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Dear Sir,

I would refer to an article in the "Yachting World" of January 1955, "Old Frisian Yachts" by Jan Loeff, saying that the Frisian Historical Shipping Museum has made a special register of these yachts, the "Stamboek van Ronde Friese Jachten", and would appreciate any information about round yachts which might still be in Great Britain.

I have a small Dutch Sailing Yacht, and have now got a drawing made of her, which I enclose, and also a photograph, showing the boat sailing at Bembridge, Isle of Wight.

The boat came into my possession in this way. A friend of Mr. Charles Ricardo had it on the Thames about 50 years ago, and my father, Sir John I. Thornycroft, bought it and took it to Bembridge in the Isle of Wight, where it remained, until I had some repair work done to it, about 35 years ago, before bringing it back to the Thames. The repair work consisted of renewing some of the wooden dowels holding the planking on to the frames. The boat is in good condition now. To bring the boat to London I sailed her one Sunday from Bembridge to Southampton.

I shall be pleased to give you any further information you would like to have.

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Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure B

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