

**Log of**

**Avis (7 tons Auxiliary Cutter)**  
**Royal Mersey Restricted Class**

**Summer Cruise 1935**

**Isle of Man / Northern Ireland / Scotland**



**Skipper**    ***John Higson Greenwood (owner)***  
                  ***Eric Higson Greenwood (owner)***

**Crew**        ***Jim Christie***  
                  ***Ken Griffiths***  
                  ***Dennis Hidden***  
                  ***Fred Reid***  
                  ***Robert Thomson***

### Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>

16:30 Wind Easterly fresh to strong. Sunny. Cast off moorings (New Brighton). Whole mainsail, No 1 jib and staysail. Overcanvassed but loath to reef new sail.

17:30 Crosby l.v. (light vessel) abeam, freed away for Formby l.v., estimate speed 7 knots and rolling. Petrol tank overflowing through vent in top. Cabin full of petrol fumes. Dropped peak to reduce roll and emptied some petrol over side.

18:40 Whole sail. Wind modulating ENE. Bar l.v. abeam. Course WNW.

19:50 North West Beacon abeam, set course NNW for Douglas.

21:00 Wind E by S, fresh, with sea on quarter.

Midnight Wind strong, following sea. Speed est. 7 knots and throwing spray about. Water very phosphorescent – reflected glow on head sails. Three men sick.

### Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>

02:45 Picked up Douglas Light

04:05 Wind modulating, set spinnaker, following sea,

05:45 Wind light, started engine and steamed into Douglas.

06:00 Anchored in outer harbour.

08:00 Motored into inner harbour and moored alongside quay. Dried out.

18:20 Steamed out of Douglas, wind NE, light to moderate. Shut off engine and freed away to Port St Mary.

19:40 Derbyhaven abeam.

19:55 In Langness tide race.

21:05 Moored alongside Port St Mary outer breakwater. Anchored clear for the night.

### Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>

07:05 Weighed anchor. Wind ESE light and freshening. Misty.

07:35 Spanish Head abeam.

08:10 Chickens Rocks abeam. Course NW.

09:00 Wind NE, fresh, logging 6 k with beam sea.

10:30 Sighted Ireland.

11:40 Sighted South Rock l.v.

12:10 Wind moderating, close hauled to NNW.

13:25 Wind hauling ahead South Rock 1½ miles to windward.

15:05 Close to S.R. l.v. foul tide, making slow progress so turned back along coast.  
16:10 Whistling Buoy at entrance to Strangford Lough, abeam.  
16:30 Guns Island abeam.  
17:00 Sighted shark about 50 yds away.  
17:20 Moored alongside quay Ardglass outer harbour.

### Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup>

07:15 Left Ardglass, wind NE moderate.  
10:25 Whistling Buoy Strangford Lough close abeam wind E moderate.  
12:15 South Rock l.v. abeam, close hauled along coast.  
13:40 Passed alongside Skulmartin l.v. wind abeam.  
15:00 Wind dropped light, started engine.  
16:00 Entered Donaghadee Harbour but did not stay. Entered Donaghadee Sound against tide.  
16:30 Passed Briggs Buoy, still under power.  
18:15 Moored alongside Bangor inner pier, anchored off for night.

### Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>

07:45 Weighed anchor. Wind E light, lumpy sea. Set course NE $\frac{1}{2}$ E.  
09:20 Light head wind, started engine.  
11:10 Stowed all canvas. Light head wind with lumpy sea, making about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  knots.  
11:55 SS "Hur of Bergen" passed close ahead, sea gradually moderating.  
17:15 Light NNW wind, set spinnaker as reaching jib, followed by mainsail.  
17:45 Sighted land on starboard bow.  
18:15 Identified land as Ailsa Craig.  
18:25 Photographed basking shark about 15 feet away. Others farther off. Kept course NE $\frac{1}{2}$ E for Is of Arran, Lamlash.  
18:30 Stopped engine.  
20:00 Re-started engine.  
20:10 Ailsa Craig abeam.  
21:45 Sighted Pladda Is Lighthouse, set course for Holy Is light.  
22:00 Moderate wind – close hauled with engine running. Laying due North to weather of Pladda Light, about 4-5 kn.  
22:40 Wind fresh stopped engine.  
23:05 Strop on big jib carried away. Set smaller tanned jib. Wind still freshening with increasing sea.

### Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>

01:00 Entered Southern entrance to Lamlash as far as Fullarton Rock light buoy, visibility bad, so hove-to, outside, until dawn. Ship lying comfortably, wind strong and considerable sea.

04:20 Entered S. entrance.

05:05 Anchored between Lamlash Piers. Later made fast to pier with anchor astern in order to put crew ashore.

### Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>

08:05 Left Lamlash with moderate E wind.

09:45 Pladda light abeam, wind ENE, fresh, course WNW.

10:15 Snapped drifter "Gratitude" GR 10 hauling nets, wind decreasing.

12:45 Entered Campbeltown Loch, Davaar lighthouse abeam.

13:10 Entered Cambeltown harbour and moored alongside North Quay.

23:20 Left Cambeltown and started engine.

### Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>

00:15 Course S by E, stopped engine.

01:30 Sighted Sanda Island lighthouse.

02:15 Course SSW

03:45 Milleur Point light sighted.

04:30 Passed to N of Milleur Point. Course SW wind E moderate – freshening.

06:00 Sighted Irish Coast distant 1 mile, poor visibility, wind strong with big sea.

07:30 Sighted Maidens lighthouse.

08:00 Maidens to seaward. Ran off and passed out-shore of them.

09:00 Highland Rock whistling buoy abeam, wind SE strong with heavy head sea, breaking on deck, frequent pumping.

11:25 Black Head abeam.

12:55 Moored alongside Bangor inner quay. "Herzogin Cecile" sailed up Lough.

### Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

07:25 Moderate breeze – left Bangor and passed through Donaghadee Sound.

