



Osprey Class Association

2018 AGM Notes

The AGM was held during the National Championship at Weymouth Sailing Club.

Date: Friday 17th August 2018; Time: 19:21; Venue: The Club House.

Attendees: Peter Frith, Kevin Francis, Alex Willis, Nick Willis, Ben Hawkes, Rich Packer, David Downs, Ros Downs, Hilary Jones, Angus Hemmings, Adam Bowers, Andrew Edmunds, John Mills, Caz Mills, Roger Blake, Robin George, Lee Marriott, Chris Butters, Paul Roberts, Mick Greenland, Mike Greig, Tim Bowden, Deanne Morton, Martin Cooney; Phil Angrave, Alec Mamwell, Boris Morrice, Simon Hawkes, Jonathan Osgood, Phil Male, Richard Marshall, Alastair Raynard, Willie Crichton and Arthur Butler. (33 members (incl full) & 2 associate members)

1. Apologies for Absence

Alan Henderson, Rob Shaw, John & Janet Shenton, Paul Heather, Viola Scott, Ian Whipple and Mike McNamara

2. Approval of minutes of 2017 AGM

2017 minutes were approved – Proposed by Lee Marriott & seconded by Roger Blake (2 attendees namely Richard Marshall & Arthur Butler were added)

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairman's Report

Dinghy show:

Thanks to Mick Greenland for organising it, for Richard & Mark Hartley for lending their MKV at the last minute for our stand and thanks to all those association members who gave their time to man the stand.

There was a special guest to give the class association's reasons to sail an Osprey, namely Oscar Chess. He did a double act with David Downs – just brilliant.

Ian Proctor Memorial

Ros & David displayed their Osprey 73 on the Ian Proctor memorial stand, it will also be going to the Ian Proctor classic 100 year celebration event at Bosham. To complement & further celebrate Ian's life, the Isle of Wight Race will be held in September with a limited number of Ospreys – details will be given by David later.

Open Meetings:

This year at the open meetings attendance has been good with some excellent racing. David Downs has introduced some new venues to try out combining with other classes. Unfortunately, the only one the Chairman has been able to attend was Highcliffe which was held with the Contenders and it worked well.

The Committee:

Due to work commitments & the lack of a mast for 6 weeks, the Chairman has not been very active with the Osprey Class so it has been good to see that the rest of the Committee has worked well to further improve, promote & expand our Fleet. The Chairman thanked all the Committee for their sterling work – they were all asked to stand up.



The Chairman was delighted to say that following a call for additional committee members to enhance the good work already achieved, there has been a great response: Deanne from Tenby, Alastair from Carsington and Mike Greig from Mounts Bay to support the preparations for the Nationals at Mounts Bay in 2019.

The Class:

The Class is in excellent shape, which is evident by the continual increase in numbers at successive Nationals largely due to the enthusiasm of all of the members talking to & encouraging others to join in & sail Ospreys so the Chairman thanked everybody & asked them to keep up the good work.

5. Treasurer's Report (Financial period 2017)

Overview:

The class continues to enjoy a sound financial footing, which has seen a small but steady growth over the 5 years that I have been custodian. As a general rule the yearly outgoings remain constant and the National Championships have managed themselves and have not eaten into the general class fund with last year's event at Poole producing a profit that will be consumed into a more engaging social for members over the next few years. The membership numbers remain healthy with a slight increase year on year despite several members retiring from sailing, for the year 2017 the total number of members was 119 compared with 115 in 2016 & 110 in 2015.

I speak on behalf of the committee when I say how good it is for the class to see many new faces including racing families who we hope will remain with us for many years to come and spread the word to the wider club community about this very special boat and what it can offer.

The 2017 Dinghy Exhibition was again supported by the Class who now have a stand in a regular spot in the main hall ably manned by committee and class members over the weekend for free. Interest in the Osprey remains high and the costs associated with the show remain realistic; therefore there are no plans to stop attending the show in the foreseeable future.

