

## Indalo around-Britain log 2005

Date	Day	Leg	Passage	Naut. miles	Thro' water	Time	Weather	Crew	Notes / Comments	Dist sailed	Miles to go
			Start from Dittisham.							0	1985
14 May	1		Dittisham to Dartmouth	3	3	1555-1705	Rain		Dartmouth Music Festival with Declan & Brenda.	3	1982
15 May	2	1	<a href="#">Dartmouth</a> to River Yealm	33	32.5	1230-1930	E 2-4 overcast		Better weather than expected, but strong swell from the east.	36	1949
16 May	3	2	Yealm to Falmouth (Visitors YH)	44	43.5	1050-2020	SW 3 -> 2 then NW 3 fair		A fair sailing day though the wind dropped off for the middle part of the passage. I had to avoid HMS Winchester as she came close by and fired five times at a buoy off the Dodman.	80	1905
17 May	4	3	Falmouth to Penzance via <a href="#">Newlyn</a>	38	38	1230-1930, 2345-0020	Little wind, fair		No visitor's buoys at Penzance so went to Newlyn and rafted against fishing boats. Fishermen needed to go out at dawn so moved into Penzance harbour at HW (midnight),	118	1867
18-24			In Penzance dock.						Strong / gale-force winds off Land's End.		
25 May	12	4	Penzance to Newquay via <a href="#">Newlyn</a>	55	44	0645-0720, 1115-1950	S/SW 3-4 at times. Mist then fair		One passage with stops at Newlyn and Newquay to wait for the tide. In tandem with <i>Bloesem</i> , a Dutch boat from St-Valery-sur-Somme on passage to Scotland.	173	1812
26 May	13	5	Newquay to Padstow	17	17	0445-0800	Mizzle			190	1795
28-29 May	16	6	<a href="#">Padstow</a> to Dale (R Cleddau)	72	83	2020-1130	W3-4 -> NW 2. Fair	Phil	Fair wind for most of the way but a rough sea, so an uncomfortable passage.	262	1723
30 May	17	7	Dale to Solva and Skomer	25	26	0610-1055, 1555-1725	W 2-3 Fair	Phil	Easy passage through Jack Sound. Returned to Skomer as it would be difficult to time leaving Solva to catch the tide to Fishguard.	287	1698
31 May	18	8	Skomer to Fishguard	29	26	0900-1415	1-2 Fair		Motoring. Tied to quay in lower Fishguard.	316	1669
1 June	19	9	Fishguard to Aberystwyth	43	42	1100-1800	S 3-4 Rain		Race against the tide to get into Aberystwyth: motorsailing.	359	1626
5 June	23	10	Aberystwyth to Pwllheli	34	36	0630-1300	W 2-3 Fair	Anna	Motorsailing: little wind after several days of F6.	393	1592
6 June	24	11	Pwllheli to Porth Nefyn	34	37	1155-1920	Var 2-3 Fair	Anna	Coastal passage to small anchorage on the north of the Llyn peninsula.	427	1558
7 June	25	12	Porth Nefyn to Holyhead	29	30.5	1425-2015	W 1-3 Fair	Anna	More motorsailing after leaving the the sea breeze behind.	456	1529