09:05 Anchored in Donaghadee then moored to quay with anchor laid out aft.

### Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

07:10 Left Donaghadee, wind light. Course SE 20° S (Peel) laying ESE.

09:35 Stayed laying SW by S.

10:20 Skulmartin l.v. abeam.

11:35 Stay'd near North Rock Perch, laying ESE – I.O.M. visible on weather bow.

16:00 Wind moderate laying SSE.

16:55 Sighted Peel, made in on coast to Northward of Peel and then stayed on to Port tack.

19:20 Moored alongside drifter at Peel outer breakwater. Lay alongside overnight, being calm.

### Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

08:00 Motored out of harbour.

09:45 Moderate breeze, shut down engine.

10:20 Port Erin abeam.

10:45 Passed through Calf Sound between Kitteel and Stone beacon. Very light wind but tide rip with us, with heavy overfalls breaking on deck. When clear of Sound hauled on to Port tack, laying SSE.

14:00 Wind heading us and light, heading SSW.

15:05 Picked up Anglesey Coast.

17:10 Very little wind course S started engine.

17:55 Light breeze laying S. Stopped engine.

19:00 Laying SSE, wind heading us.

19:50 Started engine laying SE by S.

21:30 Moderate breeze – stopped engine.

21:40 Archdeacon Rock abeam.

22:10 Anchored in Cemaes Bay.

Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>

10:45 Flat calm – weighed anchor and started engine.

11:50 Amlwch abeam.

12:10 Rounded Port Lynas. Course SE½E for Puffin.

14:55 Passed Puffin – Strong foul tide.

15:45 Conway Fairway Buoy.

16:45 Picked up mooring at Deganwy.

Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>

05:05 Cast off mooring – wind S light.

05:45 Conway Fairway – no wind.

05:45 Calm with occasional light variable airs.

08:00 Light wind SSW.

08:40 Great Orme light abeam wind moderate freshening to strong.

11:00 Chester Flats buoy abeam.

11:40 Point of Air lighthouse, crossed Dee by Welshman's Gut.

13:10 Hilbre 3 buoy set course for Horse Buoy.

14:15 Rock light abeam.

14:45 Anchored SW end of moorings (New Brighton).

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### Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>

*Weather looked very unsettled with wind outside and frequent hail squalls. Delayed start until evening.*

*20:16 Cast off moorings wind NE light.*

*22:20 Formby l.v., wind freshening.*

*22:30 Set second jib and double reefed mainsail, wind backing, course West.*

*00:00 Wind moderating.*

### Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>

*01:30 Started engine, no wind*

*02:00 Light wind, stopped engine and shook out reefs. Light variable winds and calms, rain.*

*07:00 Light NW wind, set topsail.*

*11:30 Sighted Isle of Man to North. Anglesey and Cumberland also visible. Stayed – laying N by E.*

*12:15 Started engine.*

*12:45 Stopped engine, wind freshening.*

*15:50 Started engine*

*16:00 Stopped engine.*

*16:30 Lowered topsail laying NNE.*

*17:15 Wind veering, stayed course, WNW.*

*20:00 Wind moderate and steady. Course W, logging about 4 knots.*

### Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>

*Logging about 5 knots. Perfect moonlight night, clear, Chickens Light and Skerries visible*

*04:30 Stayed laying N by W to NNW.*

*05:00 Sighted Irish Coast on port bow.*

*05:50 Wind freeing, heading N for Mull of Galloway.*

*08:00 Wind freshening SW.*

*11:00 Set spinnaker and topsail.*

*12:00 Going like a train – wind aft. No 2 spinnaker blown out. Rescued the sheets and set No 1 spinnaker.*

*12:55 Gybed ship and steered NNE South Rock Lightship abeam, about 2 miles.*

*15:30 Sighted Kilantringan Lighthouse on Black Head, speed about 4 knots.*



17:45 Sailed into Portpatrick and moored alongside a fishing boat in inner harbour, after refusing pilot. R Colby Cubbins yacht "Glen Strathallen" steamed past, northward bound.

### Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bar 30.3 ins

11:55 Motored out of Portpatrick.

12:00 Stopped engine and set mainsail, staysail and No1 jib. Wind NNE fresh.

12:30 Sighted a shark.

12:40 Thunder and lightning accompanied by heavy rain.

14:05 Wind veering course NE by N.

14:25 Steep heavy seas – shipped one in cockpit. Wind moderating.

15:00 Wind light – big head sea. Started engine.

15:10 Corsewall Point abeam bearing SE.

16:00 Sea moderating.

18:25 Ailsa Craig abeam, shut off engine, wind coming Northerly. Course E ½ N.

20:00 Wind freshening E by N.

20:15 Wind strong picked up Girvan and can just lay it.

21:00 Wind suddenly headed us and dropped flat from strong breeze just outside harbour but blowing round about – weather looked ominous but wind came again quite moderate.

21:20 Entered Girvan harbour under power and moored alongside passenger boat "Ailsa Lass". Crowds of people lined th harbour. Interviewed harbour master and paid 2/- dues. (Bar 30.2).

### Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Blowing hard from North. Spent day in port and had a walk in the hills behind the town. Mr T Gerald Tait, owner of "Gitana" and late of "Sinbad", "Bonito", "Puffin" and 36 others, drove us to his flat for supper, pukka gent. A good chap!

Returned to ship - crew very cheerful.

### Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>

00:50 Motored and sailed out of Girvan. 1 reef, No1 jib and staysail. Clear moonlight night, wind strong, laying NW by N short sea – crew scoused – proved thick but willing.

01:00 Shut off engine – a grand sail. Made Pladda Light, Arran on first leg and then beat up coast as dawn broke.

06:35 Passed Pillar Rock Lighthouse on Holy Is.

07:20 Anchored near Lamlash steamboat pier and hauled into pier to get ashore.

14:50 Motored, alongside Old Quay and dried out for a scrub.

10:30 Anchored off for the night. Bar 30.45.

### Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>

(Bar 30.45 steady)

08:25 Weighed anchor (saw it on the bottom) and started engine. Light air E and calms.

09:00 Passed buoy in North entrance to Lamlash.

09:30 Brodick Bay abeam, flat calm, fine, warm and sunny.

11:25 Second measured mile mark. Ship under power, engine "four stroking" occasionally. No breeze, smooth sea. Course N 20 W.

11:38½ Third measured mile. SPEED 4½ knots.

12:20 Picked up moderate W wind, stopped engine.

14:25 Hove to outside East Loch Tarbert for dinner.

14:45 Beat up channel to East Tarbert and moored alongside quay on South side of harbour – remaining afloat.

### Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>

09:55 Cast off from quay and sailed out of harbour.

10:45 Sgat Mor light abeam, wind NW moderate – set spinnaker (Bar 30.2)

11:30 Gybed around Ardlamont Point buoy and entered Kyles of Bute.

11:45 Passed Curney Rock buoy and photographed 3 funnelled pleasure steamer "St Columba".

11:50 Passed pleasure steamer "Caledonian".

13:00 Passed through the Narrows and Burnt Islands with a free wind.

13:20 Anchored for lunch at Newton.

15:25 Strong Westerly wind weighed anchor changed to No 2 jib.

16:00 Passed Red buoy off Ardmeleish Point.

16:25 Rothesay Pier and sailed round bay and made for Hunters Quay.

16:50 Toward Point abeam.

17:05 Inellan Beacon abeam. Ship travelling well with beam wind.

17:50 Dunoon Pier.

18:30 Hunters Quay – sailed into Holy Loch entrance, but owing to lack of landing facilities returned to Kirn.

19:00 Anchored to North of Kirn jetty off boat hiring racket.

20:00 *Haggled with crimp (def: a keeper of a low lodging house where sailors are entrapped and fleeced - MRG) and acquired dinghy for the night.*

### Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>

*Bar 30.25 in. Wind fresh NW.*

*12:30 Weighed anchor and beat up Holy Loch.*

*13:15 Head of Holy Loch, ran back.*

*13:30 Rounded Strone Point and reached up Loch Long.*

*15:10 Passed entrance to Loch Goil.*

*16:10 Morlaggan, turned back down Loch Long.*

*17:00 Loch Goil abeam.*

*18:00 Entered River Clyde.*

*18:40 Rosneath Point entered Gare Loch.*

*19:30 Rosneath Pier. Beat through narrows.*

*20:25 Approaching head of Loch Gare. Freed away down loch.*

*20:45 Anchored off Clynder jetty with hauling in line fast to pier. Went ashore for bread and to look around the place. Saw Silvers' Yard.*

*Midnight Anchored off for the night.*

### Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>

*Bar 30.3 in calm.*

*Awakened by Pier Master yelling that we were too close to pier and in way of steamer which was due.*

*07:25 Weighed anchor and motored out of Gare Loch just before arrival of steamer.*

*07:40 Passed Rosneath Pier.*

*07:50 Stopped engine.*

*08:15 Entered River Clyde.*

*08:35 Started engine, head wind – light.*

*09:10 Off Gourock Pier.*

*09:20 Stopped engine.*

*10:05 Passed Gantock beacon. Wind moderate SSW.*

*11:45 Wemyss Bay. Checked pier clock by ship's chronometer.*

*12:15 Skelmorlie Bank.*

*12:40 Toward Point abeam. Rain. Poor visibility.*

*14:10 Made fast alongside Largs Pier and provisioned. Have a look around town.*

16:20 Rain clearing. Motored out of Largs and set sail when clear of pier heads.  
17:25 Little Cumbrae abeam – wind NNW moderate to fresh.  
18:25 Off Brodick Bay wind suddenly dropped.  
18:40 Light airs.  
20:10 Holy Island lighthouse abeam.  
21:10 Pladda light abeam about 1 mile distant. Set course SW for Belfast Lough.  
Wind moderate WNW.  
22:00 Light airs.  
23:00 Calm, started engine.  
11:55 Ailsa Craig abeam.

### Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>

Bar 30.35 in. Calm.

02:30 Making good progress under power. Corsewall Point visible on Port hand.  
03:20 Sighted Black Head Light.  
04:55 Light WSW wind stopped engine.  
06:00 Started engine light head winds.  
08:20 Stopped engine light SSW breeze.  
09:00 Maidens abeam went about on Port tack course West.  
11:55 Entered Lough Larne and sailed up to Head of Lough and motored round Larne wharves finally making fast to Steamer Pier, with Harbour Master's permission. Spent the afternoon ashore, provisioned and took petrol aboard. Very warm.  
18:15 Motored out of harbour – no wind – rain – engine giving trouble – very erratic.  
19:30 Passed Muck Is. Engine o.k. (Lt lead loose & spark gap closed).  
20:15 Stopped engine. Wind WSW moderate.  
20:40 Black Head abeam. Course SSE for Donaghadee Sound.  
22:05 Made fast to Donaghadee jetty with anchor out astern.

### Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>

Bar 30.42 ins. Sunny - blue sky.

06:15 Motored out of Donaghadee and made sail wind NW set-top sail and spinnaker.  
08:20 Skulmartin l.v. abeam.  
08:55 Burial Island abeam.  
09:45 Passed close to South Rock l.v. "Penguin".

10:40 Entrance to Lough Strangford abeam.  
11:40 Ardglass abeam.  
12:15 St Johns Point abeam.  
14:45 Reduced canvas and started engine.  
15:00 Made fast alongside quay at Annalong Harbour in 7ft of water.  
16:45 Left Annalong under power for Kilkeel. Light head wind so motored all the way in order to make port before the tide left it.  
17:55 Entered Kilkeel outer pier heads.  
18:05 Made fast alongside quay, had bathe and dried out.

### Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>

07:00 Motored out of Kilkeel and set course for Hellyhunter Buoy, head wind, light.  
07:55 Passed green wreck buoy in Carlingford Channel. Strong tide ebbing out of Carlingford Lough. Set mainsail and proceeded under sail and power.  
08:20 Haulbowline Lighthouse abeam.  
09:15 Greenore.  
09:20 Anchored off Greenore railway quay with stern line on to quay.  
11:30 D.A. Rayner's barge yacht "Pearl" passed pier outward bound and picked up an extra member of crew at Greenore.  
14:10 Left Greenore pier under power – no wind, rain, mist.  
14:50 Made fast alongside North Quay of Carlingford Harbour.  
19:35 Beat out of harbour, wind moderate WSW.  
20:25 Greenore abeam set spinnaker and top-sail.  
20:30 Wind light but big overfalls due to tide race at Haulbowline Rock Lighthouse.  
21:15 Hellyhunter Buoy abeam, light air – NW.  
23:10 Wind dropped started engine.

### Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>

01:50 Light air N stopped engine.  
02:00 Wind dropped restarted engine.  
02:30 Light Northerly wind, stopped engine.  
03:15 Wind NW moderate.  
05:45 Sighted I.O.Man.  
06:00 Altered course to due East to clear Calf of Man.  
07:00 Set spinnaker, wind fresh.  
07:55 Wind strong – helmsman got his hands full so doused spinnaker.

08:00 Chickens Lighthouse close abeam.

08:30 The sound open.

09:10 Anchored in outer harbour Port St Mary. "Pearl" arrived about an hour earlier.

10:30 Made fast alongside out breakwater and spent afternoon in Port Erin.

19:00 Blowing hard ship rolling on breakwater but no damage done due to good fenders. Entered inner harbour made fast alongside schooner "Margaret Garten" in comfortable berth and dried out.

### Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>

08:55 Bar 30.35. Motored out of outer harbour and anchored – later hauled alongside breakwater and went ashore.

12:50 Left Port St Mary under power. Light head wind.

13:40 Langness L.H. abeam.

14:30 Light air from E set mainsail, staysail and jib. Shut off engine.

15:00 Wind veered SE approaching Douglas Head.

15:45 Entered Douglas harbour and anchored – hailed as winners of IOM Race.

### Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>

Spent day ashore – pictures in the evening. Had supper ashore and boarded ship just before midnight.

Midnight Weighed anchor and sailed out of Douglas under mainsail, staysail and No 2 jib. Laying course SSE. Wind moderate but gradually freshening – gale warning issued on wireless which we did not hear of.

### Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>

04:00 Wind freshening. Double reefed mainsail. Big beam sea. Shipped water continually – wind gradually freeing.

05:00 Wind working round to SW. Moderate gale.

06:55 Picked up land – wind strong - identified as Great Ormes Head. Later freed away for Dee.

10:00 Off mouth of the Dee. Blowing and raining. Land frequently blotted out by heavy rain squalls. Wind West with breaking crests. Attempt to stay so as to work off the land, but jib sheet carries away and she falls back on same tack. Jib thrashes about and jib boom and top-mast look like carrying away. Two men forward to douse jib. Drop the peak of mainsail and jibe. Free away on Port jibe. Rain squalls.

10:30 Sighted Hilbre Is. Stayed and shipped dangerous beam sea in Hilbre Channel. Took in plenty of water.

*11:50 Horse Buoy abeam. Passed Welsh Boat coming out while we were running in for Rock Channel. Steep following sea – wind over tide. Crests breaking. Dropped peak when jibing to ease her in Rock Channel. Pooped several times.*

*13:00 Picked up “Myfanwy’s” moorings at New Brighton. Wind force 7 according to chart on pier.*

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## Saturday

16:30 Underway and up to New Brighton stage for Jack with engine. Down Rock Channel in 7ft, engine and whole sail, wind North moderate. Across East Hoyle by Horse Channel Buoy. Engine shut off. Hilbre Swash and Welshmans Gut. Beat through Gut with engine.

20:30 Mostyn. Tied up alongside motor barge. Motor barge steamed out so made fast alongside quay. Returned to vessel and found her moved outside another motor barge.

23:30 Underway from Mostyn. Whole main, stays'l and No2 jib. Wind SW. Sailed along Welsh coast Rob and self on deck. Wind moderate, freshening.

## Sunday

03:00 Eric and Dennis took over. Little Orme abeam. Wind strong with a sea breaking on deck.

04:00 Heavy squall from SW. Puffin Is dead to windward and 1½ miles. Dropped throat halliard to ease ship, then dropped mainsail, double reefed.

Put ship on starboard tack 2 reefs, second jib and staysail. Very wet to windward, shipping heavy seas.

Freed away and ran for Mostyn, Wind strong with heavy rain squalls. Eric at tiller - hard on helm.

Rounded Point of Air and went up Dee with the flood. Doused jib and stays'l and then main.

09:30 Anchored behind Mostyn Mole.

## Monday

11:30 Wind Force 7 (moderate gale). Three reefs and 2<sup>nd</sup> jib. Reached across to SE Salisbury then close hauled for Swash. High sea in Swash breaking over rocks on Hilbre Island.

Layed course for Horse Buoy and freed up Rock Channel. Awkward following sea in Rock. Several jibes necessary.

14:00 Reached up River against tide. Set No 1 jibes a top-sail to bring ship over tide. Anchored Rock Ferry.

18:00 Underway and beat down to New Brighton moorings, wind still strong.

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### Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

16:50 Bar 30.2". Wind SSE fresh. Cast off moorings.

17:40 Crosby Ship abeam.

19:45 Bar Ship abeam. Set course NNW $\frac{1}{4}$ W.

20:00 Set spinnaker.

23:00 Wind dropped light, took in spinnaker.

Midnight Calm and variable light airs.

### Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

03:00 Fresh breeze WSW.

05:10 Wind strong, sea increasing with occasional breaking crests. Pulled down 2 reefs in mainsail.

