

## *A few unsolicited comments from Bristol Channel Cutter owners*

From a postcard received after completion of a rough Coastwise passage.

*"We have had horrible weather -- 20 ft. seas, 6 days of gale warnings. 18 days of small craft warnings! But, I have nothing but the greatest admiration for your little sailboat. Her seaworthiness is incredible."*

And a tape received from the South Pacific:

*"The boat can easily make 150 miles a day in the trades with working sails only. I have made many 170 mile days and some slightly higher. I have done lots of windward sailing and I'm still surprised at how well she points up to windward. As long as the seas aren't too big I can point 35° off the wind and make decent headway. The further I fall off the more speed she gains. This is really important for me because I can visit some places knowing I'll have to do some windward sailing, while other boats avoid these places."*

From a B.C.C. in Honduras:

*"We are really happy with our boat. She stands up to everything we've encountered so far. One night we ran 6 knots under bare pole and the Aries vane handling very well. That was our trip from Providencia to Roatan."*

From an owner in the Caroline Islands after his transpacific passage:

*"The boat performed very well in all kinds of weather and we have really developed a lot of faith in her. We found that even in a full gale we could take her hard to weather with the fore stays'l and double reefed main, when a lot of boats her size and even larger would have to run off or hove to. I couldn't emphasize enough how happy we are with the boat, both with the design and construction."*

And another statement:

*"During the heavy storm, which damaged so many vessels at Cabo San Lucas, we were hove to, under reefed staysail, about 150 miles S.W. of the cape in 65 knot winds and 25' to 30' seas. Our only damage was to the canvas dodger and weather cloths. The boat behaved admirably."*

And, also from the South Pacific:

*"The boat handled everything just beautifully. I cannot even begin to express to you how happy and impressed I am with the way the boat handled everything. I have to admit, after the first gale I just have all the confidence in the world in this boat, I really do. I think she will take almost anything the seas could give her."*