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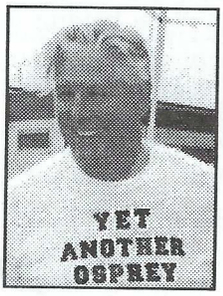
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The next Magazine is already under way

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Alfie Hawksworth & David Mager
in Pink Panther 919.
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The Editor

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Terry's Tarradiddle

Another seasons now well under way, this year I managed to get my boat on the water for the start of my Club's season, that makes a change!

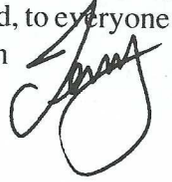
The Dinghy Show was quite successful mainly due to the boats on the stand and the efforts of but a few. As you will read later some help on Sunday would have been appreciated.

ANY Association Member is welcome to come and spend an hour manning the stand, so the work does not keep on falling on the few. Why not make a resolution to help next year!! After all it is YOUR Association!!!!

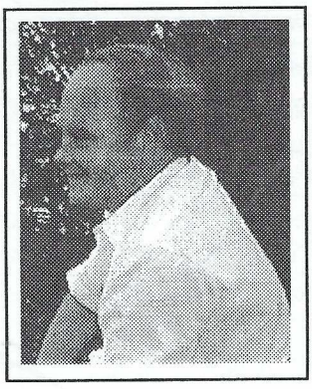
Well the Nationals are all but upon us, again my erstwhile crew cannot make the date due to work commitments. As a result of this and due to my own work commitments I too will not be making the trek to Wales, despite this (or perhaps because of this), I hope you will and that you have a very good Nationals!

I hope that you will all find the magazine of interest, the copy came in quickly after the reminders, so a big thank you to those who have contributed, I really am very grateful. Anyone can contribute and it doesn't have to be about sailing, if you do something out of the ordinary or if you are passionate about the other things you do why not write about it. Ladies you have your own page so send in some articles, don't be shy we don't bite. It is your magazine so use it, get your copy in, how about Jane S writing about the Lady Helms perspective of the National's for example? This issue was the first time ever that Nick Jones has had his bit in ahead of time, despite the fact that he has hardly been home due to work commitments. Maybe ..... well perhaps it was .... no Hilary I won't say it after all, but thank you for getting the copy to me!

I sincerely hope the Nationals are a great success, have a few beers for me, I look forward to hearing all about it in the Nationals Report, GOOD LUCK to all who attend, to everyone else have a good home club season



Chairmans Cantillations



Since I last settled at the keypad to write a report a lot seems to have happened. Firstly, on a sad note, I must advise you of the death of Bill Foreman from Leukaemia. Bill had been ill for a couple of years and was co-owner of an Osprey with John Shenton at Wilsonian. A donation was sent from the Association to his widow Margaret to whom we extend our sympathy.

The first major event for the class was the Dinghy Exhibition at Alexandra Palace. I was pleased with the stand and the attendance and I would like to extend my thanks to Will Odling and Peter Frith for the loan of their boats. Also one must mention Ian Madeley and Ken King for their efforts towards the event.

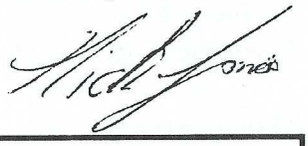
The idea of the yellow Osprey polo shirts worked very well and Yachts and Yachting felt them worth a mention. I still have a few left at very reasonable prices, please contact me if you are interested. We are always looking for new ideas for the stand and we would welcome any constructive comment, especially if you would be interested in joining the committee as the marketing person.

Now to sailing:- the first event of the year was the inland Nationals at British Steel. Thanks to the lads from Port Talbot for an excellent event. It was a blustery weekend with 18 boats competing - a good turnout for the first event in the year. Congratulations to Oscar & Nick who managed to retain the Championships despite pressure from DJ & Adam.

Other events since then have been the Southerns - won by Martin Lewis and John Gorringe. Hornsea was won by the Old men of the Sea, John Lang and Malcolm Clack.

Before us are the National Championships at Pwllheli. All the arrangements have gone well and I can assure you that we will be having a great Nationals on some excellent sailing water and at a really good venue. Ian Madeley has invested a lot of time in working with the Club to ensure that everything is just right - do come along and I am sure you will have a great time. There are two boats currently under construction, one for Richard Hewitt and the other for Rob Shaw - both being built by Arnott Dobson on Tyneside. Does anyone know how many Ospreys Rob Shaw has owned?

Well that just about concludes this visit to the keyboard. I hope to see you at some of the forthcoming Open meetings but if not, remember the time 1st - 7th August, remember the place Pwllheli Sailing Club and you will certainly remember the event. See you there,



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Open Meeting Reports

Southerns - Mounts Bay 2/3 May

On the Saturday the wind was blowing from the north, force 6+ (despite what the rescue boat crew say about recording 18-19 knots!) It was decided, after an hours postponement and much deliberation amongst the 16 boat fleet and Race Officer Paul Broomfield, that it might be a good idea to cancel the two scheduled races that day and retire to the bar!