9 June	<a href="#">27</a>	13	<a href="#">Holyhead</a> to Port St Mary	47	<a href="#">45.5</a>	0735-1610	NW 2-3 Fair	Anna	An overcast but dry day; uneventful passage. Little wind until the last 15 miles.	503	<a href="#">1482</a>
10 June	<a href="#">28</a>	14	Port St Mary to Douglas	19	<a href="#">15.5</a>	0900-1400	E 2-3 Sun	Anna	Sailed all the way.	522	<a href="#">1463</a>
11 June	<a href="#">29</a>	15	Douglas to Ardglass	48	<a href="#">44</a>	0450-1330	NW-N 3 Fair	Anna	Change of plan due to prevailing northerlies. Ardglass (N Ireland) small but friendly and attractive.	570	<a href="#">1415</a>
14 June	<a href="#">32</a>	16	<a href="#">Ardglass</a> to Carrickfergus	41	<a href="#">41</a>	0315-1100	W 2 Rain		Interesting (but wet and cold) passage along the coast of County Down.	611	<a href="#">1374</a>
15 June	<a href="#">33</a>	17	Carrickfergus to Glenarm	26	<a href="#">25</a>	1550-2100	Light drizzle		Attractive village harbour.	637	<a href="#">1348</a>
16 June	<a href="#">34</a>	18	Glenarm to Ballycastle	22	<a href="#">18</a>	0600-0935	Rain		Another day with rain but no wind, but a fast motoring passage with the tide. Interesting Antrim coastline.	659	<a href="#">1326</a>
18 June	<a href="#">36</a>	19	<a href="#">Ballycastle</a> to Port Ellen	27	<a href="#">27</a>	0720-1240	SE 3 Mist		A sailing passage at last, but the summer weather hasn't reached Islay yet.	686	<a href="#">1299</a>
19 June	<a href="#">37</a>	20	Port Ellen to Crinan	42	<a href="#">40</a>	0715-1500	Mist then fair		Little wind again but no rain; the sun came out at Crinan. Crinan is an attractive harbour full of mooring buoys surrounded by quintessentially Scottish scenery.	728	<a href="#">1257</a>
20 June	<a href="#">38</a>	21	<a href="#">Crinan</a> to Kerrera (Oban)	24	<a href="#">24</a>	0800-1250	Fair		Another motoring passage - interesting because of the pilotage through Dorus Mor, Sound of Luing and Kerrera Sound.	752	<a href="#">1233</a>
22 June	<a href="#">40</a>	22	<a href="#">Oban</a> to Tobermory	25	<a href="#">24.5</a>	1115-1630	SW 2-5 Fair		Started as a sailing passage with speeds through the water of up to 7.5 knots! Intermittent winds in the Sound of Mull.	777	<a href="#">1208</a>
24 June	<a href="#">42</a>	23	<a href="#">Tobermory</a> to Armadale	34	<a href="#">34.5</a>	1430-2120	NE 3-5 Fair		An interesting passage past Ardnamurchan Point, Muck & Eigg, and into the Sound of Sleat. The wind was on the nose all the way from Ardnamurchan, and I caught a rope around the prop mooring up in Armadale.	811	<a href="#">1174</a>
25 June	<a href="#">43</a>	24	Armadale to <a href="#">Kyleakin</a> via Isleornsay	20	<a href="#">21.5</a>	0715-0910, 1500-1735	NW 3 Fair		Short passage with an anchor stop to wait for the tide, in fair / sunny weather and through some stunning scenery. Kyleakin (by the Skye bridge) is very attractive and welcoming.	831	<a href="#">1154</a>
27 June	<a href="#">45</a>		Moved to Kyle of Lochalsh		<a href="#">0.5</a>				For fuel etc.		
28 June	<a href="#">46</a>	25	Kyle to Portree	21	<a href="#">19.5</a>	1135-1525	N <2 Fair		Not much wind but a hot and sunny day. Less dramatic than the Sound of Sleat but a very scenic passage.	852	<a href="#">1133</a>

