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Osprey Class Newsletter



Osprey Class Association



2015 Highlights

- * Nationals are July 23-26 at Highcliffe
- * Next Training Day— July 10 at Castle Cove
- * 3 Regional Championships
- * WS national Traveller series of 12 events
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GET SET FOR THE NATIONALS!

It's time to get organized for our **Nationals**. Chairman Peter Frith said, "It's not long now until our must do event, the National Championships at **Highcliffe** on **July 23–26**. Accommodation near the club is very limited, so we advise members to book early. As ever we'd like to see as many people as possible staying close to the club, so that the bulk of the fleet socialize together at the club." Look out for info and entry forms on our class website, and on the Highcliffe SC website. There will be an exciting prize open to those who enter early, courtesy of sponsor Rain & Sun Covers.

After two successive 40 boat Nationals, the class aims to surpass that total this year, to provide a strong platform for 2016, when the new

Mark 5 Ospreys arrive. You will be able to view the Mark 5s at the 2016 London Boat Show or at the RYA Dinghy Show.

The other remaining Major this year is the **End of Seasons** at **Rutland** on **October 31/ November 1**.

"We also have **Regional Championships** for Wales & Midlands, Scotland & Northerns (Kielder, September), and the Southern region (Poole, June)," said Fixture Secretaries David & Ros Downs.

Spread across the country and the year are 12 fixtures in the **Wilkinson Sword national series**.

Not currently sailing an Osprey? Why not try one 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.



Pic Mike Rice/ www.fotoboat.com.

Class Training Days Launched at Blithfield

The first training day of the season was at **Blithfield SC**, on **April 17**, with eleven boats eager to gain tips from coach **Jim Hunt** of **HD Sails**. Competitors were put through a rigorous session of starts, match racing and downwind starts. Jim finished the

day with full feedback, reviewing the onwater video. This training day was free to association members. All videos may be viewed on the Sail Osprey Facebook page. Jim gave tips from what he'd seen, and what he'd seen in similar classes like 470s and

505s. Fleet newcomer Boris Morrice said, "Huge thanks to EVERYONE who was so fantastically welcoming, helpful and informative. It was a complete blast!"

Look out for **next training day** at **Castle Cove** on **July 10**.

Lively start to year at Inlands at Blithfield



20 boats competed on April 18/19 in the class's **first Major of the year**. 2014 champs Chris Gould and Nick Broomhall started well with 3 wins on the Saturday in puffy, brisk winds. Fellow local team Gareth Caldwell and Jon Gibbons and 2014 WS champs Martin Cooney and Peter Frith also took consistent top three places, while other teams like Mark Weston/ Tim Keighley, Phil Meakin/ Chris Dodd, and Rob Shaw/ Ian Little were also well up. The Sunday brought lighter, cross lake winds in which Gould/ Broomhall took the title with another pair of wins. Caldwell/

Gibbons and Cooney/ Frith took the other podium positions, while new team Duncan Adams/ Corey Newton from Hartleys showed well, as did Alex and Nick Willis. Results:

1. Gould/ Broomhall
2. Caldwell/ Gibbons
3. Cooney/ Frith
4. Meakin/Dodd/ Meakin
5. Weston/ Keighley.

Social highlight was the Hog Roast on the Saturday night at the club, part of an excellent weekend's catering by

the Blithfield ladies. Video (thanks to Harry Odling) and still pics on Osprey and Sail Osprey Facebooks.



Pic Alan Henderson

Check out latest class news on Osprey website and on **Sail Osprey** and **Osprey Facebooks**. And post your own chat, news, videos, pics etc

Osprey News on Facebook and Web

There is more and more content going up on our **Facebook** pages. Visit today and keep up with class news, pics and videos.

We have an open access Facebook at **Sail Osprey**, and a members only one at **Osprey**.

Our **class website** had a major revamp and update over the winter. The website also hosts the Gossip Forum where users post news, and shows adverts of boats and gear for sale.

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

Or post your news on the gossip forum or Facebook.

Web address:

www.ospreysailing.org/cms

Look out for open meeting reports on www.yachtsandyachting.com.

Volunteers are always needed to write race reports and to supply pictures or video. Reports must be submitted to press within **two days**.

Mounts Bay Open



Steve George/ Matt Skewes by the Mount. Pics courtesy Nick Mendlicott.

11 boats competed among big seas and good breezes at Mounts Bay on May 2/3. Terry Curtis and Peter Greig won all five races to win over-

all.

Results

1. Terry Curtis/ Peter Greig
2. Steve George/ Matt Skewes
3. Alex & Nick Willis
4. Kevin Francis/ Phil Male
5. George and Harry Odling.

Check Sail Osprey Facebook for full story by Angus Morrice.



