Contents MAY/JUNE 2018 ISSUE 120

For the love of sailboats

Cruising life

16 What breaks on passage?

Most everything, according to surveys By Robin Urquhart

Learning experience

25 Between a bridge and a hard place

It was not the best place for his rudder to jam hard over By John Gaich

Stowage solutions

28 Easy on-deck stowage

A suspended zippered bag relieves crowded cockpit lockers By Joe Rosenfeld

Cruising memories

30 A good old investment

Keeping up an older boat pays back in family time, not dollars *By Bert Vermeer*

Sailing life

38 First-sail protocols

How to keep newcomers to sailing calm and engaged By John Armstrong

Our readers' boats

42 Sailors show their bottoms





Speaking seriously

Review boat

GOODOLDBOA

8 Tartan 27-2 An update of a longtime favorite By Allen Penticoff

Design comparison

14 **The Tartan 27-2 ...** ... and a couple of companion centerboarders

Useful modifications

By Rob Mazza

22 Season extenders

Storm windows on hatches and ports help keep the cabin cozy By Drew Frye

Refit boat

32 Rhodes Robin resurgent

A neglected vintage sailing dinghy finds love *By David Arnold*

Rigging matters

44 Sewn eye-splices Make strong connections with a needle and twine *By Drew Frye*

On the cover ...

It's *Christmas* in May! While the autopilot did its job, Tom Young used his Canon 50D to photograph his 1961 Alden Challenger (Alden's first sailboat with a fiberglass hull and deck) bounding across Maine's western Penobscot Bay at 6.5 knots.

What's more

Websightings

3 Video DIY assists, reaching out for new sailors, and building a junk

The view from here

5 Icebreaking in the desert Shared passions form a common bond between strangers *By Michael Robertson*

Mail buoy

6 Niche mission, respect the pros, and save *The Dogwatch* link

Product profiles

49 Cell-phone range extender, gelcoat stain beater, and mosquito banisher

Simple solutions

50 **Drying wet lines** The kink-free lifeline daisy chain gives wet rope a good airing *By Robin Urguhart*

Good old classifieds 54

Reflections

61 A crisis of comprehension Night-watch ruminations lead to an unsolvable riddle By Tom Dymond

