



Calum, Neville and Grandpa Jack Spry

Calum recalls ...

The first time I went out to see fishing was with my future father-in-law, Neville Andrews on the *Dunlin*. I was 19 and studying at Plymouth University. I didn't eat all my crib - but I wasn't sea sick! Although I enjoyed the trip I never imagined that this would be my future but as the years went by, I just fell into being a fisherman.

Compared to when I started out, there are a lot less fishermen and boats working from Port Isaac now and there are no longer any old fishermen hanging around the Platt, dispensing 'words of wisdom' - whether you wanted to hear them or not! However, the catch is much the same – crab and lobster (preferably lobster!).

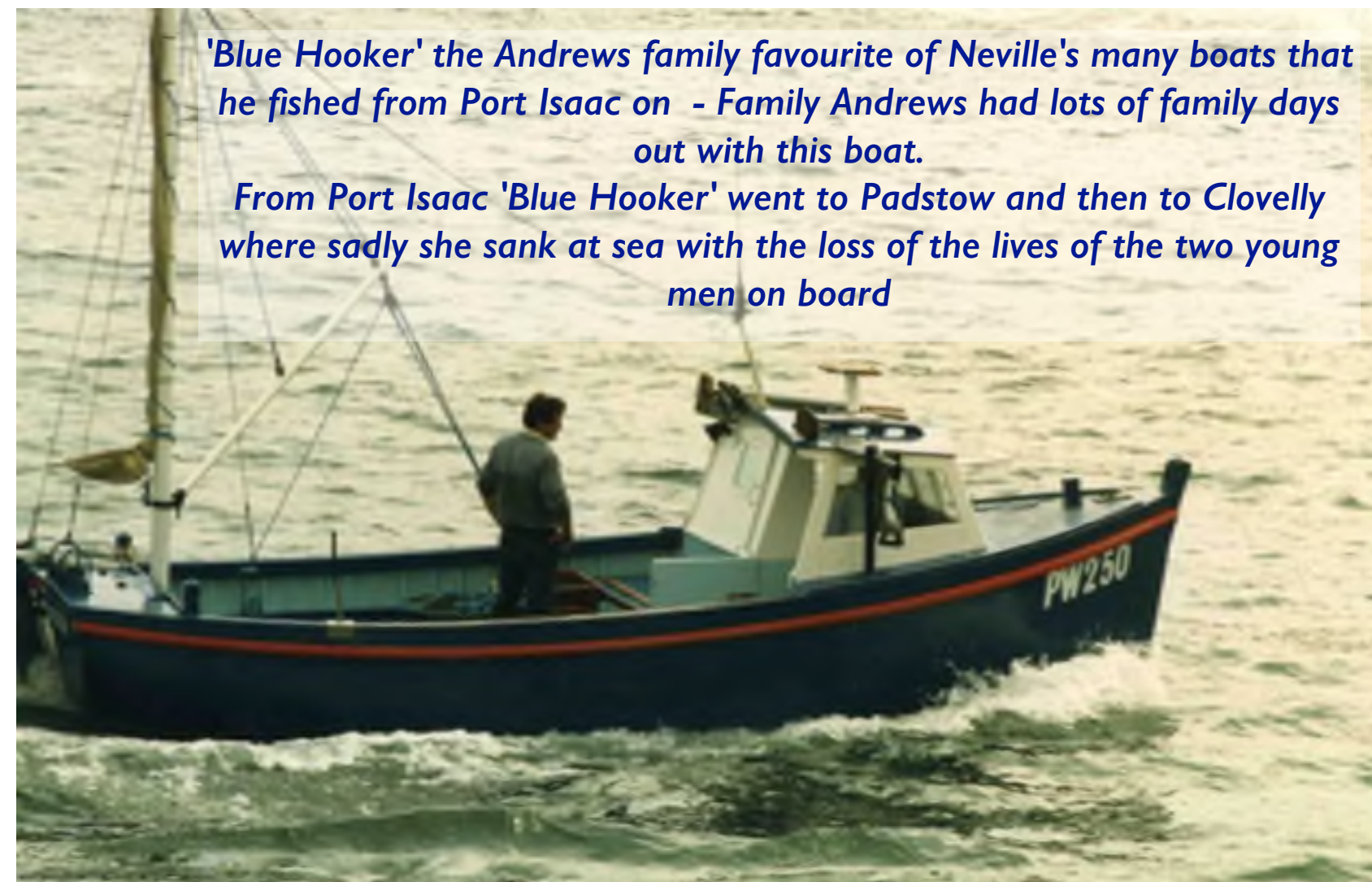
I hold a Under 16.5 meter Skippers Licence (unrestricted), and have qualifications in Sea Survival, First Aid, Engineering, Watch Keeping, Stability Awareness and Health & Safety to name a few. But a lot of my knowledge comes from the invaluable informal training I got from Grandpa Jack (Jack Spry) on the 'Mako' - Grandpa Jack spent many years of his retirement coming to sea with me. I am also indebted to Uncle Bill Spry, Neville Andrews, Uncle Jack Rowe and Captain Bernard Baker for sharing their local knowledge

Looking to the future, I am hoping that the fishing will come good with all the conservation measures that are now in force and that we will be able to use less pots to catch more fish. I actively support several Conservation projects and I

- Unilaterally 'V notch' every Berried Hen I catch

- Supply the National Lobster Hatchery in Padstow with Berried Hens and release juvenile lobsters for them. I am also working on a new project with the hatchery to track the DNA of the released samples to prove survival rates.

I was the first boat in North Cornwall to be accredited by the Responsible Fishing Scheme - this involves following good practice, sustainability, conservation measures and low environmental impact.



*'Blue Hooker' the Andrews family favourite of Neville's many boats that he fished from Port Isaac on - Family Andrews had lots of family days out with this boat.
From Port Isaac 'Blue Hooker' went to Padstow and then to Clovelly where sadly she sank at sea with the loss of the lives of the two young men on board*



Calum's second boat, 'Flying Fisher', 1996/97