

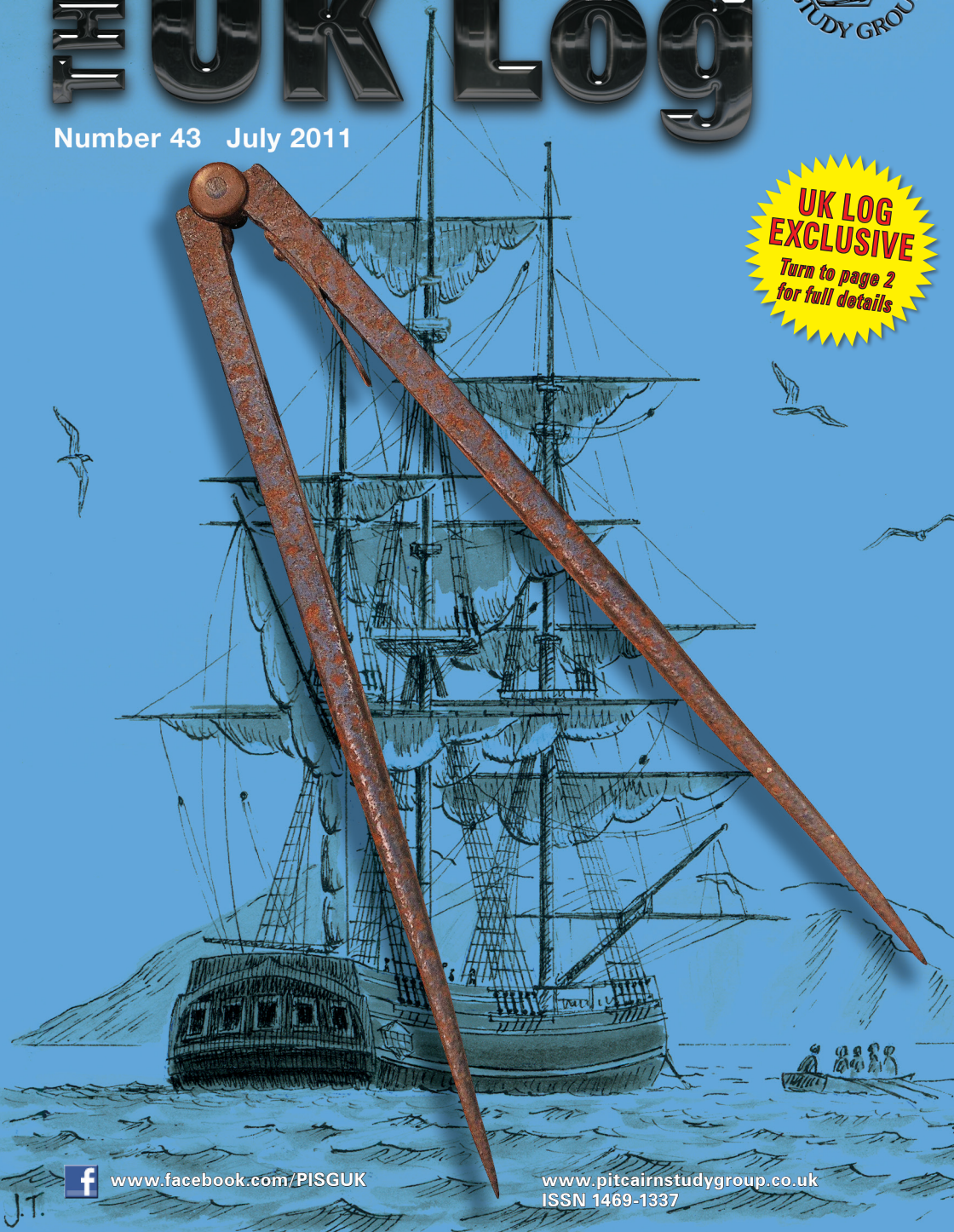
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# An extraordinary collection

## PART ONE

I first made contact with Tony Probst in March this year through eBay when he purchased a copy of my *Pitcairn Postcard Magazine*. I discovered that, at the age of six, in 1967, Tony left Cornwall with his parents, younger brother and sister, to tour the world. His parents built a 47 foot trimaran and named it *Lorelei III*. The *Lorelei* was built for 12 people, so life for a family of five was very comfortable.

