

The time for our National Championships is fast approaching so don't delay getting your entry in as soon as possible so that the host Club will know just how many boats they will be catering for. The Isle of Sheppey may not compare with Cornwall for scenery, but we should get some good sailing and as there are no Ospreys based at The Catamaran Y.C. only a few helmsmen who have sailed there previously in some special event will have the benefit of any local knowledge. Most of us will also find it a much easier and shorter trail for a change.

The A.G.M. will again be held during the Championship week and the Agenda will be sent out during next month. If you have any item for inclusion please let me know by July 12th at the latest and will you also let me have your nominations for your representative on the Committee for next year. Perhaps someone from The Saundersfoot S.C. could be nominated as this should be of assistance in view of the Championships being held there in 1969. It is not actually necessary for the nominee to be present at the A.G.M., but it should be an owner who is prepared to make the effort to attend the Committee meetings, of which one is usually held in the Autumn and another in the Spring at the R.N.V.R. Club in London. Second class rail fare is paid by the Association if wished.

Another nomination which is URGENT is for that of Secretary and Treasurer, no volunteer having yet come forward and my term of office rapidly running out!

There were 80 replies to the referendum which was sent out with the last newsletter. This seemed rather a poor response in view of the important questions which were being asked which could have a vital effect on the future development of the class. However, voting went as follows:-

	<u>In favour</u>	<u>Against</u>
50 lbs. weight reduction	20	60
Removal of aft buoyancy	22	58
Reduction in size of gunwales	14	66
Thicker centreboard	66	14
Elimination of washboard	13	67
Reduction in size of washboard	23	57
Transom scuppers	32	48
Drain tubes through aft buoyancy	64	16
Larger spinnaker (three abstentions)	33	44

You will see from this that there are two items for our technical advisers to consider along with a variety of other suggestions sent in by numerous owners. Of these the one which occurred most frequently was for a deeper rudder shape which has, of course, been considered more than once in the past. You will now hear further on these points at the forthcoming A.G.M.

I should like to remind you that the film showing last year's Championships at Mounts Bay S.C., is available for you to borrow and would make a useful item on the programme if your Club is organising a film evening. May I also have news of any boats which you are contemplating selling, with full details of sails, any trolleys or trailers and price wanted, as I do hear of people wanting secondhand boats from time to time.

JOAN WADE,
Hon. Secretary.