On the Sunday, unfortunately, the conditions had not changed much so 11 boats took to the water. With an offshore wind conditions looking out at sea never seem that bad but a few crews, half a mile out at sea looking back, did wonder what they were doing out there!

The first race was delayed 20 minutes or so while the committee boat cut herself free from a discarded fishing net! When the race got underway the fleet saw an exhilarating contest. Eventually, after a couple of retirements and several capsizes, (Andy Barker trying to hard! - sorry Andy), the first six boats crossing the line with 20 seconds or so between them. Dave Gorringe and Richard Bowers taking the honours in Blackjack from Martin Lewis and John Gorringe in Schiaffino.

Unfortunately, with the windward mark rather close to the beach the temptation was too great for six boats who finished and carried straight on into the beach (and the haven of the bar!). The five boats who stayed out for the second race had just as an exciting race as the first, with Martin Lewis and John Gorringe avenging their defeat in the first race and taking the overall honours from Dave Gorringe and Richard Bowers, with Colin Rainback and Phil Angrave in third place.

At the prize-giving in the clubhouse later. Vice Commodore Peter Jellis thanked everyone for turning out in such conditions, with James Curnow (of past Osprey fame) presenting the prizes.

Thanks to everyone at M.B.S.C. for all their help especially Derek Crowe and his helpers for the Saturday evening meal, much appreciated.

Overall Results:

1st	1207 Schiaffino	Martin Lewis/John Gorringe	(Poole)
2nd	1226 Blackjack	Dave Gorringe/Richard Bowers	(Poole)
3rd	1277 Men Behaving Badly	Colin Rianback/Phil Angrave	(Poole)
4th	1234 Nice One	Andy Barker/Viv Townsend	(Rock)

Mark Somers.

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Hornsea Sailing Club May 16/17th

Open your minds and set the picture. As the light faded on a shimmering North Sea, a small but brave band of Ospreyites set out on a mission.

That mission was to comb the pubs of Hornsea. There was a rumour that one of the local ale houses was breaking the Trading Standard Laws and selling a strange brown lifeless liquid, that could be used as antifouling, drain cleaner or even a laxative. But this witches brew was for sale as beer, proper falling down water. But, dear reader this was a false hood this was SOUTHERN BEER. Flat, lifeless, tasteless, not even good enough for next doors cat. (*Ed: poor man's obviously never tried Shepherd & Neames Best*)

So we brave few Reed, Watson and yours truly set out to do what had to be done, the rounds of the local pubs. Never mind there was an Open Meeting the next day, honour was at stake, Southern Beer in a YORKSHIRE pub, NEVER as one famous chap once said. Well we drank here and we supped there but Southern beer, we found none. Scuppered we trekked our way home to awake with thick heads and funny coloured tongues. To be continued .

SATURDAY

Brilliant sunshine and a light sea breeze greeted the 12 ospreys for the start of the meeting. After the briefing John Lang was happy to tell all that this was the first time that he or Malcolm had sailed this year, " watch the rust falling off said Clackers ".

By the end of the first lap of Race 1 most of us could not see "the rust falling off " He who dances around handbags was too far in bl**dy front! Mike Mooney and Brain Ruston chased hard but Mr Rusty was not playing. Third place was held for most of the race by Nick Eggett & Allasterair Smith .... And that was race one. Just beginners luck said Mr Rusty got a nice shift and there I was all on my own .

Race Two. Well what a surprise Mr Rusty was gone again. "What's wrong John don't you like sailing near any one else"? Rob Shaw & Steve Watson tried so hard to catch him, they even resorted to missing marks out. Again Mike Money was there in second with Richard Hewett and Paul Jamison in third .

CONTINUED FROM FRIDAY NIGHT.

Well that was that for sailing on Saturday now where might that funny beer be? After a pint or three in the Alex we all, well 18 of us legged it down to the Odd Place. A strange little spot on the sea front, I'd asked Keith [the owner, head chef and all round nice chap] on Friday night if he could accommodate us for a meal. Aye said he, "do you want the girlie bar menu or will you be hungry", "hungry" said I.

Stuffed is the best way to describe our feelings after the meal. Paul asked for a large Scampi, Keith gave him a plateful. No one wanted pud so a short speech followed. I explained that Hornsea used to have an in-shore rescue boat provided and manned by the coastguard. After it left Hornsea, Keith and his wife Linda campaigned hard to raise funds so that Hornsea could have it's own in-shore rescue boat. The money was raised, the crew kitted out and trained, Keith's son Ian is one of the crew, but the fund raising goes on. So an empty pint glass was thrust under the noses of the bloated gathering and £37.00 was raised. Keith was really overjoyed.

He had no idea what was happening, so when I asked for an empty glass he nearly called for an ambulance. Thank you all! We said our goodbyes to Keith & Linda and made our way to..... Another pub ..... Then onto ..... another pub till the wee small hours!

Bleary eyed we move onto Sunday!

With the conditions very similar if a little lighter Mr Rusty was rubbing his hands. Several boats made very good starts, but none as good as the bearded wonder Steve Sharp. He and Paul Cox shot to the first mark and disappeared over the horizon never to be seen again until we were all finished. Well thank god that, Mr Rusty could only manage second, shame, that'll slow him up.

