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Dear People,

Thank you all very much for your positive response to the idea of forming a Tayana owners' group. As of this writing I have 15 names ranging from Hull #8 to #238 which is certainly enough to get started. I expect more names from the Los Angeles Tayana dealer. Perhaps Mike Sweeney of Seattle could contact Flying Dutchman for some names. Also Pete Eckerson, you mentioned a Tayana group in Annapolis so maybe you could find out more about them. In the next letter I will include a list of names and addresses of our group.

As far as the purpose of our group, I see it as an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences about our boats that would be difficult to obtain otherwise. The list of topics is wide open whatever you say. I'll try to act as a clearinghouse but obviously you can all feel free to contact each other.

I hope to put out a letter every couple of months covering different aspects. Just for starters, I would like to discuss sails in the next letter. Write me about your current sail inventory your experiences with these sails on various points of sail, your plans for additional sails, etc.

One idea I would like to throw out to you now has to do with exchanging boats for vacations. The fact that we all own Tayana (or CT~ 37's should make it easier for us to get used to each other's boats. As you will see from our initial membership list, we live in many places. Some sort of exchange approach would provide cruising opportunities not otherwise available. For example, Stephen Gold who evidently doesn't like capital letters) who lives on the U.S. east coast and sometimes keeps his boat in Bermuda, just might like to cruise a bit in the San Juan Islands north of Seattle. Mike Sweeney, Hull #198, who lives in Seattle, just might like to visit the Virgin Islands. This approach might be a bit tough on the live-aboards amongst us but as Annie, my wife says. where there is a will, there is a way. If you like this idea, feel free to contact each other and discuss it. Also let me know what you think about it.

I would like to hear from all of you on what topics you would like to see discussed. When you write me, send me 6 stamps or a \$1 to cover postage. I will furnish the paper and envelopes for a while. Tell me your hull number, type of boat, i.e., cutter, ketch, pilot house and phone number. Also tell me if you object to my including your address and or phone number on our name list.

I have to tell you about Gary and Meira Tennent from Victoria B.C., Canada. They bought Hull #8 in December 1975. They named their boat TAYANA after the yard in which it is built. The Taiwanese must have liked the name and started using it:

I have to mention that you all indicated with great enthusiasm that you really like the Tayana. That's neat!

Just a few notes now

Mike Sweeney is interested in any suggestions on increasing the Tayana's sailing performance and livability.

Pete Eckerson would like some advice on finishing the interior teak.

Elizabeth Stennis wants to know what type of self steering gear has been successfully used on the Tayana.

Well friends, keep up your enthusiasm and write me soon.

Fair Winds,

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