



# Osprey Class Newsletter

## March 2018– Dinghy Show Edition



Osprey Class Association



### INTERESTED IN OSPREYS? DINGHY SHOW GUIDE

#### All weekend

- Come and view the vintage Osprey, sail number 73, which is part of the **Ian Proctor Centenary show** in the **West corridor central display**. 2018 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Ian Proctor, designer of many boats like the Osprey and the man behind Proctor Masts, now known as Selden. Osprey 73 "Sappho" was lovingly restored in 2017, and competed with distinction in the 2017 Osprey Nationals.
- In 2005 the Osprey class was modernised by new builders Hartley Boats and Phil Morrison. View an example of this type, called the Mark IV, on the **Osprey Class Association** stand, at **A4** in the **Great Hall**. Find out all about the class from the enthusiasts on the stand.
- In 2016 Hartley Boats undertook a second redesign, developing the sleek new epoxy Mark V Osprey. This Mark boasts a modern look to match the Osprey's formidable performance, courtesy of Ian Proctor's farsighted design. The Mark V will be on the **Hartley Boats** stand, **C50** in the **Great Hall**.

#### One off talks

- Talking of formidable performance, why not come to the Classes stage in the Great Hall? The prize giving for the **GJW SailJuice Winter Series** will be held at **10.30** on the **Saturday** on the **Classes stage**. A little bird tells us that a couple of Ospreys could be among the prize winners.
- Come to our introductory talk, at **2pm Saturday** on the **Classes stage** in the **Great Hall**. Learn all about Ospreys, and what is so good about sailing them, in the company of Ben Hawkes, Osprey Under 21 double champion. Find out why everyone is joining the Osprey fleet.

Osprey Class Association Chairman Peter Frith said, "With three Ospreys of all types and ages on display, the 2018 Dinghy Show offers visitors a fantastic opportunity to find out all about this exciting racing class. Come and see our trio of vintage, nearly new and brand new examples, which give a flavour of the range of Ospreys available at all budget points."

### BUYING AN OSPREY

This winter, lots of new people have joined the class. They have moved into Ospreys from many classes. Unlike in other classes, older and wooden Ospreys can be highly competitive. You can pick up a good boat at remarkable prices. One or two older Ospreys have even been advertised at under £1000. Many people enjoy the challenge of restoring an old wooden boat.

Alternatively, you can buy a ready to race, low maintenance, Mark IV from about £4000 to £6000. For a brand new epoxy Mark V, talk to builders Hartley Boats at stand C50. Ask about special Show offer. New buyers this winter include;

Martin Hunter, Upper Thames YC, bought 1183; Dan Jackson, Tenby SC, 1276; Colin Thompson, Pembroke YC 1232, Orca; Mark Alford, Avon SC, bought 1220; Darren & Adrian Padro, Shustoke, 1231 Brothers in Arms; Merlin Hancock & Tony Manning, Isle of Sheppey, 555; Paul Berry, Mersea Island, 936; Matt Trinder, 1140; Joe Cross, Poole YC, 1259; Tim Lees, 1203; Terry Alliston, Whitefriars SC, 863; Sam Woolner, Exe, 1069. Two more new owners at Poole YC are Adam Deary and Malcolm Shakesby (sail numbers unknown).

#### Mark IVs also snapped up

Mike & Pam Murray, Tata SC, 1312. Peter Slater/ Lou Geeson, Blithfield SC 1329. John McKellar, Tenby SC, 1330. Willie Crichton, Ribble, 1341 Stylo. Carwyn Owen, Tenby SC 1344.

#### Upgrading to Mark Vs

Peter Lloyd, Weymouth SC, 1362; Russ Wheeler, Isle of Sheppey, 1364.

Welcome to all the new faces. With lots of new sailors joining the fleet, and many people upgrading boats, the class is set for an exciting season's racing in 2018. Check our busy racing and coaching programme overleaf.



