

A Ships Log by Bill Hudson

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Owner Allan Woods
Navigator Roger Troth
Dog Body Bill Hudson

20.06.2013

05.10 Set of from Grimsby @ 05.10. Engine time 14 Hrs, slight Swell, Cloudy - overcast. Passing Bull Fort @ 06.00

07.00 Still running on engine. Had trouble with radio, seems ok now.

08.00 Still on engine. Is battery charging ?? Making good progress.

08.10 Put up front Genoa + ½ knot.

09.00 Put up inner Genoa = +.2 knots. Getting a bit choppy. Travelling in convoy with Lorna Doon. 2 Crew.

09.46 All sails now up. We need more wind.

10.05 Full sails 5.8 knots, following Lorna Doon 1 mile behind. Just got hand radio working.

11.02 Full sail now + motor, need better wind. Allan sleeping, sea a bit choppy. Lorna Doon about 1 mile in front.

12.00 Sea choppy, Lorna Doon 1 ½ miles Port. Still need more wind. East Dudgon @ 12.35

13.30 Making better speed. Lorna D still in sight. Gentle breeze. Woody spilt the milk (My Fault).

14.15 Wind a bit stronger but still in the wrong direction. Altered Mizon & Main & got a bit more speed. Nearly fell overboard.

15.00 Furled front 2 sails. Had to alter course to go astern of stationary ship.

16.25 Making good progress, sea very choppy. Overcast & turning cold. Not comfortable. I've just been sick, but feeling better now.

17.15 Very rough now, Roger has gone for a nap.

18.15 Still rough, Lorna D nearly out of sight. 1 mile starboard.

19.40 Poor Visibility + GETTING DARK, L/D Long way back, Allan Just woke up.

21.30 Broke Down, no steering. Under tow with Lorna Doon. Destination Yarmouth.

06.00 Picked up by Coastguard, now on tow. Cast off from Lorna Doon. L/D gone to Yarmouth as well. ETA for us 09.00

07.15 On tow from coastguard. Wind Calm. Sea moderate. ETA Yarmouth 08.30. Crew Sleeping. Just one lookout (ME).

08.30 Bearthéd @ 08.30. Thankéd Lifeboat for tow. Had a quick drink then went to cafe for breakfast.

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10.00 Went for breakfast, @ 12.00 I went to bed. Allan & Roger carried on working repairs. Got up at 16.00 working with Allan on repairs.

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10.00 Breakfast @ local Cafe. Full Day general repairs and maintenance.

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Allan cooked Full English B/Fast. General day on bikes

Visitors for Roger, ATE Tea on Boat.

Monday 24.06.2013

Day of rest ????? Done about 10 mile on bikes. Looking for red diesel (no luck). Then the alternator had to be serviced. Then the waste pump packed in. Had to pump out the bilges. Bodged it up and have to get it sorted later. Off in shower now. Then we are all going out for some food. HOPEFULLY !!! Sailing tomorrow.

25.06.2013

Up at 03.30 to prepare getting off. Lorna Doon batteries flat had to lend them 2 batts to get started. 05.05 Both boats engines started. Set off @ 05.30.

07.00 Good weather but wind too light.. 07.00 Radio not working..

08.35 Poor winds, sails up & down like a hoars drawes. No other boats in sight. Lorna Doon is well in front.

14.05 Made dinner - RUBBISH. Got some food down me. Still feeling sick, others are ok.

Making good progress, but still no radio. We are now in the deep shipping lanes, but not much traffic.

16.35 Sea clam, slight swell. No Wind. Still feel like Sh..IT. Just dropped Mizon.

17.55 Sea clam. Slight Swell. No Wind. Catching Lorna Doon.

20.50 As above. Had a bit of supper. Running with L/D

22.45 As above - Now on Holland time = + 1 Hr.

Lots of ships about, L/D very close. Non got lights on - Approaching the coast now.

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00.25 Approaching IJMUIDEN now, very dark & Busy. Following Lorna Doon.

02.36 Moored up @ Ijmuiden @ 02.36. Bridge to marina not open.

11.45 We are now moored up at Ijmuiden. We have paid mooring fees, 18 Euro, now having a beer first & then we need to make repairs to the plumbing.

Still in Ijmuiden. Had a good shower & washed some cloths in laundry. Just had a super BBQ. Rick cooked it & it was all good. Then back to the beast for a few beers & doing the washing up.

27.06.2013

07.00 Up at 06.30 made tea. Think we are sailing today.

09.40 set sail for Hoorn @ 10.45.. We lost the outside steering. The chain had broke continuing with inside steering.

11.50 Just past Amsterdam Central. Steering from bridge seems OK ! Following Lorna Doon. About 300 YDS in front.

13.10 Under sail now, good speed. Sea a bit choppy but pleasant.

13.25 Full sails no engine noise. Making good speed. It is nice now with no engine noise.

14.40 Dropped sails, now back on engine as the wind is now wrong for us. We were on the wrong course, but now all is ok.

15.10 Just put 50 LTR fuel in. Found leak for hydraulic oil. Hopefully cured now.

17.50 Moored up at Hoorn for the night. Just fuelled up. Only took cash = 292 Euro. We owe Roger 172 Euro. All the gang is here.

28.06.2013

09.50 Roger has been paid back. We now have 320 Euro in Kitty. Must pay mooring fees + provisions. Mooring = 25.5 Euro. Provisions = 27.40 Euro.

11.15 Left marina under sail & motor to Urk.

13.30 Just got through lock at Hewkrisen. Engine power now, maybe sails later. Just put my bike over the side to make more room.

14.30 ETA 16.00, sea choppy but sailing + motor very pleasant, Allan has just mended puncture on his bike. We have been tidying the decks & sorting ropes.