29 June	<a href="#">47</a>	26	<a href="#">Portree</a> to Shildaig (L Torridon)	26	<a href="#">27</a>	1205-1730	<2 Fair		Another hot day though ending overcast. Straightforward passage up the Sound of Raasay and across into Loch Torridon and Loch Shildaig.	878	<a href="#">1107</a>
1 July	<a href="#">49</a>	27	<a href="#">Shildaig</a> to Gairloch	19	<a href="#">19</a>	0745-1135	SW 2-3 Fair		Short passage to meet Chris in Gairloch.	897	<a href="#">1088</a>
2 July	<a href="#">50</a>		Moved to Badachro	2	<a href="#">2</a>		None	Chris	SW gale overnight and into 3rd July. Badachro is sheltered from swell but not wind.	899	
4 July	<a href="#">52</a>	28	Lochinver via Gairloch	42	<a href="#">39.5</a>	1400-2130	SW 3 or less	Chris	A fair and sunny passage arriving 2130. Lochinver is in a spectacular setting.	941	<a href="#">1044</a>
5 July	<a href="#">53</a>	29	<a href="#">Lochinver</a> to Kinlochbervie	28	<a href="#">26</a>	0300-0820	Little wind Fair	Chris	0300 start - cool and overcast. Kinlochbervie is a commercial port but useful as a staging-post for the north coast.	969	<a href="#">1016</a>
6 July	<a href="#">54</a>	30	Kinlochbervie to Scrabster via Talmine	69	<a href="#">63</a>	0405-1025, 1555-2150	Little wind Fair	Chris	0400 start with mid-day anchor stop at Talmine, arrived in Scrabster 2200. Dolphins, killer and minke whales en-route. Now just over halfway.	1038	<a href="#">947</a>
8 July	<a href="#">56</a>	31	Scrabster to Wick	34	<a href="#">27</a>	0545-1115	S 2 Fair	Chris	Through the Pentland Firth: calm and uneventful. Carried the tide all the way, but the most we had with us was 3.5 knots.	1072	<a href="#">913</a>
9 July	<a href="#">57</a>	32	Wick to Helmsdale	29	<a href="#">27</a>	0830-1355	S <2 Fair	Chris	A straightforward coastal passage in calm conditions.	1101	<a href="#">884</a>
11 July	<a href="#">59</a>	33	Helmsdale to Lossiemouth	30	<a href="#">32.5</a>	1155-1830	ESE 2-3 Fair	Chris	A hot day with some wind so for once the engine wasn't on all the time.	1131	<a href="#">854</a>
12 July	<a href="#">60</a>	34	<a href="#">Lossiemouth</a> to Whitehills	24	<a href="#">24.5</a>	1435-1935	Var 2 then NE 3-4 Fair	Chris	Another hot day with some sailing wind towards the end.	1155	<a href="#">830</a>
15 July	<a href="#">63</a>	35	Whitehills to Peterhead	39	<a href="#">34.5</a>	1145-1830	NW 2-4 Fair		Around Rattray Head mainly under sail. Peterhead marina is excellent but a fair way from the town.	1194	<a href="#">791</a>
17 July	<a href="#">65</a>	36	Peterhead to Aberdeen	26	<a href="#">28.5</a>	1540-2150	S 2-4 Fair		Beating / motoring into the wind, slow but a southerly so warm. Berthed in Albert Dock next to the fish market - but not too far to walk into the city centre.	1220	<a href="#">765</a>
20 July	<a href="#">68</a>	37	Aberdeen to Stonehaven	16	<a href="#">13</a>	0930-1225	NW 3-5 Fair		A good downwind sail - pity it wasn't a longer passage! Stonehaven is an attractive old trade and fishing port, now almost all leisure boats, and the town is OK too.	1236	<a href="#">749</a>
22 July	<a href="#">70</a>	38	<a href="#">Stonehaven</a> to Arbroath	31	<a href="#">24.5</a>	1100-1625	N-NW 3-4 Fair	Ian	Sailing almost all the way. Arbroath is not as attractive as Stonehaven, but the harbour isn't open to swell.	1267	<a href="#">718</a>

23 July	<a href="#">71</a>	39	Arbroath to Anstruther	24	<a href="#">22</a>	1335-1755	E 2 Fair	Ian	Across the Tay. Motoring.	1291	<a href="#">694</a>
24 July	<a href="#">72</a>	40	Anstruther to Eyemouth	31	<a href="#">38.5</a>	0525-1315	NE 2-3 Fair (but cool)	Ian	Across the Firth of Forth and to the last port in Scotland. Heavy NE swell so not the most comfortable passage, and the depth sounder stopped working (now repaired).	1322	<a href="#">663</a>
25 July	<a href="#">73</a>	41	Eymouth to Berwick-upon-Tweed	11	<a href="#">10.5</a>	1505-1725	N 2 Fair		A short hop as I wanted to see Berwick – which was well worth it (better than taking the bus, but lots of swell).	1333	<a href="#">652</a>
27 July	<a href="#">75</a>	42	<a href="#">Berwick</a> to North Shields	56	<a href="#">57</a>	0410-1610	S/SE 2 Fair		Motorsailing passage inside the Farne Islands and down the Northumbrian coast. In Royal Quays marina – tall ships go past on Thursday.	1389	<a href="#">596</a>
29 July	<a href="#">77</a>	43	North Shields to Sunderland	11	<a href="#">11</a>	1340-1605	NE 1 Fog	Abi	Another short leg due to the heavy swell and fog. A wet spell now Abi has joined!	1400	<a href="#">585</a>
31 July	<a href="#">79</a>	44	Sunderland to Hartlepool	21	<a href="#">20</a>	1045-1430	N 4-5 Fair	Abi	Heavy swell but no fog and a good sailing wind.	1421	<a href="#">564</a>
1 Aug	<a href="#">80</a>	45	<a href="#">Hartlepool</a> to Whitby	25	<a href="#">24</a>	1000-1445	N 1-2 Fair		Less swell but little wind so a motoring passage.	1446	<a href="#">539</a>
2 Aug	<a href="#">81</a>	46	Whitby to Bridlington via <a href="#">Filey</a> (anchor stop)	40	<a href="#">41</a>	0440-1015, 1305-1600	Var 3 or less Fair		A hot summer's day at last.	1486	<a href="#">499</a>
3 Aug	<a href="#">82</a>	47	Bridlington to Grimsby	48	<a href="#">48.5</a>	0555-1630	SW/W 3-6 Fair with a few shs		Good sailing wind but I was trying to sail slowly to avoid getting to Grimsby too early! Not easy when it picked up to 5-6... but a slow motor up the Humber head to wind.	1534	<a href="#">451</a>
5 Aug	<a href="#">84</a>	48	Grimsby to Wells-next-the-Sea	57	<a href="#">63</a>	0725-1905	SW/NW 2 Fair		A straightforward passage to reach Wells just before high water.	1591	<a href="#">394</a>
6 Aug	<a href="#">85</a>	49	<a href="#">Wells</a> to Lowestoft	59	<a href="#">67</a>	0635-1800	W-NW-N 3 Fair		Following wind all the way, but up to 3.5 knots of tide against.	1650	<a href="#">335</a>
8 Aug	<a href="#">87</a>	50	Lowestoft to Shotley	45	<a href="#">36.5</a>	0625-1405	NW 3-4 Showers		A quick passage with tide and wind. Shotley is opposite Harwich.	1695	<a href="#">290</a>
9 Aug	<a href="#">88</a>		Moved to Harwich via Levington	7	<a href="#">7</a>		Var 2 Fair		On Halfpenny Quay in the town. Went to see <i>Hesperie</i> (Mary's boat) moored off Levington.	1702	<a href="#">283</a>
10 Aug	<a href="#">89</a>	51	Harwich to Ramsgate	44	<a href="#">41.5</a>	0455-1300	Var 2 Fair		Thames crossing with an overcast start turning to brilliant sunshine showing off the cliffs and beaches of the Thanet coast.	1746	<a href="#">239</a>
11 Aug	<a href="#">90</a>	52	<a href="#">Ramsgate</a> to Dover	17	<a href="#">13</a>	1005-1255	S 2 or less Fair		A hot day. I hadn't intended to visit Dover but it made sense tide-wise and it's an interesting place.	1763	<a href="#">222</a>