07:00 Sighted Langness Lighthouse.

07:45 Approaching Castletown. Ran up to coast for Douglas.

08:45 Anchored in Douglas Harbour. Bar 30.3 steady.

### Monday May 24<sup>th</sup>

08:00 Bar 30.2". Ship making some water. Mopped ship dry and discovered keel bolt just forward of centreboard case had broken.

10:00 Motored alongside King Edward VIII Pier and approached various boat builders etc with the object of fitting a new keel bolt, but without success.

11:15 Motored out of harbour.

11:30 Set canvas and stopped engine.

11:50 Calm. Started engine.

12:45 Rain. Clay Head abeam.

14:45 Maughold Head abeam.

15:00 Moderate South wind. Stopped engine, poor visibility. Course North for Point of Ayre, wind freshening.

16:45 Off Point of Ayre. Blowing hard as double reefed main under lee of Point and beat back to Ramsay Bay.

17:40 Shackle pin fell out of Port mainstay shackle. Put brass nut and bolt in its place.

19:25 Anchored under lee of Ramsay long pier. Heavy squalls in bay from off the mountains.

21:15 Made fast alongside quay in Ramsay harbour after steaming in.

## Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup>

*Stayed in Ramsay*

## Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>

*10:45 Flat calm. Left Ramsay under power. Bar 30.36", drizzle.*

*12:00 Point of Ayre Lighthouse abeam.*

*12:55 Stopped engine. Heard Mull of Galloway fog signal. Light wind cannot quite lay course on Port tack.*

*13:15 Restarted engine. Weather clearing passed several sharks.*

*14:15 Stopped engine course NW by N. Wind backing & freshening. Set spinnaker on jib boom as a reaching jib.*

*15:00 Picked up Mull of Galloway.*

*15:50 Wind still backing. Set spinnaker on boom. Wind aft and everything drawing.*

*15:55 Opened up Crammeg Head Lighthouse.*

*17:10 Wind backing Easterly. Light to moderate. Spinnaker as a reaching jib.*

*17:35 Crammeg Head abeam.*

*18:15 Port Logan abeam. Low water and harbour appeared to be dry, so carried on for Port Patrick.*

*18:30 Logan Head abeam. Tide rip against us but a moderate free wind.*

*20:15 Wind dropping lighter, just making over flood which is setting strong against us. Started engine.*

*20:30 Everything drawing well & engine helping us over tide.*

*21:00 Made fast alongside quay in Portpatrick harbour.*

## Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>

*11:10 Motored out of harbour, thick coastal fog. Wind S fresh course WSW.*

*13:00 Wind moderating.*

*13:30 Sea moderating.*

*14:10 Sighted land.*

*14:50 Made out Copeland Is and Donaghadee Church.*

*14:55 Sighted light on Donaghadee breakwater.*

*15:20 Anchored in Donaghadee harbour with line on to quay. Walked to Groomsport and by bus to Bangor in evening. Walked back to ship after missing last bus.*

## Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>

*Bus to Bangor and watched yacht races. Bright and sunny.*

### *Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>*

*06:30 Bar 30.4". Anchor foul of motor boat's mooring, tripped anchor and picked up and replaced mooring.*

*07:25 Light wind SW, sailed out of harbour.*

*08:00 Wind moderate.*

*09:06 Passed between Skulmartin Perch and L.V.*

*09:45 Burial Is abeam.*

*12:20 Heard and sighted Strangford whistle buoy.*

*13:55 Moored alongside quay at Portaferry.*

### *Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>*

*07:10 Bar 30.4". Wind fresh S. Whole sail. Cast off from quay and sailed through Strangford narrows with a racing tide.*

*07:45 Cleared Bar Pladdy buoy.*

*08:05 Guns Is abeam, bearing NNW wind light Easterly.*

*09:15 Ardglass abeam.*

*10:30 St Johns Point Lighthouse abeam, bearing NNW – wind light Westerly.*

*10:45 Started engine – motored and sailed.*

*11:50 Wind freshened – stopped engine – laying along coast.*

*13:45 Annalong abeam.*

*15:45 Moored alongside quay in Kilkeel harbour.*

### *Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>*

*06:35 Bar 30.4". Motored out of Kilkeel, wind Southerly.*

*06:45 Stopped engine.*

*07:50 Hellyhunter Buoy abeam.*

*07:55 Haulbowline L.H. abeam.*

*09:15 Started engine and hauled down 1 reef. Wind fresh, moderate sea.*

*09:35 Stopped engine and resumed course.*

*10:10 Reached along coast abreast of Clogher Head.*

*12:30 Passed close outshore of St Patrick's Island, fresh beam wind.*

*13:40 Lambay Island harbour abeam.*

*14:45 Passed close to Ireland's Eye.*

15:15            *Moored alongside quay in Howth harbour.*

### Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

08:35 *Bar 30.5". Motored out of Howth. Light free wind outside, stopped engine and set canvas.*

09:35            *Bailey Light close abeam.*

10:50            *Stowed canvas.*

10:55 *Entered Kingstown pier head. Motored around yachts in outer harbour.*

11:15 *Made fast alongside drifter in Coal Harbour. Bus to Dublin in afternoon.*

### Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

07:40            *Bar 30.2". Motored out of harbour.*

08:20            *Passed Dalkey boat harbour and passed through Dalkey Straits.*

08:35            *Stopped engine, wind WSW moderate.*

09:25            *Making slow progress on beat down coast so freed away for Howth.*

11:10            *N Burford buoy abeam.*

11:30            *Bailey L. H. abeam.*

12:00 *Moored alongside drifter at West Quay, Howth harbour. Took bus, walked to Malahide Inlet.*

### Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>

06:35 *Left Howth under sail wind South moderate.*

07:45 *Kish L.V. abeam, wind freshening, moderate sea, ship close reaching.*

09:30 *Wind moderate to light – made about 15 miles.*

10:35 *Wind dropped light and hauled ahead, course East.*

10:40 *Laying ESE wind freshened. Visibility very poor – mist.*

10:40 –            *Wind mainly fresh could do with a reef. Visibility ½ mile.*

15:50            *Encountered steep sea resembling a tide rip.*

15:50 *Sighted land. Owing to the lay of coast we freed away to NNE judging our landfall to be well to the South. Proved to Port Dinleyn. Made fast progress along the coast with good free wind and flood tide.*

18:10 *Off Caernarvon Bar. Big sea running – some difficulty in picking up Fairway buoy.*

18:50 *Passed to Port of Perch marking mussel bank, smooth water.*

19:25 *Caernarvon Pier head abeam, ebb stream just starting.*

20:25 *Moored alongside quay in Port Dinorwic tidal basin. Anchored under lee of Point for the night.*

### Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>

06:45 Sailed out of Port Dinorwic and through Swillies against the tide.

07:50 Passed under Suspension Bridge.

07:55 Moored alongside Timber Wharf Menai Bridge.

11:40 Cast off from wharf, started engine and set staysail.

11:45 Stopped engine, wind S moderate gale. Ran ship ashore on mud under lee of Gallows Point. Spent rest of day ashore. George caught afternoon train home.

12:15 Anchor off for night after borrowing dinghy to get aboard.

### Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>

09:25 Bar 30.3". Started engine and ran "Avis" ashore on Gallows Point at top of tide. Gave instructions to Morris & Leavett boatbuilders to replace keel bolt. Walked to Garth, ferried across and caught 2pm bus home.

### Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>

Self, George, Rob and Percy Lovelock sailed home to New Brighton after keel bolt was replaced.

**Log of**  
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**16 July – 31 July**

**Skipper** Eric Higson Greenwood (owner)

**Crew** Fred Reid  
Dennis Hidden  
George Siddall (to 4 Aug)

**Crew 31 July – 14 Aug**

**Skipper** John Higson Greenwood (owner)

**Crew** George Siddall (to 4 Aug)  
Harry Bowen  
C.F. Whittemore



### Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>

16:40 Wind fresh NW. Two reefs in mainsail & staysail. Cast off moorings.

18:00 Rock Is buoy abeam.

18:20 Horse buoy abeam but well outshore. Close hauled and crossed Spencer's Spit with a minimum of 6 ft.

19:10 Hilbre Island abeam.

20:45 Anchored in lee of Mostyn Mole in company with "Josie" & "Robinetta".

### Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>

03:30 Wind WNW moderate under way with double reefed main sail.

03:50 Shook out reefs and set No 2 jib.

04:20 Dee buoy abeam – taking legs along coast inshore of West Hoyle.

05:20 Prestatyn Golf House abeam.

06:30 Laying NNW on offshore tack, wind lightened. Robinetta about 3 miles to windward having left Mostyn about an hour before Avis, presumably for the Straits.

07:30 Course still NNW making 2 or 3 knots.

08:15 Laying NW by N wind freeing and freshening, speed 4 or 5 knots.

12:30 Speed about 4 knots. Commenced to rain visibility bad.

14:00 Wind freed a little, speed about 5 knots.

17:30 Wind WSW moderate to fresh. Sighted land on Port bow course NNW, raining, bad visibility.

17:50 Recognised land as Douglas Head by lighthouse and piers.

16:15 Anchored in Douglas Harbour and made line fast to mooring buoy.

### Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>

12:15 Left Douglas and started engine, wind NE light. Stopped engine when clear of land.

12:30 Very little wind, restarted engine. Off Clay Head.

13:50 Laxey abeam – no wind, sunny & hot.

15:00 Maughold Head abeam. Picked up nice NNW breeze & stopped engine. Trawled for mackerel outside Ramsay with local boats but with no success. As wind fell light stowed canvas and motored into harbour. Made fast alongside town quay at 17:10.

## Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>

- 04:15 Left Ramsay under power for Point of Ayre. Flat calm.
- 04:50 Water intake pipe worked loose on engine causing flooding – stopped engine.
- 05:15 Water intake pipe repaired and engine restarted.
- 06:00 Point of Ayre abeam.
- 06:15 Picked up breeze and stopped engine.
- 07:00 Breeze freshened accompanied by thick mist.
- 07:20 Heard Mull of Galloway foghorn, steered NNW so as to keep West of it. Fresh Westerly wind – overfalls.
- 08:20 Mull of Galloway fog siren abeam altered course to due North.
- 09:00 Rhinns of Galloway sighted, fog lifting.
- 09:45 Wind dropped, foul tide, re-started engine.
- 10:35 Light South wind Gowne Point abeam.
- 11:05 Set spinnaker.
- 11:35 Engine stopped- petrol tank empty. Making good way so did not refill.
- 13:05 Killantringan wireless station sighted.
- 15:00 Hove to outside Portpatrick whilst dining off mackerel caught off Point of Ayre.
- 15:25 Having refilled petrol tank motored into Portpatrick & made fast to inner harbour quay.

## Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>

- 08:00 Motored out of harbour.
- 08:30 Killantringan L.H. abeam. Light head wind.
- 08:50 Stopped engine. Laying course along Galloway coast towards Loch Ryan.
- 09:15 Wind very light re-started engine.
- 10:55 Craig Laggan Beacon abeam, no wind, ship heading for Ailsa Craig.
- 11:10 Light to moderate NW wind, stopped engine and steered NNE for Ailsa Craig.
- 11:55 Wind dropped re-started engine.
- 13:10 Light beam wind stopped engine, set spinnaker as reaching jib.
- 15:30 Ailsa Craig L.H. and jetty close on Port beam.
- 16:00 Set topsail, course NNE for Lamlash.
- 17:30 Pladda Light abeam.
- 18:30 Wind fell light, started engine under lee of land.
- 19:00 Engine stopped – tank empty.

