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Osprey Class Newsletter



Osprey Class Association



2015 Highlights

- * 3 Major Championships, in April, July and October
- * Nationals are July 23-26 at Highcliffe
- * 3 Regional Championships
- * WS Traveller series of 13 events
- * NEW FOR 2015—Class Training Days
- * 3 Regional series to be announced

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EXCITING 2015 SEASON AHEAD!

Look out for an exciting season with the Osprey class! Fixture Secretaries David/ Ros Downs explained, "This year there will be 3 major Championships, 3 Regional Championships, and 13 National Traveller (Wilkinson Sword) events."

"The must do event will be the National Championships at Highcliffe on July 23-26. The top early season event is the Inlands at Blithfield on April 18/19. To help you sharpen up, our new training rep Terry Curtis has arranged a training day at Blithfield on Friday 17th, run by coach Jim Hunt of HD Sails."

Closing the year will be the End of Seasons at Rutland on October 31/ November 1.

"We also have Regional Champion-

ships for Wales & Midlands, Scotland & Northerns, and the Southern region."

Spread across the country and the year are 13 fixtures in the Wilkinson Sword national series. This year's nailbiting series went to the very last event when Martin Cooney and Peter Frith, grabbed the series. Can they hold on to the Sword in 2015?

After two successive 40 boat Nationals, the class is looking to surpass that impressive total at the 2015 Nationals, so competition will be strong.

Why not join the Osprey class in 2015? It's a great boat and a friendly fleet. To try an Osprey, contact builders Hartley Boats on 01332-369751 or any committee member.

New for 2015- Class Training Days

The class now has a training rep, and his mission is to help you get the best out of your Osprey sailing by giving lots of help and tips.

Terry Curtis said, "Many other classes find that training days can help you learn a lot in a short time.

Top coaches can help you make progress in a day which might take you a season of ordinary sailing. So grab your chance and come to our training days."

The first will be at Blithfield, the day before the Inlands, run by sailmaker



Jim Hunt. The second will be on July 10th at Castle Cove with Adam Bowers, who has coached many Olympic sailors.

"Come along, I guarantee you'll learn plenty, whatever your level of experience," concluded Terry.

Osprey Champ Matt Burge tells the story behind his Endeavour Trophy win

In July, Matt Burge and Vyv Townend took the Osprey Nationals after a week long battle at Porthpean in Cornwall.

As our Champ, Matt was invited to sail for the Endeavour Trophy.

Matt said, "The Endeavour Trophy is the ultimate achievement in amateur dinghy racing and is the event I have dreamed most of winning. I'm so happy and still can't believe my name now



Matt Burge and Vyv Townend at Porthpean

sits on the trophy!

The winning move was convincing Toby Lewis to sail with me; he is a great friend who has won the Endeavour three times before! And Toby is close to the Osprey class through his father Martin."

Matt and Toby are the first ever Osprey sailors to win the Endeavour.

"Our championship came right down to the wire with us trailing the Merlin by a single point going into the last race. By the

final run we were a good 20 boat-lengths behind them, however we sailed the downwind leg of our lives. We crash gybed and Toby somehow managed to drop the kite and round the right-hand gate mark in a matter of seconds! We split from the Merlin, tacked on a nice shift and slogged it out to the finish line to win by a quarter of a boat length! Our legs were trembling with pain and anxiety and we couldn't even talk! We'd never experienced joy and exhaustion in such equal and large measures, it is a feeling I will never forget!"

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Why I like Ospreys- by Matt Burge

I normally sail Fireballs which I enjoy as they are fast yet still very tactical. I also club race GP14's with my dad and wife which is a nice way to drift around Poole harbour in the light evening breezes!

Recently however I have discovered the Osprey and have thoroughly enjoyed competing at two National Championships in this class. The

Osprey is my favourite boat to sail upwind; it carves its way beautifully through the waves and you can feel the response of the rig to even the slightest adjustments which is a great sensation.

It is also one of the most formidable classes in the bar, with ten pints each night considered standard etiquette!

All told it is great to see that

the Osprey and many other "original" classes are still the best boats around, consistently attracting the country's top and most fun-loving sailors through the great racing they offer.