To buy Show tickets call 0844 858 9069 or [www.dinghyshow.org.uk/godstickets](http://www.dinghyshow.org.uk/godstickets)



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[www.ospreysailing.org](http://www.ospreysailing.org) Facebook pages [Sail Osprey](#) and [Osprey](#)



To receive news from the Osprey class, please register with class Media contact, Alan Henderson on alanhe@tiscali.co.uk. Web and social media addresses at foot of page.

## Want a new Osprey?

Contact the class's sole builders, **Hartley Boats** on 01332 369751.

New boats may be purchased complete, or as hull ready to fit out as you wish.

Ospreys have free choice of sailmaker. Carbon or alloy spars and spi pole. Choice of foils. Hartley will tailor a complete boat to your spec.

## Ospreys For Sale

Join a friendly class, with a boat to suit all ages and both genders.

### Woodies

**1168.** Exc cond. Professional new split deck 2009. Superspars alloy spars. Milanese foils, galvanized combi. £1300ono for quick sale. Kay Stibbs. Skateboard-kay@hotmail.co.uk

**1141.** Restored several years ago inc lots new gear, but some deterioration since, so some work needed. Serviceable combi. Old sails. £800. For separate sale, newer suit sails, £600. gthumwood@aol.com 07807 929041

**1245** Claridge built. Combi, all 3 covers, several suits sails, lifting and fixed rudder. Available June. £1500. gthumwood@aol.com 07807 929041

### GRP

**1158** glass Westerly. Combi, top cover, sails. £650. Sheppey, Kent. Paul Botting 0771 1410452

Other places to find Ospreys for sale;

Check class website at [www.ospreysailing.org](http://www.ospreysailing.org)

Contact Class association

Also try Facebook page **Dinghies and Dinghy Bits for sale**

For cheap boats needing work, also try **E Bay**.

## Why Choose Osprey?

*The Osprey is without doubt one of Ian Proctor's outstanding designs. The Osprey was developed in the early 1950's, and was one of the world's first trapeze dinghies.*

- Fast exciting boat to sail
- Long hull and generous genoa gives upwind power
- Offwind, feel the acceleration from its generous 17 sq m spinnaker
- Great boat to crew, with trapeze and symmetric spinnaker
  - Fantastic value for money
  - Training programme with top coaches
- Busy nationwide and regional racing circuits

## 2018 Osprey Opens

**Apr 28/29** Blithfield WS **Welsh & Midlands Championships**  
**May 5/6** Mounts Bay WS  
**May 26/27** Carsington WS **Inland Championships**  
**June 9/10** Highcliffe WS  
**June 16/17** Isle of Sheppey WS  
**Jun 30/ Jul 1** Poole WS **Southern Championships**  
**July 7/8** Castle Cove WS  
**July 28/29** Shoreham WS  
**Aug 16-19** **Nationals, Weymouth SC**  
**Aug 25/26** Burnham WS  
**Sep 8/9** Kielder WS, **Scottish & Northerns Championships**  
**Oct 20/21** Rutland. WS. **End of Seasons**

WS=Wilkinson Sword Series, the class's premier circuit.

## Coaching programme 2018

This year, the class is expanding its successful programme of coaching. The coaching days are free of charge to association members. The class uses highly skilled coaches with top level experience of the Osprey and other high performance classes.

### Dates and coaches

**Fri 25 May, Carsington SC, Tim Rush**

**Fri 15 June, Isle of Sheppey SC, Adam Bowers**

**Fri 17 August, Tim Rush**

Coaching sessions are filmed by the coaches, who give detailed feedback to the sailors.

This year for the first time, a coach will be observing/ filming a day's com-

petition during our Nationals. The day will include pre launch brief, onwater video, and post race debrief. This is a fantastic opportunity to get feedback and learning points re your performance in the pressured situation of big fleet racing. The other coaching days precede major Osprey opens, so you get 3 days of good training/ racing.

## South Wales Osprey Series 2018

**Apr 7/8** Tata Steel  
**June 30/ Jul 1** Tenby Regatta & Round Caldey Island  
**July 7/8** Mumbles  
**Sep 1/2** Pembroke YC

Many people have been buying Ospreys in South Wales, so this regional series will be very competitive this year.