Training has continued to be a core activity for the class with 2017 achieving 3 dedicated free training days to class members at Blithfield, Poole and Castle Cove with new venues and methods of delivery being looked at for future years it is hoped to continue and to reach more of the membership. The class would like to thank Terry Curtis, Tim Rush and Adam Bowers in supporting this activity throughout 2017.

Clothing:

The response to the purchase of class clothing has been disappointing; the online site was developed to make the process easier but has largely been ignored by the membership. The clothing provider is currently happy to continue although a review of clothing in general may now be required.

Fixed Assets:

The weighing scales purchased for the Mumbles Nationals are continuing to depreciate, and were in use again at Poole. There is 1 more year to go to fully depreciate these.

Membership fees: In line with previous years I propose that the current agreed fees remain in place. I would encourage members to set up Standing orders with their bank to ensure continued membership and also to make my life much easier each January.

Examiner of Accounts: I have been extremely fortunate that Viola Scott has continued being the examiner for 2017, however due to her workload and distance from me, she has encouraged a replacement which I will put to you all today, if someone with the right skill set is prepared to verify my yearly scribblings then please see me over the weekend.

Proposed by Paul Roberts and seconded by David Downs – unanimous agreement



6. Subscription Rates for 2018 Season

See Treasurer's report above – Subscriptions to remain the same

Proposed by Jonathan Osgood and seconded by Terry Curtis – unanimous agreement

7. Appointment of Examiner of the Accounts


It was stated that if another Examiner of Accounts could be found Viola Scott would step down. In his absence Ted Lewis was proposed by Andrew Edmunds and seconded by Adam Bowers.

Post meeting note: Ted Lewis is willing to be the new Examiner of Accounts

8. Election of Officers

See 9. below

9. Election of Committee Members


Osprey Class Association
Election of Officers and Committee Members 2018

Position	Nominee	Signature	Proposer	Second
Chairman	Peter Felt		John Shenton	Ros Downs
Treasurer	Kevin Francis		S. Osgood	
Secretary	Ros Downs		Hilary Jones	Mark Cosgrove M.J. Cosgrove
Committee Member	Ben Hawkes		Peter	
Committee Member	David Deane		Kevin	Mark Gifford
Committee Member	Jonathan Osgood		Willie	
Committee Member	Alastair Reynolds		Kevin	
Committee Member	Alan Henderson	By Email	Mark	Hilary Jones
Committee Member	Mick Greenland		Mark	
Committee Member	Terry Curtis		Mark	
Committee Member	Deanna Morton			D. Jen
Committee Member	Mike Craig			Down

↳ only for Mount Bay Division

The Members were reminded that all Officers had already stood for their full term of 3 years so now had to be re-elected annually and Committee Members must be re-elected every year. The Members were reminded that they also have the right to vote people off the Committee. All proposed & seconded Officers & Committee Members were accepted by a majority vote.

10. Class Measurement Rule proposed changes
(NB: For rule changes there needs to be a ¾ majority vote)

- a. Use of RYA Sail Measurers

Rationale:

The objective of this proposed rule change is to make it explicit that sails may be measured by any RYA Sail Measurer (assuming that they are content to do so.) If approved this will increase the availability of sail measurers above the four or five Class Measurers appointed by the Copyright Holder and will potentially allow sail makers to provide fully measured sails to their customers.

Proposed Amendment:

Amend Rule G2.2 Certification to read:-



“b) The Copyright holder has appointed one or more persons to measure and certify sails. In addition, a measurer appointed by the RYA as MNA may measure and certify Osprey sails. A measurer appointed by the RYA may certify sails produced by a manufacturer in accordance with World Sailing In-house Certification Guidelines”
All were in favour (33) therefore carried.

b. Increase of size of windows in sails

Rationale:

Following incidents that occurred at the 2018 Inland Championships at Carsington and taking into account the improved robustness of modern window material, the proposal is either to:-

- a) Remove all restrictions on numbers, sizes and locations of windows on sails – or
- b) To significantly increase the size of window that is allowed in both mainsail and jib.

