meeting in Cowes were approved.

5. On the question of new fabrics (mylar/kevlar) for sails it was decided that these are not allowed until VODA decides otherwise.

6. Measurements. During the preparation of this Friendship Regatta it became clear that not all countries use the same rules regarding the measurements of sails, mast and booms as laid down in the Rules of 1976. The Dutch have appointed a chief-measurer, Aat Nolke, who with the assistance of other measurers, controls all racing class boats every 4 years. New sails or gear purchased in between are measured before use. It was decided that the secretaries of each association shall send their measurements rules to the VODA secretary in order to get a more stringent and uniform measurement scheme in each country. (Please send an English translation if your form is in another language than English or German)

7. Dieter Glatzel, President of the German VEGA Association invited us for an International Friendship Regatta in Heiligenhafen, Fehmarnbelt, Western Baltic, Germany, for 17-20 July 1986. Because this beautiful water is so in the middle of VEGA activity they hope and expect a great number of visiting yachts from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Holland and England.

On behalf of the VODA Committee the President presented a new challenge-prize, 'The VEGA VASE', a Luebeck-glass vase engraved by Wolfgang Rotter. The VEGA VASE is a challenge-prize for the best overall result in the racing class during an International Friendship Regatta. Whenever there is a prolonged period between two IFR's of more than 2 years, the VEGA VASE must be returned to the VODA Committee at the beginning of the third year.

The history behind the VEGA VASE is noted for remembrance as follows:

We have two persons to thank for this beautiful prize: Henry Gustafsson, Sweden and Wolfgang Rotter, Germany.

Some years ago Henry printed drawings of the VEGA and made a present of these to VODA. They were sold (cheaply) by the President and by the Kring in the Netherlands. When VODA in this way had collected a certain amount of money Henry suggested that it should be used for a challenge prize for the IFR's and that we should ask Wolfgang Rotter to make it.

Consequently the President asked Wolfgang who responded by making first the very nice design, which was gratefully approved by the President, and then the vase itself together with a nice, strong wooden case for it. When the President wanted to spend the fortunes of VODA on this well found investment Wolfgang refused to accept any payment and insisted on making it a present to the VODA!

8. During the Regatta-dinner we were informed about developments in the various VEGA Associations. Lars Lemby started with a lyrical effusion on the Vega, the brightest summerstar in the Northern Hemisphere and a well-chosen name for our yacht. In total 3393 VEGA's have been produced since 1965, the majority sailing and in good shape. He regretted to tell us that Per Brohall was ill and had not been able to join us.

SWEDEN

All the local clubs have now joined up in one Swedish VEGA Association with 250 members. They have performed the usual activities. Henry Gustafsson presented us 2 beautiful bronze shipbells to which Lars Lemby personally knitted 2 traditional bellropes. The shipbells were meant to be overall prizes in both racing- and cruising classes.

CANADA

45 VEGA's are scattered over Lake Ontario. They are trying to make contact with the others to form a 'Kringetje' of their own. Gre Wonder received a Toronto club-badge.

UNITED KINGDOM

The origin of the VEGA club was a drinking club turned into a sailing club. 60 boatmembers now, activities mostly in Solent area. The Newsletter is good for contact, as is the 'Laying-up-supper'. The British Club presented the VODA a very nice silver tankard, the 'VEGA TANKARD', to be sailed for as an overall challenge price in the cruising class during International Friendship Regatta's. In case there is a prolonged period between IFR's the same rule applies as for the VEGA VASE. The Wonders received a beautiful cristal carafe for all their organising activities.



NORWAY

55 members spread over the country with some concentration in the Oslo Fjord. The usual races leading to a club championship. Gre Wonder and Jan Vis were given 'porthole mirrors' for keeping the international contact.

GERMANY

80 members. Many activities, concentrated in the Western Baltic, with a meeting during Whitsun in Heiligenhafen, a summer outing to Sleswick and an end-of-summer-meeting in Travemuende. Wolfgang Rotter engraved another vase with pictures of the 7 towers of Luebeck which he presented, for obvious reasons, to Gre Wonder.

HOLLAND

240 members. The managementgroup of the Kring van VEGA-zeilers has had a year of hard work not only to get this IFR organised, but also the traditional wintermeeting with an attendance of 180 members and family, and the successive trip to 'Sail Amsterdam 85'.

VODA officials do hope to see you all in Heiligenhafen next year!

Jan Vis,
VODA-secretary

DRU SHELDON WRITES TO JACK BERLE:



PO BOX 26
GRAPEVINE TEXAS
2 SEPTEMBER 1985

ABOARD PRIVATEER CHANCE, DUTCH HARBOR, R.I.