15.30 Arrived @ Ukr. Safely moored. NO DRAMA. A Lot of people to take ropes & make fast. We all went out for a meal, but no room in the Inn for me & Allan. We went out & had a meal & a couple of pints. Back to the boat for 9.20.

29.06.2013

14.20 Been trying to fix the steering, No Luck. Allan has just gone to see if he can buy some bits. We have mended the chain, & the radio. Roger has been a great help, paid mooring fees for 2 nights 45.60. Now got 213 Euro. We need more pipe fittings to mend the hydraulics.

17.00 Set of for BBQ and a fantastic night. Loads of food, lots of beer and good company. Back to the boat at 23.45. Nobody on board?? Must have gone somewhere else. Billy no mates going to bed.

30.06.2013

10.10 Just got up. Major hangover. What a super night. Roger has just been banging on the door to come in !! Locked the poor bugger out last night & he had to sleep on Lorna Doon.

11.50 Just off to the shop to get some food for breakfast. I will get rid of some of this foreign shrapnel.

12.50 Shops all shut . Just had a ride on bikes. We went round to the back of the Lighthouse, then we just had to stop for a couple of beers. The weather is very nice & warm.

18.30 Had a good meal on the boat, then washed up & tidied the boat. It is just terrific sitting here in gorgeous weather.

01.07.2013

10.20 Feeling crap again, must have been something I ate. Can't think what, the others are ok. Allan has nearly fixed the hydraulics so we will be setting off soon.

12.10 Turned round in marina without incident & set of for our next destination Dan Over Locks. We have sailed without engines for about 1 Hr.

14.40 Just got sails in, running engine only now, sea is choppy with slight swell. Good wind but in wrong direction.. No sign of Lorna Doon.

16.40 Just contacted L/D. We are on engine only now making good time. I have been cat napping all day. I feel real sick & have done from Urk this morning.

18.15 Moored up @ Den Over. We are right on the outside so can make an early departure in the morning. Have just put 20 Gallons fuel in, & Allan has gone to get some more. Just in case. Garry & Rick are here, Garry seems to be a little hung over. His fuel tanks are leaking & I imagine the fumes are making him nauseous. Don't know what the plans are for tonight but bet alcohol will be involved !!

02.07.2013

09.30 Had breakfast (Cold) but good. Me & Roger biked to Den Over & back, nothing there. I am feeling a bit better. Roger is feeling sick. I think he has the bug that I had. We are just setting off now.

10.22 Just got through lock & swing bridge heading out to sea. Quite a bit of traffic. Very little wind. Just got mainsail up. Seems like a nice day for a change. England here we come !!

11.25 Dropped two front sails, now chugging along on 2 rear + engine. Roger says the tide will help us Shorty.

13.16 Making steady progress under engine & sail. Just had a run in with a huge ferry, but he altered course. Then tried to ram us BASTARD. Just passing Den Elder, sea calm & wind light.

13.30 The wind is right on the nose & the tide seems to be against us. Roger is not feeling good & is having a break. I am steering. The sea is getting a bit choppy.

14.11 Out front Jib up. Increased speed by .3 Knots.

15.00 Bit of a panic about the course & speed. The Auto Pilot packed in & we had to steer from the outside. Allan reset Auto & it was ok then. I don't think Auto Pilot is set right ? Weather calm & flat. Little wind & a bit misty.

16.20 Sea calm.. No ships around now. Wind helping a little. It is a bit overcast, but not a bad day.

17.44 Just crossing shipping lanes, loads of boats coming across us from Starboard. Very close to one. The alarm is flashing. I am just going to make tea. I am the ONLY ONE THAT CAN DO IT. Sea still calm not a lot of wind, but we have full sails to help.

18.48 Good swell now. We have just cleared the shipping lanes. Not a boat in sight. Allan is below trying to rustle up some food. It's not easy when the ship is rocking about. Roger still feels sick. I am ok now.

21.20 Just woke up. Still in Dutch waters. Pretty calm, strong swell, light winds (I'm Bored).

03.07.2013

00.15 Had to get forward sail in as we were leaning to far over. We were up to 7.4 Knots. I thought the boat was going over.

06.15 Just put front sail up. Sea very choppy & uncomfortable. Passing lots of oil rigs. Just put 15 galls fuel in. (No More). Should get us back.

08.15 Just had jam sandwiches. Still Hungry. Making good progress. Front sail out. Still got engine on. We are all knackered, been up over 24 Hrs. Weather is dull. Sea choppy, but good S/W winds.

09.45 Got all the sails up now. Making good time, a little bit of sun but still mostly cloudy. Sea swell seems to have reduced a bit. Allan is just doing some hot dogs & a drink.

11.49 Nearly home, we are looking to sight of land. We do not think we will get into the marina tonight though. So maybe we will anchor outside, & I will swim in. Sea is calm now, but wind direction is wrong. ETA GY. 18.00

12.50 Still no sight of land. Sea calm & no wind to help us. Very overcast, typical summer day. Still it's not raining.

14.30 Just spotted land & claimed my Golden Guinea. No wind, tick over to save fuel. Sea flat calm. Overcast.

17.07 We are going @ tick over to preserve fuel. We have missed the lock gates, so no hurry now. Just had dinner, it was good, now nothing to do but Chill. Lorna Doon has contacted us to say they are in marina. SMUG GITS.

19.10 Just ticking over. ETA GY 01.50. Sleeping on boat tonight. Get Les to take us home in the morning.

20.30 We have spoken to the Lock Keeper & he will let us through @ 22.00. Then into the clubhouse to tell all the stories & lies ?? Breakfast in the morning. Then home and I WILL NEVER SAIL AGAIN!!!

ETA 22.00 @ Grimsby lock gates. Sea calm, light breeze.

Engine off, Moored up, No Drama.