

CLUB NEWS

MENGEHAM RYTHER (Hayling Island)

The 5-boat fleet travelled 'en masse' to Mumbles last year to give 100% turnout and the prospects are the same for Shoreham, a short trip down the coast.

Recruits this year included Brian Quinton and Mike Jones from Fireball and 5-0-5 respectively, with the Cox of the Hayling Island Lifeboat, Paddy Lampard crewing for Brian.

Julian Smith has had 700 'Female' repaired at a local yard following his argument with the gate launch at Mumbles, but was not amused at suggestions to re-name his boat 'Gatecrasher'.

A mystery boat has crept into the club park during the winter lay-off No. 793 'Wanderin' Star' appeared upside-down and all efforts to trace the owner have failed. This could be the seventh Osprey at the club in which case class starts are in sight.

Peter Sarf

DORMAN LONG MARINE CLUB

3 boats wave the class flag at this north-east club, Colin Parson's No. 95, Jon Denly's 489 and 544 owned by David Grey.

John Scurr

DATCHET WATER

Huw and Jackie Pierce write —

'Our previous plea for company has produced some response but not the

overwhelming demand hoped for. The Datchet Ospreys are keen to expand and we hope our efforts at the Dinghy Exhibition were successful. Access to the club from the M4, M3 or Heathrow Airport is easy, launching and sailing facilities are superb and the apres-sail improves all the time! If your club closes down for the winter (for a well earned rest of course) come and keep fit at Datchet. We sail all the year round but have an influx of visiting boats from November to March, at much reduced subs. Whilst this could have something to do with the fine changing rooms, hot showers and sole use of club facilities, it could also reflect the determination to keep fit over the winter months.

Since the last Newsletter we have persuaded an Albacore sailor to defect and have other prospects. We have replaced our Mk11 (No 242 — any offers?) with a newer 1077 and look forward to visiting Shoreham.

'Puddle Sailing' is more demanding than sea experts will allow. Give us a ring on 01-661 9421 and we will be delighted to show you around.

Final words — don't knock it until you have tried it — the Olympic squad have and they came back for more'.

MORECAMBE & HEYSHAM

The season started on 18th March with Ken Carroll and Eric Smith first Ospreys on the water. Wally Gardiner, Ken Purnell and Arthur Dixon appeared at Easter and Ken Toole and Phil Sumner will make up the seven regulars.

This year olympic style courses are being tried and the addition of Merlins and 4-7-0 to the handicap fleet give promise of some good competition.

Ken Carroll

ROYAL TAY

Only 5 Ospreys competed in the Closing Regatta and relegation to handicap status now seems inevitable. Tay Week on the other hand produced a consistent 8 starters.

The main news from Tay concerns Hugh Scott, (former Osprey owner and O.O.D. at the Carnoustie nationals) who was injured in Carnoustie Bay when the Lifeboat was rescuing the crew of a stranded coaster in heavy seas. Hugh is 2nd Cox. and is recovering, albeit with a limp, but the incident has put paid to skiing, curling and some aspects of his social life(?). However he intends to campaign his squib to more victories this year.

Jim Gellatly (ex 750) and Chris Bonar (ex 1006) seem bent on a more expensive race to see who can have the biggest boat on the Tay.

Ian Steven

NORTH DEVON

1978 saw the North Devon fleet at a low ebb, but with the new home-built boats of John Hunter and Geoff Dean due to appear, prospects are becoming brighter. Two former campaigners, Tim Gale and John Barnett have teamed up in 830 and Dave Field is expected to appear in the last Westerly produced GRP boat.

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