12 Aug	91	53	Dover to Eastbourne	47	46	0600-1535	NW 2-4 Fair		Wind almost on the nose and only four hours of fair tide. Strong westerlies Saturday afternoon / Sunday morning so caught up with domestics in Sovereign Harbour.	1810	175
15 Aug	94	54	Eastbourne to Brighton	22	19	0720-1135	NW 2-3 Fair		A gentle passage past Beachy Head.	1832	153
16 Aug	95	55	Brighton to Cowes	48	47	0600-1525	Var 0-2 Fair		Probably the hottest sailing day yet after a misty start. An interesting passage along the Sussex and Isle of Wight coasts.	1880	105
18 Aug	97	56	<a href="#">Cowes</a> to Weymouth	49	44.5	0735-1630	Var 0-2 Fair		A hot day with haze and light mist. Visibility moderate but some good views of western Wight and the Purbeck cliffs, unfortunately the coast from there on was barely visible for the run into Weymouth.	1929	56
20 Aug	99	57	<a href="#">Weymouth</a> to Dartmouth	53	47	1015-1905	NW 3 decr 2, fair		Originally intended to go via Lyme Regis – but that would have meant having the wind on the nose two days running. A mainly sunny crossing with good visibility. Arrived in Dartmouth 1900: just under 9 hours, fair tide all the way.	1982	3
22 Aug	101		<a href="#">Dartmouth</a> to Dittisham	3	4	arr 1300	fair		Home!	1985	0

## Statistics

These are for Dittisham to Dittisham: the round trip was 6 miles and 3 days less.

101 days total

Total distance over ground 1985 nautical miles, through the water 1935; 1301 miles single-handed (66%)

392 hours sailing, 12 night hours (57 days sailing more than 10 miles)

Average speed over the ground 5.07 knots, through the water 4.84 (including mooring up etc)

329 engine hours: 84% motoring or motorsailing

440 litres (97 gallons) of fuel used: 3.4 hours per gallon or 16.8 mpg.

Longest passages 72 and 69 miles, five single-handed passages over 50 miles

Southernmost point	Off the Lizard	49°56'.4	17th May
Westernmost point	Off Bull Point, Rathlin	6°18'.1 W	18th June
Northernmost point	Off Dunnet Head	58°40'.8	8th July
Easternmost point	Off Lowestoft	1°47'.0 E	8th August

## Moorings

Overnight only

	Overnight	Short stay
Marinas and walk-ashore pontoons	60	
Quay walls	25	2
Island pontoons	2	
Swinging moorings	8	2
At anchor	4	4
On passage	1	

## Costs

Mooring fees	£ 1082
Fuel	216
Chandlery and spare parts	371
Laundry	49
Gas	42
Food, drink and personal expenditure	2013
Total	£ 3773

Charts and pilot books cost £903. I already had charts for Chichester to Padstow and pilots for the English Channel to the Irish Sea.