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Ref Drying Out

I have taken delivery of a new Bavaria 36 (standard keel) this season and wondered if anyone has any experience of drying out in a similar sized Bavaria. My children love to visit Ryde (for some strange reason!) and I have previously seen yachts dried out against the harbour wall. I am also considering drying out for a mid season scrub and hull inspection. I would welcome any advice on the subject.

Chris

I would like to ask the same question about a B42 cc. I have this awful vision of my precious boat tipping forwards (or backwards) as the tide recedes and I am frantically trying to lash yet more ropes to anything in sight to stop it... My sailing buddy says don't worry it will be fine, but it is easy to say when it is not your own boat :-) I would love to hear from someone who can reassure me from experience....

Dick Beddoe - Singapore Sling B42cc

Geoff Godwin also would like to hear from any member that has a 40 Ocean if any problem drying out against a wall. He is concerned that the keel is short and well forward and that weight at the stern might cause the boat to be out of balance.

Martin Roberts also asks: What about drying out alongside over a tide, say in Cherbourg or St Peter's ? Does one need any special precautions for a Bavaria 38 other than the usual warps to keep her from toppling over away from the harbour wall ?

Martin Roberts (Advalorum)

Replies:

I recently crewed in a 37 on her delivery trip from Hayling to Plockton and when we were in Howth, Dublin, there was a 47 dried on the hard leaning against the scrubbing posts - I do not remember her name but they may be a member of the association and give some advice. She certainly looked very comfortable, however the underwater design may be significantly different and cause problems. The other trick which I have done is as the water is about to leave the bilge get into the wet suit and put a prop and wedge under the bow.

Jimmy Fergusson

Reading the article on the Forum, I thought I might add my own experience with the B34 and that is to be sure you take the spinnaker haliard well forward to a strong point ashore and be tight at the time the keel touches bottom, otherwise she will fall back at a severe angle. Also put a line around the base of the mast to a point ashore as is normal, to ensure the vessel leans in to the key. Of course, be sure to be in attendance and start slackening off as she starts to float again.

That done, I have dried out quite successfully several times alongside Bosham key.

Alan Heard - 'Saxon Lady'

Martin,

Interesting question, which we have asked ourselves and not been able to get an answer to, as our boat has a large wing keel. We imagine that we would have to have her settle exactly upright on a hard standing such as a scrubbing berth otherwise the weight might put strain on one wing or the other. Consequently we have not tried it, but would be interested to know if any other BAV owners have wing keels and if they have tried it with success.

Carole (MICA B43)

My Bavaria 36 is almost 10 months old and she is moored in Dartmouth Harbour, afloat all year. She was coppercoated from new so I needed to powerwash off recently. I dried out on an area of the quay which has a large flat concrete pad on the sea bed with no problem. The only extra precaution I took was to ensure the stern lines, including a line from the shoreside winch were tight and near vertical to ensure the stern did not fall back. Everything worked out fine.
Chris Kelland (Trollinger)