Option b) would prevent the use of window material to stiffen up the edges of sails.

It should be noted that very few (if any) modern Osprey sails have windows that are at the current maximum dimensions.

Proposed Amendment:

- a) Delete from the table of rules G.3.4 & G.4.3

“Number of windows [Max 2], Total window area [Max 0.3m²], Shortest distance from window to edge of sail [Min 150 mm], Windows located below half height.”

Rejected by all (33)

- b) Amend tables of rules G3.4 and G4.3 to read:

Total window area [Max 0.6 m²]

After taking advice from the Sailmakers in the room, there were 22 votes in favour 3 against (the measurers) & 1 abstained (a sailmaker) therefore carried.

c. Inclusion of Centreboard in minimum weight

Rationale:

The rules currently require the centreboard to be weighed independently of the hull and for the weight of the centreboard to be “indelibly marked on the surface in such a way that the weight may be read when the centreboard is fitted in the boat fully raised.” The proposal is to add 5kg (which is the current minimum centreboard weight) to the minimum hull weight so that boats may be weighed without the awkward and time-consuming process of removing the centreboard prior to weighing. It would also serve to remove the need for owners to “indelibly mark their centreboards.”

It should be noted that if this rule change is approved no boat could end up any lighter than the current rules allow but would potentially allow currently overweight boats to lose some weight through using a lighter centreboard.

Proposed Amendment:

Amend Rule C.6.2 to read:-

“The weight of the hull shall be taken in dry condition excluding spars, sails, rudder, rudder stock, tiller and all portable equipment as listed in C.5.” i.e. delete centreboard from this list.

Amend the table in Rule C.6.2 to read:-

“The weight of the boat in dry conditions [Minimum 138.9kg] i.e. the current minimum of 133.9kg plus the current minimum centreboard weight of 5 kg.

Delete Rule E.3.1 a)



“The weight of the centreboard shall be indelibly marked etc.”

Amend the table in Rule E.3.3 to read

“Weight of centreboard [Max 8kg]” i.e. remove Minimum of 5kg

After some clarification and discussion, the vote was 32 for and 1 abstention so therefore carried.

These proposals now have to be put forward to & agreed by the Copyright holder before the Rules can be amended.

11. Future Nationals venues

a. Mounts Bay Nationals 2019

The Members were advised that the Nationals for 2019 would be at Mounts Bay shared with the Enterprises. There was some concern expressed by the Members about sharing & the possible issue of clashing courses. It was recognised this would have to be managed very carefully and advise Mounts Bay that separate courses would be preferred. Concern raised over the infrastructure to support both Nationals but the Members were assured that Nationals at Mounts Bay with 300 boats and trapezoidal courses can be used to separate the fleets. It was confirmed that something similar had been done at Hayling Island successfully.

As the Enterprise Nationals are a week long the question was raised as to whether the Osprey Class should have a week long nationals and there was much discussion. It was agreed that the Committee would go out to all members to seek their preference

b. Future Nationals

It was proposed that for 2020 it would be Castle Cove & 2021 would be Tenby but further discussions are required. Hayling Island would also be keen but the Osprey's would have to share.

12. Any Other Business

a. Round the Island Race – 15th/16th September

The Members were briefed on the event and encouraged to get their entries in.

b. Constitution

The Members were given a very quick summary of why the Constitution had been updated and of some of the key changes. The Constitution had not been properly updated since the Class stopped being administered by the RYA and the copyright now being held by the Hartleys. The Constitution was proposed by Terry Curtis, seconded by John Mills and more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members agreed, therefore carried and the Constitution can now be published on the Web.

c. Shoreham Wilkinson Sword event

This event was postponed due to poor weather and the Members agreed to support a revised date of 28th October 2018.

d. Richard Hartley

The Class Association wished Richard Hartley well