2015 Nationals, Highcliffe, 23-26 July- enter now

The highlight of the Osprey year is the **Nationals**, and we plan another bumper one this year at **Highcliffe**. The event runs Thursday to Sunday, with two races each of Thursday and Sunday, and three per day on the middle days. Sailing will be in Christchurch Bay on Olympic triangles or trapezoids. The entry fee for early entries is £145, saving you £20. Price includes free evening meals on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Highcliffe is a small friendly club, at Mundeford Quay.

There are lots of event sponsors, so prizes will be well spread around. Highcliffe is a very pretty spot, with a buzzing pub right beside the sailing club, which also has its own bar! There

are good views over the sheltered shallow Christchurch Harbour and out into Christchurch Bay and the Needles beyond.

The members always extend a warm welcome. There is good spectator viewing from the beach - especially if the wind is from west quadrant and hence tacking inshore.

Often great sea conditions with good rolling waves.

www.highcliffesailing.co.uk

So

- Book accom now
- Enter early
- Check your Assn membership and buy class merchandise



2014 Nationals action- pic Mike Rice.

Next Events coming up

Poole Southernns 20/21 June. This year the Southern Regional Championship will be at Poole. Three races each day, first start 12.30 Saturday. Courses will be Olympic triangles or trapezoid, in Poole Harbour to West of Brownsea Island. Poole is home to the biggest Osprey fleet in the country, with around 8-10 often sailing in club races, so a strong entry is guaranteed.

Castle Cove 10-12 July Castle Cove offers a training day, with Adam Bowers on Friday 10th to start off the weekend, followed by two days of racing. Castle Cove offers racing inside or outside of the harbour. The regatta is a very popular one, being shared with many other classes, so entry is online and is first come first served. So enter early. Entries and NoR at www.weymouthregatta.co.uk/dinghies.

There are Ospreys both at Castle Cove and neighbouring club Weymouth SC,



Sailing in Weymouth Bay. Pic Mike Rice

Mark 5s update



Pic Don Stokes.

The launch of the **Mark 5 Osprey** received a glowing endorsement at the Dinghy Show. The Mark 5 only arrives next year, but despite that business was very brisk. 12 boats

were sold there, and the order book is now up to **15 boats**. Hartleys say that one third of sales are to non Osprey sailors, thus bringing new sailors into the class. Of the boats sold to Osprey sailors, most are to Mark 4 owners, but a smaller number are upgrading straight to Mark 5s from older Ospreys. Many Mk 4 owners upgrading to Mk 5s are already well on the way to selling their current boats locally. So if you want to buy a Mk4 next year, find your target boat

soon. Back at **Hartleys**, they are planning the development of the Mk5 in stages, and have completed the first stage of scanning the hull shape into computer. The design of the deck and lay out is next, and Hartleys have picked a designer with skills in this area to make sure the new boat is **ergonomically** very good, as well as stiff and easier to build. Hartleys are also planning a major company expansion, into the three storey unit next door, giving a bigger retail operation for boats and chandlery.

The new Mark 5 Osprey

1. Available 2016
2. 15 sold already
3. Stiff epoxy construction
4. New people are joining the class
5. Biggest influx of new boats for years

Welsh & Midlands, Tata, 16/17 May.

Demolition derby on first day, including broken mast and boom. Three wins on a lighter Sunday, sailing with a borrowed crew and borrowed boom, gave Terry Curtis the Championship.

1. Terry Curtis & Alex Shaw / Gareth Davies.
2. Paul Heather & Jonathan Osgood
3. Ros & David Downs.

Terry leads the WS Series.



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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 and gear for sale
- Underpins the value of your Osprey.

Rejoin today! And enter the Nationals too.



We're on the Web:
www.ospreysailing.org/cms

2015 Fixtures from late May on

May 23-25 Coniston WS & LB

Jun 20/21 Southernns, Poole WS & SC

Jun 20/21 Tenby SW

July 4/5 Shoreham WS & SC

July 4/5 Lord Birkett, Ullswater LB

July 10 Training Day, Castle Cove

July 11/12 Castle Cove WS & SC

July 23-26 Nationals, Highcliffe & SC

Aug 8/9 Bass LB

Aug 29-31 Burnham WS

Sep 5 Sheppey Round Island WS

Sep 12/13 Kielder Scottish & Northernns Ch & WS & LB

Oct 18/19 Ullswater LB

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

WS= Wilkinson Sword national series. 5 to count.

SW= South Wales series

LB= Lakes & Borders series

SC= Southern circuit

SW consists of these four events, two to count.

LB consists of these five events, 3 to count.

SC consists of these four, plus Mounts Bay.

Visit our builders at

www.hartleyboats.com.

For Sale

Osprey 1263, Misty Lady. Contact John Rayner on 01937 842860 or Johnrayner82"at"yahoo.co.uk, for more info.

If you are looking to buy an Osprey, or sails or gear, go to the For Sale section of the class website. Apollo Duck website is also worth checking.



Pics Mike Rice.