*19:30 Fullarton Rock Buoy abeam.*

*20:35 Made fast alongside coaster "Cuban" at Lamlash pier. Later moved to drifter "Remembrance" LH174. Entertained crew of "Remembrance" and two other Leith drifters aboard "Avis". Bedded down at 2am.*

### *Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Bright sunny day – walked to Whiting Bay and bathed then walked to Kildonan Castle and watched sharks leaping out of the water. Walked back to Whiting Bay and by bus back to Lamlash.*

### *Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*08:05 Underway and beat out of Southern Entrance.*

*09:00 Fullarton Rock Buoy abeam.*

*10:30 Wireless forecast. Light to moderate South wind – visibility moderate to good. Cloudy occasional rain.*

*12:10 Pladda light abeam – light to moderate Southerly wind.*

*13:40 Iron Rock Ledges buoy abeam.*

*14:00 Set tops'l and spinnaker.*

*17:05 Imachar Point abeam, light S wind – visibility moderate.*

*18:45 Sailed into Lochranza & moored alongside stone quay at head of pier.*

*19:30 Made fast alongside piles at back of pier.*

### *Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Bathed and went ashore in morning.*

*11:55 Underway – light Northerly wind to calm.*

*12:10 Started engine and headed for Loch Fyne.*

*13:05 Light wind. Stopped engine.*

*13:45 Light head wind re-started engine.*

*15:45 Stowed canvas and motored into East Loch Tarbert.*

*15:55 Moored alongside fish buyer "Rob Roy" at quay. Visited Dickie's Yard and then walked round far side of East Loch Tarbert.*

### Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>

11:30 Motored out of East Tarbert – no wind – headed North for Ardrishaig.

12:00 Set mainsail – Barmore peninsula abeam.

12:20 Free wind set spinnaker and stopped engine.

14:05 Ardrishaig – Black Buoy abeam.

14:25 Made fast alongside canal icebreaker “Conway” of Glasgow. Denis & Eric did “big ‘ike” to Crinan. Fred & George walked to Lochgilphead village.

### Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>

Went ashore about 09:30 and missed bus to Crinan so hired push bikes. Rode along Canal to Crinan then on to Kilmartin, pushed and rode over rough hill track to Loch Craignish and finished up at small landing jetty where Den and Eric bathed – had to return same way. Rode on to Ford Hotel, Loch Awe and back to Ardrishaig about 10pm. Unusual shoals of herring had come right in to Loch Gilp and were being fished by nearly all the boats in the harbour. Grand sunset

### Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup>

10:30 Motored out of Ardrishaig.

10:55 Stopped engine & sailed. Light to moderate head wind.

13:40 East Loch Tarbert abeam.

14:20 Avidhe Island light close abeam

15:40 Rounded Ardlamont Point buoy and headed for Kyles of Bute.

17:30 Entered Loch Riddon.

17:40 Left Loch Riddon.

18:04 Passed through Burnt Islands North Channel.

19:50 Made fast alongside coasting steamer “Norman” in Rothesay Dock.

### Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup>

14:55 Motored clean of Rothesay Bay and then beat towards Cumbrae. Moderate S wind – sunny.

16:20 Passed obelisk on North end of Cumbrae beating down East Channel.

18:50 Entered Millport & anchored in lee of island. Wind freshening considerably & raining.

21:30 Blowing hard – motored back to pier but was not sufficient water to enter harbour so returned to quiet anchorage in lee of island.

### Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>

*Fresh NW wind - sunny- double reefed mainsail.*

*09:40 Anchor away – sailed out of Millport.*

*10:15 Cleared Little Cumbrae and laid course for Lamlash.*

*11:25 Sheltered by land - shook reefs out.*

*12:50 Passed Clauchland's Point buoy North entrance to Lamlash.*

*13:25 Dropped anchor near pier – lay alongside drifter “Aye Ready” of Ballantrae a short while – then anchored near pier with a shore line.*

### Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>

*10:30 Weather forecast Deep depression – further outlook very unsettled. SW gale for Clyde area. Treble reefed mainsail – single reefed staysail – wind SW fresh.*

*12:15 Cleared South channel to Lamlash. Ayrshire coast visible.*

*13:30 Wind strong with fair sized sea – making very good progress. Commenced to rain almost blotting out land.*

*14:20 Lady Isle close abeam. Troon breakwater light just visible 2½ miles off.*

*14:55 Rounded Troon breakwater and motored & sailed into harbour. Was not allowed in deep basin so lay alongside quay undisturbed near entrance to timber basin. Rained for rest of day until Saturday mid-day. Sent telegram to Jack advising of arrival.*

### Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>

*Walked around town and did some shopping - went to pictures in evening. Jack, Harry Bowen and Whitemore arrived 11pm and seven slept aboard.*

### Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>

*Eric, Fred Reid, Dennis Hidden caught 10:06 morning train to Liverpool, leaving skipper Jack Greenwood and crew George Siddall, Harry Bowen and Whitemore.*

*13:55 Motored out of Troon. Wind NW light. Stopped engine when clear of harbour - laying Pladda.*

*16:10 Calm, started engine and layed course for North entrance Lamlash.*

*16:15 “Monas Queen” crossed our bows. Mackerel lines over and fish biting well. Motor a bit erratic. Platinum points on coil could do with renewal.*

*19:00 Motored into Lamlash & lay alongside coaster anchored in the deep overnight.*

### Monday August 1<sup>st</sup>

08:30 Motored out of Lamblash North channel. Calm & sunny.

09:05 Fairway Buoy. Light wind NE.

09:45 Engine stopped - Brodick abeam.

09:50 Calm light airs – restarted engine.

10:30 Calm & hot sun. Wireless weather forecast – wind light and variable – local fog. Bar 30.7 ins.

11:10:20 Passed first measured mile mark.

11:22:00 Passed second mmm. Speed 5.26 knots.

11:34:10 Passed third mmm. Speed 4.96 knots. Average 5.11 knots.

