

Barbeta - an opportunity.

The 5 person syndicate has been flourishing for 20 years, and the boat is in good fettle but the owners are now all octogenarians and Barbeta is underused. We would like some new partners to join the syndicate, with the present partners and no doubt in due course replacing some or all of us. This could suit someone who at present does not own a boat but would like economic sailing. We have enjoyed dividing all bills by five. Dividing by more would be better.

She is berthed at Cobbs Quay in Poole Harbour, usually sailed by 2 or 3 of us, sometimes with friends (or wives!), and goes out about once a week in summer, less often in winter. We have had no difficulty in assembling a crew. We used to cross the channel or visit the West Country annually, but family commitments now usually prevent cruises beyond the Solent and Chichester, or Portland, and our most frequent outings are to Swanage. I said she was underused.

A Barbary Ketch, LOA 32'6", LWL 25', Displacement 6 tons, Beam 10'4", Draft 4'9", Headroom 6'+. 5 berths, (in forecabin, saloon and after cabin,) (mattresses, cushions, carpets, curtains etc.) fully equipped with all standard sails, gear and instruments, winches, windlass, anchors, warps etc. Mercedes OM636 (36HP) inboard diesel in good condition. DSC radio, Autohelm, Garmin plotter, Furuno radar. Avon Redcrest and OB. 2 burner gas cooker with grill and oven, sink with freshwater pump, electric fridge, hot air central heating, heads compartment with lavac and washbasin.

Centre cockpit, doghouse with wheel steering, full headroom weatherproof cockpit cover with side and rear windows.

Present financial arrangements: We paid £5,000 each 20 years ago to buy her, £50 each per month toward running costs and new gear, annual top-up about £900 to cover shortfall for annual berthing fee.

We do most of the maintenance work ourselves, one member is a skilled engineer, one keen on general maintenance, one on electrics, one good on admin. and winches, and one on paying his share, living too far away to sail regularly.

Interested or like to come for a sail? Contact Norman Kilpatrick (32 Bestwall Road, Wareham,) tel 554163.