

National Osprey

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THE LEADER'S COLUMN

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear Osprey Sailor,

You find me once again in the trusty dining room looking out on a beautiful sailing day, why is it that when you actually can go sailing the weather is pooh !!!

Well the dinghy show has been and gone, and my heart felt thanks go to the usual protagonists who work so hard to keep your class in the spotlight. This year the Osprey truly was in the spotlight thanks to Andy Bellamy's excellent lighting show and Will Odling's beautiful boat.

And so on to another sailing season. It promises to be the best for some years with new venues for open meetings and a return to an old venue for the Nationals. But no matter how hard your committee works on your behalf to secure new locations to sail, or even demonstrate our fantastic boat to the sailing world in general, it all falls down if we don't add the one essential ingredient. OSPREY SAILORS !!!!

Yes folks, the very best advert for the Osprey is you. So come on down you're the guys that make the racing fun, you're the guys that make the socials legendary and you're the guys that make the difference. This year whether you want to club race, do the open circuit or come to the Nationals :- bring a friend. If you sail in a club fleet of Ospreys encourage the less keen to get their feet wet more often. Try and entice keen club sailors to an open or two, it's amazing the amount of knowledge you take for granted that would stop a potential traveller from taking their first steps. How do I put my Osprey onto a road trailer, what's it like to tow a boat, where will I stay, how much should I spend on alcohol and should I stop drinking at nine pints. You see, for the uninitiated there are many pitfalls that an experienced Osprey sailor can help them with.

And so to close, I'm off to play with Blue Moon and change some green string that has mysteriously appeared. The mast has been up and next weekend she turns up at Castle Cove Sailing club to do the early part of the season before she goes to her new home at Weymouth Sailing Club. We already have two Ospreys and an old Merlin fleet ripe for the plucking!

Enjoy the early season, I hope to see you soon, Adam

Welcome to the spring newsletter.

The intention with this publication is to keep you up to date on any important changes that have occurred between the publication dates for the main July and December editions of the magazine.

Notably, there are a few revisions to the contact list with Dave Shilling taking over from Alec Mamwell at the top of the country and a few revised e-mail addresses. There are also additions to the fixtures list on the back page.

For those of you with cameras, please take them with you to open meetings and use them, both on and off the water.

Open meeting reports, for sale lists etc will be confined to the magazine. In other words, this will short and sweet, helping to keep publishing costs to a minimum but adequate to keep you informed.

Jon Willey

TREASURY REPORT

Thanks to all who have paid their subscription promptly and updated their membership details where necessary. If you have not yet paid, please do so, as this will be the last news letter you get without renewing your Osprey Association membership. We need your support, and you do of course need the renewal, and boat sticker and certificate sticker to formally race as an Osprey.

For those of you planning for or thinking about the Plymouth Nationals, there is an excellent publication called Plymouth 2002 Venture and Discover published by the City Council on things to do and see, and more detailed accommodations/ campsite information. You get a copy by calling Plymouth City Council Tourist Information on 01752 266030/304849. Their website is www.plymouth.gov.uk. (I tried to get them for all members to mail out but they will only send out individual copies). Jane has also discovered a hotel 50 or so yards from the Mount Batten Centre, which you may or may not be aware of. It is called Hotel Mount Batten and the telephone no. is 01752 405500.

Will Odling,
March 2002

UPDATES

Please find detailed below changes to information given in the January 2002 magazine. If you know of any other errors or changes, please let me know so I can publish a full update in the July magazine. Thanks. Jon

Committee, Reps, etc...

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MEASURERS

Nick Jones is in fact a full measurer (see above for contact details) - apologies to Nick for the error in the January magazine.

For Sale Osprey 1284

Porter built GRP Hull 1995
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 Proctor spars
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DINGHY SHOW 2002

Well, once again the Dinghy Show was a great success, with good attendance at the stand, particularly on the Sunday.

Will Odling very kindly lent his Winder boat, 1199, for use on the stand, proving that a 20 year old boat can be at the top end of the fleet, having come tenth at the Highcliffe Nationals - many thanks Will.

Another thank you must go to Andy Bellamy who put on the most incredible lighting show the stand, and even the Dinghy Show itself, had ever seen. Not content with wiring up a few lamps to shine on the photographs, Andy organised the importation from New York of the lights, which had just been used at a Britney Spears concert in Madison Square Gardens. He then made various cut-outs, including the Osprey logo, which were then programmed into the lights to move over the sails and floor, occasionally strobing. There was even a rotating Osprey logo on one of the walls of the Great Hall, easily visible from the other end of the Hall! A smoke machine came into action on the Sunday, enhancing these fabulous effects. Andy also supplied some kicking music, which was well worth the money spent on the music licences.