12:30 Anchored inshore & fished with no success. Harry and self bathed & swam ashore.

16:30 Motored into Lochranza and moored behind jetty. Walked ashore and provisioned.

18:25 Motored out of Lochranza.

21:45 Arrived East Loch Tarbert and moored alongside town quay.

### Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>

12:45 Motored out of East Loch Tarbert. Light airs. Set topsail & spinnaker.

14:30 Started engine – Calm.

16:30 Motored into Ardrishaig and lay alongside the ice breaker. Met Hiscock of the “Wanderer II” who writes cruising books and for the yachting journals. Came aboard for supper and a yarn.

### Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cycled alongside canal to Crinan & decided to pass through canal.

16:00 Entered Ardrishaig locks and paid canal dues 1/- per foot – 27/-. There are 15 locks with a total rise of 64 ft, which we safely negotiated without damage to paint or spars (Avis’s engine has no clutch or reverse).

20:40 Locked into Crinan basin and moored alongside – after a delightful fresh water passage.

### Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup>

09:55 Locked out of Crinan basin leaving George to go home by steamer to Glasgow and then rail. Wind SE motored clear of lock and set mainsail, No1 jib, staysail, topsail and spinnaker. Course SW.

10:45 Ruadh Rocks abeam.

12:35 Wind heading us.

12:50 Calm.

13:10 Started engine.

14:45 Entered Lowlandman Bay Jura and anchored off White Beach at SW extremity of Bay. A very pleasant spot with shaggy cattle wading in the sea. Yarned with a Mr Flynn – a Clyde Pilot who attended the Wallasey Grammar School. He was cruising with his wife and two young children in a motor cruiser.

17:00 Set all sails and beat out of White Beach cove. Freed away and set spinnaker – course SSW.

17:50 Small Isles abeam.

20:00 Chuirn Island abeam.

20:20 Lowered the topsail.

22:20 Picked up Mull of Kintyre light. Wind very light Easterly.

22:30 Breeze freshening.

22:45 Sighted Altacarry Head Light.

### Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>

00:45 Mull of Kintyre light abeam.

02:30 Wind strong dropped staysail.

03:00 Very heavy squalls lowered mainsail and double reefed, took in jib and set staysail.

07:30 Wind moderating set whole mainsail.

08:35 Sighted Maidens through mist & rain.

09:10 Started engine.

11:00 Moored alongside quay in Larne.

15:30 Motored out of Larne. Calm. Proceeded up to Belfast Lough and moored alongside quay in Carrickfergus.

### Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>

09:50 Calm and very misty. Motored out of Carrickfergus

10:45 North Briggs Buoy abeam.

*11:10 Black Head abeam.*

*14:30 Sun dispelling mist, light air from North East. All plain sail set and engine still running.*

*15:15 Picked up Killantringan Light House.*

*16:30 Entered Portpatrick and lay across corner of harbour.*

### *Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Lazed on beach at Sand Eel Bay.*

### *Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>*

*05:00 Motored out of Portpatrick.*

*07:20 Wind abeam West set mainsail, 2<sup>nd</sup> jib and staysail.*

*07:35 Crammag Head beam shut off engine.*

*08:25 Mull of Galloway abeam started engine.*

*08:35 Met ebb tide.*

*09:00 Stopped engine.*

*09:30 Entered Drummore Harbour under power. Went ashore in heavy rain and provisioned.*

*12:00 Left Drummore under power – continued rain and calm. Course SE & S for Peel.*

*14:30 Stopped engine wind light E – course S.*

*17:45 Calm and fog started engine.*

*20:00 Altered course to SE.*

*22:00 Picked up lights on jib boom.*

*22:30 Made fast to breakwater in Peel.*

*23:00 Entered inner harbour under power.*

### *Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>*

*02:00 Dried out.*

*08:00 Floated.*

*13:00 Motored to outer breakwater and moored alongside herring drifters.*

*15:10 Motored out of Peel. Calm and sunny.*

*16:20 Dalby Point abeam.*

*16:30 Niarbyl Point abeam.*

*16:50 Passed through school of 40 – 50 porpoises.*

*17:40 Engine stopped: switch not making proper contact.*



17:45 *Re-started engine.*  
17:55 *Bradda Head abeam.*  
18:20 *Passed through Calf Sound between beacon and Kitterland.*  
18:38 *for Sugarloaf Rock.*  
18:45 *Moored alongside Port St Mary outer breakwater.*

### Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>

19:05 *Motored out of Port St Mary. Set mainsail, jib and staysail. Wind light WSW stopped engine.*  
20:00 *Langness abeam.*  
22:15 *Motored into Douglas and anchored in outer harbour.*

### Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>

08:20 *Motored out of Douglas set staysail and three reefed mainsail – wind strong North, course South.*  
10:00 *Wind moderating set spinnaker.*  
11:35 *Shook out reefs wind fresh.*  
18:00 *Point Lynus abeam strong ebb tide – making up slowly towards Puffin Island.*  
21:15 *Moored alongside St Silio at Menai Bridge and then motored to a mooring at Garth for the night.*

### Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>

11:00 *Motored to Beaumaris and provisioned.*  
13:15 *Set plain sail and left Beaumaris. Wind North fresh.*  
14:05 *Puffin Is abeam passing through inner channel set course for Ormes Head.*  
15:15 *Ormes Head Light abeam. Set spinnaker.*  
16:15 *Little Orme abeam, spinnaker boom carried away. Muzzled spinnaker.*  
19:45 *Point of Air Light House abeam.*  
20:20 *Anchored behind Mostyn Mole.*  
20:35 *Put Harry ashore in “Josie’s” dinghy and yarned with Jackson brothers on “Josie”.*

*Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>*

*11:30 Motored into harbour.*

*14:00 Motored out of harbour. Wind N light set all plain sail.*

*15:00 Hilbre Island abeam.*

*17:25 Rock Light abeam.*

*17:44 Picked up moorings at New Brighton.*