2014 Roll of Honour

Endeavour Trophy winners- Matt Burge & Toby Lewis

National Champions- Matt Burge & Vyv Townend.

Inland Champions- Chris Gould & Nick Broomhall

End of Season Champions- Martin Cooney & Peter Frith

Wilkinson Sword series winners- Martin Cooney & Peter Frith

Welsh & Midlands Champions- Jeff Hughes & D J Edwards

Southern Champions- Martin Cooney & Peter Frith

Scottish & Northern Champions- Alan Henderson & Alastair Barrie

South Wales series- Mike & Pam Murray

Lakes & Borders series- Alan Henderson & Alastair Barrie



The Osprey fleet at the Nationals.

Inside Story Headline

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Maybe plug Dinghy Show stand, plug Hartley as builders, appeal for sponsors, Sell Highcliffe.



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Where to get your latest Osprey news

Have you visited our class website lately? It's been completely revised, and just launched in December 2014. It's packed with news about the class, see its front page for latest, and it's the first port of call for anyone considering joining the class.

As well as race reports and results it has info on forthcoming events, and plenty of info and pictures of the class. It also hosts the Gossip Forum,

where sailors post their latest info. Use it to find out who is going to the next meeting, or to ask questions about the class.

The website also shows adverts for boats and gear for sale, so is the best place to go if you need new gear or a boat.

For Facebook users, we also have class pages at Osprey and Sail Osprey.

In 2015, look out for e mail bulletins of news from the class. So there are lots of ways to keep in touch.

If you have news please send to marketing"at"ospreysailing.org.

Web address:

www.ospreysailing.org/cms

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Latest Osprey results in winter



Start line action

Winter is a great time to enjoy sailing your Osprey in big mixed class events, such as the SailJuice Winter Series.

Recent Results by Ospreys:

Draycote Dash ; Bryony & Phil Meakins 51st, Richard Hartley 54.

Datchet Flyer; Phil Meakins & Jerry Dixon, 22

Remaining events in the SailJuice Winter Series are Brass Monkey, Oxford Blue, Bloody Mary, Steve Nicholson (Northampton, 24 January), Tiger Trophy (Rutland, 31 Jan/ 1 Feb) and Grafham Grand Prix (22

Feb).

Why not join in the SailJuice Series, and show everyone what Ospreys can do?

At the Blithfield Barrel, Chris Gould and Nick Broomhall are leading, after winning on both of the two days sailed so far. 2 more days racing to go.



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The Osprey Class Association—key benefits to members

- Organises class circuits and Championships
- Organises training days
- Communicates with members and public via Class website, Forum and Facebooks etc
- Publicises the class in yachting press and websites, and at the RYA Dinghy Show
- Provides measurement certificates
- Maintains class records and trophies
- Advertises Ospreys for sale
- Underpins the value of your Osprey.

Rejoin today!

We're on the Web;
[http://
www.ospreysailing.
org/cms](http://www.ospreysailing.org/cms)

2015 Fixtures

Mar 15 Starcross Steamer WS
Apr 17 Training Day, Blithfield

**Apr 18/19 Inlands, Blithfield
WS**

May 2/3 Mounts Bay WS

May 16/17 Tata WS

May 23-25 Coniston WS

May/ Jun TBA Poole WS

**Jun 20/21 Tenby, Welsh & Mid-
lands Ch & WS**

July 4/5 Shoreham WS

July 10 Training Day, Castle Cove

July 11/12 Castle Cove WS

July 23-26 Nationals, Highcliffe

Aug 29-31 Burnham WS

Sep 5 Sheppey Round Island WS

**Sep 12/13 Kielder Scottish &
Northerns Ch & WS**

**Oct 31/ Nov 1 End of Seasons,
Rutland & WS**

WS= Wilkinson Sword national series.

Look out for news on our 3 Regional series, coming soon.

LATEST NEWS

For latest news from the Osprey class, go to our website at <http://www.ospreysailing.org/cms> or to our two Facebook pages, called Sail Osprey and Osprey. Visit today!

Or come and meet us at the RYA Dinghy Show on Feb 28/ March 1, 2015.