DEAR JACK -

Thanks for sending the VODCA burgee I requested. It was waiting for us when we returned the 28th from an 18 day cruise. We had a wonderful time - Elizabeth Islands, Padanarum, the inner coast of Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard. Went through Wood's Hole for the 1st time and had some real good adventures. Met VODCA members Al & Elizabeth Tufanjan (#1810 "SNOW GOOSE") and located another Vega not on our skipper list - "HERALD" in Hospital Cove, Cataumet, Mass. The owner is John Alden. Left information on VODCA.

We plan to leave the 9th (of Sept) towing the boat back to Texas, so our address reverts to Grapevine. Our best regards.

Dru Sheldon



The Smiths
Kamiseya Japan



Dear Sid,

Thanks for your quick reply. Enclosed (really!) is my check for \$25.00 to update my membership. I'd like to canvas the rest of VODCA to drop me a line about re-engining the Vega...their experiences, recommendations, etc. I'll probably have to change the shaft/propeller etc from the current Combi rig... all sound like big bucks. Has anyone ever powered a Vega with an outboard? When I do get back to the states (summer of 86 or 87 depending on the Navy) I also need to do some hull work, possibly including a topside hull paint job. Has anyone had any luck with the new polyurethanes?

I'll be in the Washington, D.C. area the second week in October and will try to give you a call.

Thanks,

Doug Smith

Doug Smith
FOSIF WESTPAC
FPO Seattle, WA 98768

Vega 978 "SUNDOWNER"

JAN VIS (KRING VAN VEGA ZEILERS), NETHERLANDS WRITES -

J. VIS

2243 EP WASSENAAR. 36-9-05
KONIJNENLAAN 51
TEL 01751-78921

Dear Sidney,

We had a wonderful Int. Friendship Regatta in Hoorn, Holland with lousy weather, but the sheer amount of VEGA's together made up everything. After the JFR Go VEGA's with most foreigners included went to "Sail Amsterdam" to meet the old windjammers which are coming to Amsterdam every 5 years. This time they attracted 4 million people!

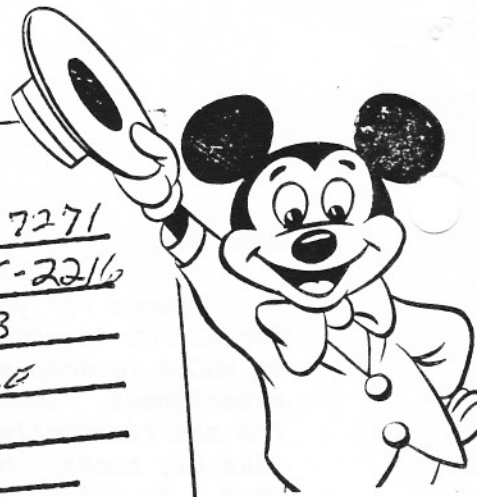
With kind regards, Jan Vis



WELCOME TO VODCA!

VEGA ONE DESIGN CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATION, INC (VODCA)

Name Howard M Congleton Home Phone 919-7917271
 Spouse's Name Mary Work Phone 919-395-2216
 Address 235 Williams Rd. Wilmington N.C. Zip code 28403
 Hull/Sail No. 266 Year 1969 Boat name Cool Breeze
 Colors: Hull Green Cove stripe White
 Spinnaker Color --- Yacht Club ---
 Where berthed Mason Boat Yard
 Radio: CB --- VHF ✓



VEGA ONE DESIGN CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATION, INC (VODCA)

Name Noel S. Bearce Home Phone 617-746-6333
 Spouse's Name Maureen Work Phone 617-888-6900
 Address 18 Eel River Circle Plymouth Ma Zip code 02360
 Hull/Sail No. 3361 Year 1979 Boat name Viking
 Colors: Hull White Cove stripe Dark Blue
 Spinnaker Color Red, white & Blue Yacht Club Plymouth Yacht Club
 Where berthed Plymouth Harbor
 Radio: CB --- VHF ✓



VEGA ONE DESIGN CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATION, INC (VODCA)

Name Andrew C. Baird Home Phone (604) 758-3181
 Spouse's Name --- Work Phone ---
 Address 153 KNEEN PLACE NANAIMO, BC, CANADA Zip code V9S-5G4
 Hull/Sail No. 1354 Year 1972 Boat name ---
 Colors: Hull --- Cove stripe ---
 Spinnaker Color --- Yacht Club ---
 Where berthed ---
 Radio: CB --- VHF ---