A publicity leaflet was printed, showing a great picture of Martin Lewis at Pwllheli, and along with the excellent Newsletter and 2nd Hand Boat Lists, seemed to disappear at an encouraging rate from the stand.

So many thanks to all those who helped set-up and/or man the stand, as without your help, we wouldn't have had such a successful and enjoyable weekend.

Janie

RALLYING CRY

Dear All,

It's official.....winter is over, and the 2002 open meeting circuit gets under way later this month. I know we've all got the programme indelibly stamped onto the household calendar, but as a reminder:

Only a week to go 'till Highcliffe (21/22 April) - Great way to start the season; open sea, large courses, friendly club, reasonably priced beer and food, etc.

Only 4 weeks to go 'till Rock - New venue for the Osprey fleet. Great place to bring families for a Bank Holiday break. Your chance to challenge Andy Barker on his home water.

Let's get the season off to a great start by supporting these 2 meetings. I believe both are shared with other fleets (I know the Larks will join us at Rock), so these events are a great chance to enjoy some superb sailing, as well as proving to the rest of the sailing world that the Osprey is in a very healthy state.

See you there....Phil Angrave

COPY DEADLINES

Photos, reports, articles, letters and anything else you care to send me for publication in the magazine should get to me by the following dates:

July Issue 1st June
December Issue 1st November

Please post photographs (good originals please - I'll return them later) and if possible e-mail everything else.

If you are submitting open meeting reports please remember to send them to me as well as:

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results@madforsailing.com
photos@madforsailing.com
dinghyman@allatsea.net
sue_pelling@ipcmedia.com
peter@seascapemedia.co.uk

If you don't have access to e-mail but can type then please send me type written reports so it can be scanned. I can then e-mail to the various web sites for you.

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OSPREY OPEN MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2002

Please note that we have some new additions since the magazine publication in January.
Added opens & events at Coniston, Lord Birkett and British Steel.
As always, please check with contact person for details.

April			
20 th /21 st	Highcliffe	Jane Seymour	01245 268776
May			
4 th - 6 th	Rock*	Andy Barker	01929 439165
11 th /12 th	Hornsea	Dave Metcalfe	01964 535829
18 th /19 th	Poole	Phil Angrave	01202 885942
June			
1 st - 3 rd	Coniston	Nick Jones	01525 751712
8 th /9 th	Hayling Island*	Nick Willis	02392 464192
22 nd /23 rd	Blithfield (Welsh & Midlands Champs)	Nick Daily-Hunt	01782 620846
July			
6 th /7 th	Penzance (Southern Area Champs)	Des Menear	01736 756154
6 th /7 th	Lord Birkett, Ullswater*	Nick Jones	01525 751712
August			
3 rd - 9 th	Plymouth (National Championships)	Jane Seymour	01245 268776
September			
14 th /15 th	Kielder	Dave Shilling	0191 490 1736 (work)
28 th /29 th	Netley	Bob Thomas	02380 454187
October			
5 th /6 th	British Steel	Oscar Chess	01792 363433
12 th /13 th	Sunderland (Roker Regatta) (Scottish & Northern Champs)	Dave Shilling	0191 490 1736 (work)
26 th /27 th	Rutland (Inland Champs)	Nick Jones	01525 751712

WILKINSON SWORD

Trophy to be presented at 2002 Nationals for competition period August 2001 - July 2002.
One Special Event plus 4 best opens to qualify.
Special Events(*) - Rock, Hayling, Lord Birkett.

ROCK

Sailing & Water Ski Club
The Quay, Rock PL27 6LB
01208 862709
sheelagh@rsc.ndo.co.uk

May
4th
5th
6th
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Two races back to back Sat.
First race 12.00 hrs.
Entries Sat in Clubhouse
Cabins £9.00 p.p.p.n.
Galley & Bar Entry Fee £35 including Sat Supper (extras £6.00) Sunday BBQ & Music
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well in advance of the 2003 Osprey Nationals to be hosted here.

Probable Start times
(tbc.)

Race 1: Saturday 13:00
Race 2: back-to-back
Race 3: Sunday 11:00
Race 4: back-to-back

Accommodation available on site: Phone HISC on 023 92463768
Or contact Nick Willis on 023 92464192, email: WillisDNP@CS.COM

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Sandy Point, Hayling Island