Unique Freedom

The section on Freedom Yachts in the A-Z series on second-hand boats (September issue) was disappointing. The range of Freedoms published was incomplete, with just five types featured and a footnote acknowledging other models.

Our 1989 Freedom is a 33ft cat sloop built by Western Yachts, Cornwall. Twenty-three years ago, YM published an in-depth, four-page article describing the F33 as 'a sloop-rigged cat with sparkling performance and good accommodation'.

The models you neglected to mention are the Freedom 25, 29, 32, 36, 39 (pilothouse schooner and express ketch), 44, 46 and even the 70ft Kriter Lady II, a

three-masted schooner that raced, but didn't finish the two-handed Transatlantic race in 1981. Many Freedoms have crossed the Atlantic and Pacific and several have proven themselves admirably on



The 70ft Kriter Lady II with all plain sail set

some of the world's best-known racing circuits. Freedom Yachts is no longer in business, but there is a thriving, friendly web forum at www.freedomyachts.org.

Let's put the record straight, so others can learn about these unique, amazing, innovative yachts! Emma Dansie, by email