

January 4th 1987.

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Dear John and Marge,

Many thanks for your kind words about my books and your offer of hospitality. I am most touched and wish I could accept, but work here demands that I keep at it for the next few months at least.

We aquired two small open fishing boats here, fitted them with Yanmar longtail engines, and are using them to train handicapped youngsters to earn their living at sea in small craft. The first "trainee", I9, lost an arm some years back. He has now been fitted ^{by us} with a prosthetic and is working as fishing boat skipper. Another was caught in the face by a big fish-hook at the age of six and is now fifteen, with awsome wounds and scars. He we shall get to a plastic surgeon as soon as we have the wherewithal to do so. Another was born legless and we are teaching him to handle, sitting down, a heavy Yanmar longtail engine. He is coming on fine and cheerful.

I shall let you know how we are doing in future Atlantis Society letters. The pressure of merely getting things done here is such that I cannot find time to write long letters to everyone who writes to me, although I do appreciate their gestures.

Please tell your friends, and especially your cruising friends what we are doing, and that I hope our example will be taken up by yachtsmen world-wide sooner or later.

I shall be probably giving a slide show in San Diego at Kona Kai Club on Feb 26th. Maybe you can make it to there? It is part of the effort to raise the money for a new face for Nok.

Thanks again,

Sincerely,

Tristan Jones.

