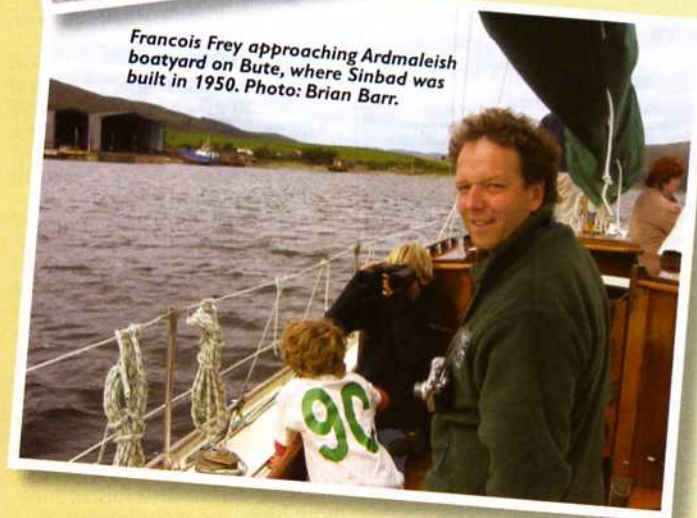
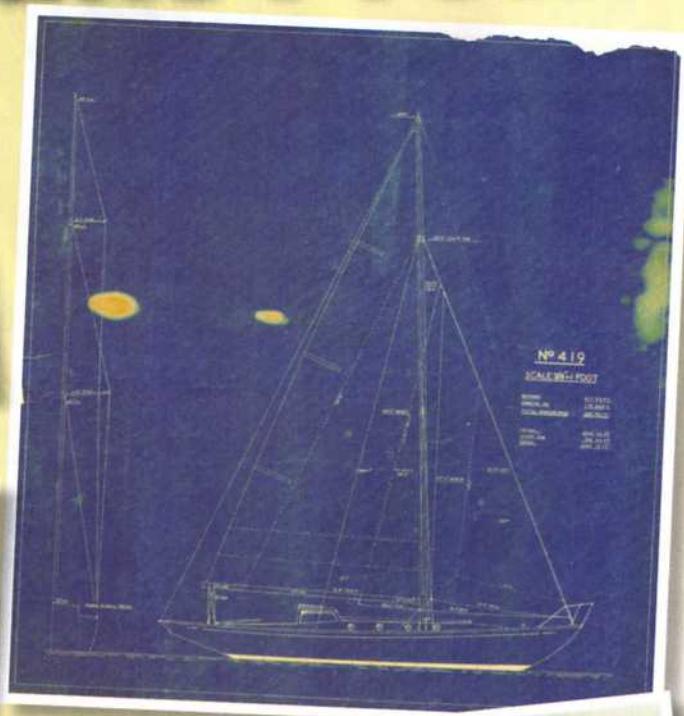


Sinbad Sails Home



Sinbad on her visit home to Bute in July. Photo: Zac Harrison.



Francois Frey approaching Ardmaleish boatyard on Bute, where Sinbad was built in 1950. Photo: Brian Barr.



George McKenzie (I) and Brian Barr, both of Bute, played a part in re-uniting the original blueprints with Sinbad.

FOLLOWING a number of extraordinary chance events, the original blueprints of an Alfred Mylne designed yacht that was built at Ardmaleish boatyard on Bute in 1950 have been returned to the current owner, writes Viv Shelley.

The first 'chance event' occurred in 1972 shortly after Stan Ferguson had taken over the Ardmaleish boatyard and had lit a bonfire on the beach to get rid of old registers, drawings and notes.

It happened that at the time Jack McKenzie, a designer of

model yachts and amateur boatbuilder, was visiting his son George on Bute and they were walking Jack's dog on that same beach.

Jack happened to notice a tattered set of blueprints that had blown away from the fire and being interested in all things nautical retrieved them and took them back to George's house where they became part of the family 'treasures', eventually being added to the remaining model yacht designs and plans of boats built by his father.

The yacht to which the blueprints belonged was identifiable only by its yard number 419. Jack McKenzie would most certainly have liked to see the yacht built to design 419 and perhaps re-unite her with the drawings but with no name on the blueprints he thought it would be a difficult task to

trace her. In 2004 Robin Wishart brought his boat Trefoil 'home' to Bute (also an Alfred Mylne design that was featured in this column in February 2007). Following a conversation with Robin about Trefoil at the start of this year's sailing season, George unearthed the set of tattered blueprints in case they happened to be Trefoil's



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