

KEALOHA 8 REFIT 2010/11

Engine and generator rebuild

Kealoha 8 has been berthed in the Marina much of the winter, she was craned out of the water at the beginning of February when we started concentrating on the hull and under water work.

For the past five months, we have been sprucing her up. Her main engine and her generator have been taken apart completely and fully dismantled in a work shop for an absolute service, rebuild and respray. They are as new now. You can hear the difference such a service makes to the running of the engine.... sweet.... Capt. Ben is beaming ear to ear.

Technicomar waste water treatment plant

Engineers came on board and serviced the waste water treatment system. There were some adaptations completed while the vessel was out of the water concerning the pipe work.

Kealoha awaits lift out from the 330 tonne crane Yacht



After an exciting and busy season sailing Turkey, Greece and Sardinia, Kealoha 8 arrived back in Marmaris Turkey deserving a nice rest and some TLC. It is always rewarding to bring the boat back up to the very highest standard and that is what we have been doing since we last sailed in October 2010.

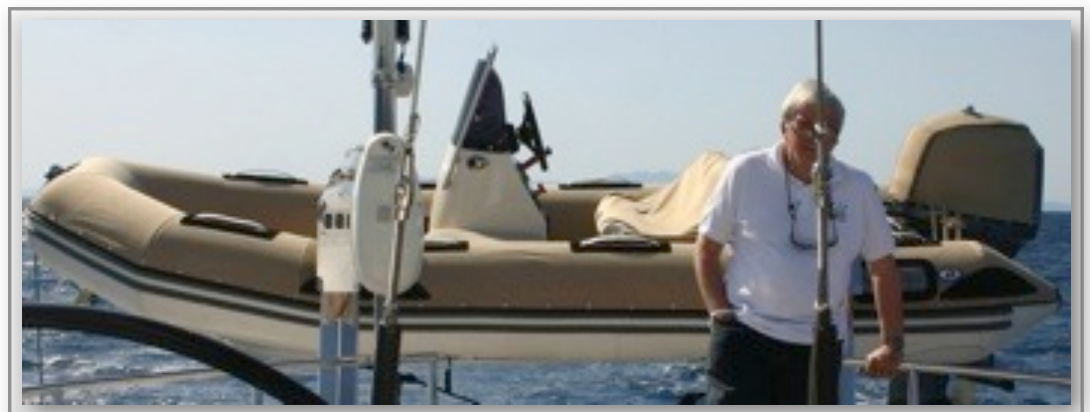


In Turkey, wood work is a tradition

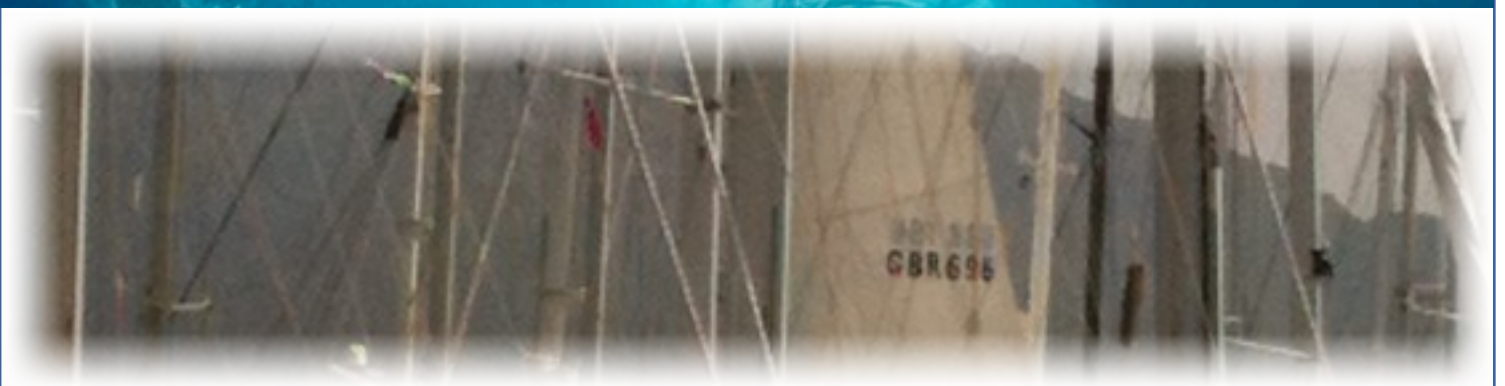
The cockpit table has been completely stripped and re-varnished and I have to say is looking stunning - it will be a major part of every charter! The companion way hatch area was also re-varnished. The locals we have working on board are very good with wood work. We had interior varnish work done last year which we were also quite pleased with.

The decks have been sanded and all of the Sikaflex taken out, the grooves re-primed and new Simpson caulking put in.

The tender went away to a work shop and had a full engine service and the hull/sponsons have had a complete re-build too. They are both as new.



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The ship's computer went back to the UK for a service, memory added and new graphics card installed. We also took the Nav screen for the outside helm position for a TLC session.

The spray hood and frame have been off the boat and adjusted. The spray hood has been replaced with a new one which is looking absolutely mint. The canvas company also have made a new dinghy sponson cover, and dinghy seat covers, seat cushions and covers for the stern quarter seats and some crew covers for passage protection for the like of the saloon table and the cockpit table. The Kim rescue sling has been put in a nice canvas bag too as she was previously looking sun kissed.

On the inside of the boat it has been the usual deep cleaning and replacing bit and bobs. Ben has refreshed all of the white silicone

in the heads and we cleaned the bilges, painting and such where needed. The seat at the Nav station in the saloon was recovered with Alcantara. All the mattresses, bedding and interior soft furnishings were professionally cleaned.

The hull was fully polished, the stern was repainted, the rudder checked and a small dink from an anchor chain filled. The entire hull has been checked for blemishes to the gel coat and repaired. The underside has been anti-fouled and all the anodes replaced. The rope cutter on the shaft has been serviced and the bow thruster.

Elvestrom Sail service

All the sails were collected by Elvestrom in Marmaris, cleaned and stored off the yacht during the winter. Sadly we were

unable to salvage Pinkie the spinnaker destroyed in Sardinia, racing, but we have two other spinnakers on board to enjoy.



Above, the hard working Elvestrom Team, always smiling

Kealoha 8 have numerous partners to thank for excellent service over the winter including but not limited to: MaviMar for the deck and varnish, Cetin Marine for the engine, Genny and hydraulics service, MC Marine for much canvas work, our superb stainless work and the respray of the carbon fibre passerelle, Surveyor Jes Holman for project managing and Gel repairs, PAM and Boat Mar for pimping the tender, Marmaris Agents for always helping whatever the request, aeg Marine for sorting electronic issues, Elvestrom for the sails