They spent the first year sailing the Mediterranean sea, and the Canary Islands. The family then crossed the Atlantic and spent over three years sailing to almost every Caribbean island, the north coast of South America, then on to Panama. The Pacific Ocean came next. They spent the next five years getting to know the South Pacific and ended up in Australia in 1976.

In 1979, in Costa Rica, Tony met the love of his life and future wife. She was sailing through the Pacific with her family. When she returned to her home town San Rafael, California, she asked Tony to come and visit. He did, and never left.

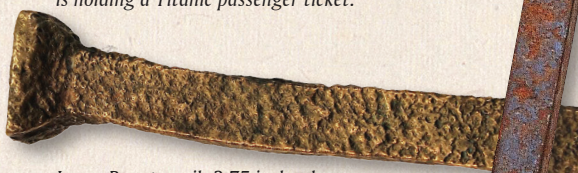
The Probsts have three sons and reside in Novato, California, from where they run 'Home Theatre Solutions', installing home movie theatres.

As well as his *Bounty* collection, Tony has a wonderful *Titanic* collection which can be viewed in two museums – one in Branson, Missouri, and the other in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

<http://www.titanicpigeonforge.com/>  
<http://www.titanicbranson.com/>  
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Tony Probst standing in front of a display case containing part of his amazing collection. He is holding a Titanic passenger ticket.



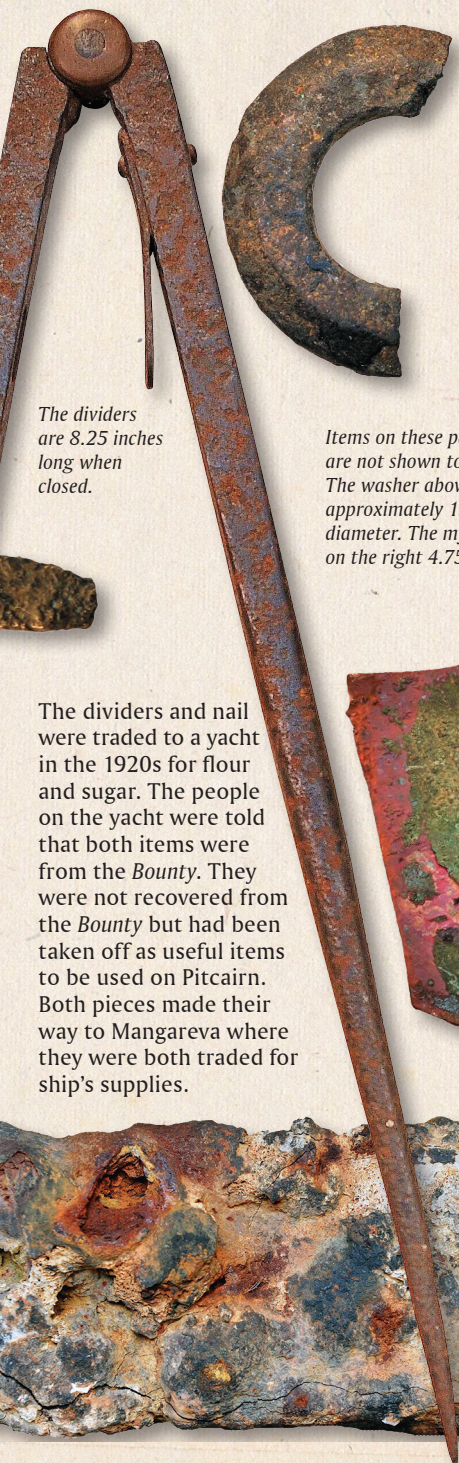
Large *Bounty* nail, 3.75 inches long.

*Lorelei III*, Cornwall, 1967



The Probst family in Cornwall, 1967





The dividers are 8.25 inches long when closed.

The dividers and nail were traded to a yacht in the 1920s for flour and sugar. The people on the yacht were told that both items were from the *Bounty*. They were not recovered from the *Bounty* but had been taken off as useful items to be used on Pitcairn. Both pieces made their way to Mangareva where they were both traded for ship's supplies.



Items on these pages are not shown to scale. The washer above is approximately 1.75 inches in diameter. The mystery bronze tool on the right 4.75 inches long.



Above and below: Copper from the *Bounty*.



Left: A ballast bar from the *Bounty*, recovered from the bottom of Bounty Bay.



Next time, the second part of this article will show Tony's Pitcairn radio collection. Editor