



ON BOARD

BRAVE GOOSE

The old *Edenforth*, has spread her wings to become the second *Brave Goose*, quintessentially English in style and proud bearer of her distinguished owner's blue ensign. Words: Adrian Morgan. Pictures: B. Gedlek



The owner's love of all things Naval is particularly evident in the red-white-and-blue upper saloon. The base of the silver model of Nelson's HMS Victory houses

sound equipment. Above: the owner's study is both functional and comfortable

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the boat deck and the rakish funnel, there is a small flying bridge which is sheltered from all but the fiercest blasts by a high coaming and thus earmarked for sunbathing.

Recreational facilities include the usual plethora of sea toys, windsurfers, Jet-skis and diving gear while the captain has an equally impressive, but more serious selection of electronics to remind him of his former life. These include Saturn 3 satcom with telex, Skanti MF/HF, Sperry SR220 Girocompass, the latest Racal Decca colour radar, Furuno FCR 1411 with colour plotter and the usual satnav, Loran and Decca equipment. In the engine room, alongside the dependable Deutz diesels are three Mercedes generators, Siemens stabilisers and watermakers.

Brave Goose has a comfortable transatlantic capability, her twin Deutz 1020hp diesels giving her a maximum speed of 15 knots and a range of well over 4000 miles at 12 knots. Her draught of just over 3m (10ft 2in) is shallow enough for most purposes and yet her captain swears by her seakeeping. Flat out with full rudder he reckons she heels no more than 8 at most.

Clearly built for comfort and strength, not out and out speed, her blue ensign flying proudly above elegant canoe stern, coat of arms emblazoned on her bridge, *Brave Goose* carries herself well. In the best traditions of the Senior Service, dare we suggest? □