



## Osprey e mail newsletter- June 2015

### Nationals- 28 eager early entrants

Late June and the month of July is the busiest part of the Osprey calendar, so here is latest news.

Yesterday, 22 June, the deadline passed for early entries to this year's **Osprey Nationals** at **Highcliffe**. 28 boats took advantage of the early entry discount, and will all be entered in the draw for the bottom cover, kindly donated by **Rain and Sun Dinghy Covers**.

But if you have not yet entered, don't worry there is still time to send your entry to class Treasurer Kevin Francis. There will be a wide array of attractive prizes spread through the fleet from the other Nationals sponsors **Allen, Clamcleat, Seasure, Marlow and Hartley Boats**, as well as the usual glittering array of Osprey silverware.

If you have not yet booked accommodation, the following camp site is proving popular, so why not join other Osprey sailors there? [http://www.campingintheforest.co.uk/?gc... AgW\\_8P8HAQ](http://www.campingintheforest.co.uk/?gc... AgW_8P8HAQ) . The Nationals are on July 23-26.

Last weekend, **20/21 June** there were two Osprey events. In Wales, **Tenby Regatta** attracted eleven Ospreys from three clubs, and they put on a great show, winning the £500 cash prize, kindly donated by sponsors Lewis, Lewis & Co Ltd Solicitors. Racing was round the cans in Tenby Bay on the Saturday followed by an epic Round Caldey Island race on Sunday. Oscar and Lisa Chess's one hour time could be a record for that race.

The winning five boat team consisted of four Tata Ospreys, and a Fireball. All five boats were sailed by husband and wife teams. **Tata Tarts Team List**

Ros and David Downs Osprey s/no 1114, Oscar and Lisa Chess Osprey 1348, Mike and Pam Murray Osprey 1166, Andrew and Rebecca Jenkins Osprey 1264, Gordon and Ruth Evans Fireball 14918.

The Welsh Ospreys say they would welcome other Ospreys from outside of Wales to come and join them at Tenby next year.

The other event was the **Southern Championships** at **Poole**, a very closely contested event, with five teams racking up good scores at the front. Eventually the title went to Martin Cooney and Peter Frith, with Terry Curtis and Peter Greig second. Peter Frith writes, "The Southern were very close with some really strong shows from a number of boats so bodes well for the Nationals. In the event we just won from Terry/Peter then Chris Gould/ Nick Broomhall. We were lucky with the weather force 3 to 4 all weekend but direction very variable. We did conventional triangles sausages on Saturday and Trapezoids on Sunday." Look out for photo album by Mike Millard, just Google him.

The next WS event is at **Shoreham** on **July 4/5**.

A week later is **Weymouth Regatta** on **July 11/12**. This is a big multi class regatta, with a limited entry of just 120 boats of all classes, so get your entries in quickly. Enter online at [www.weymouthregatta.co.uk](http://www.weymouthregatta.co.uk). At time of writing there are 15 Ospreys entered, making us one of the biggest classes. Enter soon if you want to go as another big class is about to enter, so the limit could easily be reached.

Ospreys are expected to be based at Castle Cove SC at this regatta, which is jointly run by clubs in the Weymouth area. Our fixture is preceded by a day's training at Castle Cove with Adam Bowers on July 10.

Osprey Association Treasurer and Castle Cove member Kevin Francis writes; "Yes it's time for another **FREE** training day as requested by the membership so sign up by indicating your intent to participate in the thread in the gossip forum. The added bonus of attending is the chance to prove what you have learned during the following 2 day regatta on some of the best waters available anywhere, so get your entry in for this asap."

"The day will be at Castle Cove SC with Adam Bowers coaching and myself and my better half providing everything else including food. We have a fabulous clubhouse and facilities and of course a bar. Adam's normal approach is to do some on shore discussion and boat set up then afloat for video coaching, with replay and comments again ashore with beer in hand."

"For those that do not know Adam, he has spent his life surrounded by all things sailing, developed some fast Osprey sails and went on to win plenty of Osprey trophies back in the day in a Mk 3 boat that he still owns known as Blue Moon. He currently trains team GBR sailors and is also part of the crew for Lawrie Smith in his Dragon competing worldwide so I think we have someone suitable! Look forward to your support."

## Lakes and Borders Series update

The **Lord Birkett** is the first of the Lakes and Border series, on **July 4/5**. With a 230 boat entry, the Birkett gives great experience of big fleet racing prior to our Nationals later in July.

NoR for the Lord Birkett is available on gossip forum and Facebook. Online entry is open at the Sailracer site, [www.sailracer.org](http://www.sailracer.org) or access thro' [www.ullswateryachtclub.org](http://www.ullswateryachtclub.org). The Lord Birkett is one of the Garmin Summer Series regattas, so boats are issued with GPS transponders, and you can watch your race on computer afterwards, with speed data etc. 3 Ospreys entered so far.

Second event in the Lakes and Borders series is at **Bass**, on **8/9 August**. This weekend comes at the end of Bass Week (from 1-9 August) and any Ospreys are welcome to do the Week or part thereof, as well as

doing our Osprey event on 8/9 August. Organiser Jon Denwood says, "The entries are now live on our website, and there are discounts to be had on both entry fees and camping if bookings are made online prior to 14th June." When entering, just enter the fast handicap class, and Bass will sort us later into our Osprey class. Camping and motorhome space is available.

<http://www.bassweek.org.uk/brochure/> The club has extensive grounds for camping, is very friendly, and Bass Week is a very popular week in the Lakes, so come for the week if you have time. Hill walking is near at hand, an Osprey watching centre- yes really, and culture with plays nearby at Keswick, theatre on the lake or similar name. Bass and Ullswater (for the Birkett) are lovely spots, so we hope to see plenty of Ospreys at both events.

Coniston, the scheduled first Lakes event (also a WS), did not happen, only one boat was able to go. We could organise a substitute event to bring the series back up to five, if people wish. I have two options at Largs on Aug 22/23 or Sep 26/27. Please contact me (Alan Henderson) or post your views on forum, if you'd like me to add one of these events, otherwise we'll just stick with these four.

After the Birkett and Bass, the remaining Lakes events stay as they were;

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

**Oct 10/11 Ullswater**

Lakes and Borders fixtures are open to all comers- do come and join in, the locations are well worth a long drive from the South. Hope to see lots of you at these events.

Find out more class chat at [www.ospreysailing.org](http://www.ospreysailing.org), the gossip forum within that, and at the Facebook pages called Sail Osprey and Osprey.

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