



PRESS RELEASE FROM THE  
JUNK RIG ASSOCIATION  
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Here's a brief update of what we're up to. We hope you enjoy the enclosed magazine and that you'll include these stories in a coming issue. To download the images go to [http://www.junkrigassociation.org/press\\_info](http://www.junkrigassociation.org/press_info) and for further info contact [webmaster@junkrigassociation.org](mailto:webmaster@junkrigassociation.org)  
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### **CHINESE JUNKIES WANTED.....**



Founded in 1979 by UK south coast enthusiasts and a couple of Australians, the JRA has always been a worldwide organisation, but now a massive 44% are overseas. Given the origins of the rig, we were surprised to hear the JRA has no Chinese members. We asked secretary Edward Hooper why.

“I guess they haven't really got into in sailing, yet,” he said. “I think they'll begin to appreciate their maritime heritage – some of the world's greatest voyages were in junks - as they become more affluent. We'll soon pull in some far eastern members, especially with the growth of our website and the Verbrugges' junk hunting' expedition.” (Below.)



Edward has just given his Van de Stadt Splinter 21 *Amiina* (top) a 'split junk rig', one of the powerful sail-forms that JRA members have come up with in the last few years. No sailing pictures yet, so here's Slieve McGalliard's split junk Westerly Longbow *Poppy* roaring through the Solent.

### **..... AND CHINESE JUNKS**

JRA members and ex-teachers Lesley and Rene Verbrugge will soon be hopping from Borneo to China in *Crib*, their Rival 41 schooner junk, hunting for traditional junks. Whilst their trip isn't 'official', the JRA wishes them the best of luck and hopes they will sign up the first Chinese member soon! See [www.huntingjunks.org](http://www.huntingjunks.org).