Rob and Steve were third not far behind the now sweating Mr Rusty who decided to take his dry

suit off as he thought the wet suit he was wearing under it would be enough to keep him warm on the hottest day of the year .

Race 4. The now cooled Mr Rusty WAS away with the fairies again admirably chased by Rob and Mooney coming third. This bloody Rusty fella was getting to be a pain in the butt. He comes to our Open Meeting, says he hasn't sailed all year and stuffs us.

With the meeting won we were into the last race. Second place was open to Shaw and Mooney. We all thought that Mr Rusty might go to his car for a sleep and give the rest of as a chance, WRONG!!

Once again Mr Rusty was in a hurry to finish sailing and get packed up and away home. Really John you should slow down, stop all this rushing about it's bad for your blood pressure. The rest of the fleet were left to play by themselves, Shaw came in second with Mooney again in third. This left us with a tie break for second and third with Mike Mooney getting the result ahead of Rob Shaw .

The weekend went very well and a special thanks must go to Race Officer Phil Allen and his band of assistants for organising the races. They set good courses and kept things moving all weekend ..... Thanks chaps.

A word of warning to you all, if while chatting to John or Malcolm at an open meeting and they start saying how little sailing they've done and that the boat is just thrown together watch them. Its all a big con ..... well done you two, you sailed a great meeting and showed us all what lucky b*gg*rs you are, just wait till next time .

Overall Results

1st	John Lang & Malcolm Clack	West Riding SC	4 Pts
2nd	Mike Mooney & Brian Ruston	Hornsea SC	1 2 Pts
3rd	Rob Shaw & Steve Watson	Sunderland YC	12 Pts
4th	Richard Hewett & Paul Jamison	Sunderland YC	15 Pts
5th	Nick Eggett & Alastair Smith	Hornsea SC	20 Pts
6th	Dave Metcalfe & Elaine Cleminshaw	Hornsea SC	91Pts

Mike Smith.

Swanage SC 16th & 17th May

Would you believe it? Last year it blew as hard as a trucker's ass, this year as soft as a baby's. A flock of 13 of your finest Ospreys swooped into Swanage Bay for the weekend - full of enthusiasm, beer and hot air. Little did they know exactly how much excitement was awaiting - had they known, they probably wouldn't have bothered.

Saturday Morning. The briefing was held in a nice 10 knot NE'ly. The prestart in a light 5 knot E'ly. The postponement in a dodgy SE'ly. The FA cup in no wind at all. Arsenal won.

Sunday morning and the weather looks horribly similar - but we're starting an hour earlier, so there's still hope! Gavin and Steve lead the way in Lettice - the first of the boats to go right. We went left. Never mind, lots of time to go and lots of good boats behind us. Like Peter Frith and Scudder being soundly trashed by a chap called Bridges, for example.

Second beat and Lettice stands on a little. Andy Barker, freshly teamed up with Adam Bowers (oh-oh!) goes hard left followed by the Mounts Bay boys in Lethal Weapon, Martin Lewis and Adrian Summers. We went right!

To cut a long story short, Old boy Barker sneaks it, with even older Lewis not too far behind. Can I see a pattern forming? Are we on for 2037 Nationals?

The second race, started in a nice sea breeze, quickly develops into a frustrating drifter. The windward mark comes and goes with a familiar round order (Frith, Barker, Gorringe....), but what's this? No Lewis! The poor old chap is still half way up the beat and the fleet sails past with spinnakers drooping but spirits high and plenty of suitable comments. Then we all stop!

Martin, with Jonny 'go-faster' Gorringe in the front, casually sails carefully around the outside and arrives at the leeward mark in the lead. Canny old bugger! Meanwhile, me and Dave have been easily keeping up with Barker and

Bowers - just proves that in no wind pedigree simply doesn't count.

The last beat would sort it all out and decide the regatta. Swiftwun manages to hold onto the lead all the way up, followed closely by Blackjack & Schiaffino getting the better of Jurassic Barker. So that's it, Andy & Adam win it on a split decision followed by Jonny and Martin in second and Dave and me in third.

Next year, we'll have sun and wind!

Steve Williams. 1226.

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Blast From The Past

The fine photo of Alfie Hawksworth & David Mager in 919 "Pink Panther" shown on the front page was taken at the 1973 Mumbles Nationals on the day when the wind hovered around Force Seven.

The Race Officer had the reputation for running races in all weathers which, was certainly the case on two of the days. The resident Chandler did a good line in replacement spars and fittings.

By way of a contrast, Fridays race was sailed in a variable Force Two with many helms making poor starts for not reading the Committee Boats flags which showed a change to a line start.

by
John Raynor
Our Archivist

Dinghy Show Report

The Stand comprised an area of 8.0 x 4.5M, which was sufficient to place two boats in a 'Beat' formation to allow direct comparison with an almost brand new wooden Mark III, and a very well maintained Mark IIA. This year we occupied an excellent position on the main avenue past Yachts and Yachting Stand with the RYA features immediately behind.

From shortly after opening on the Saturday, visitors surged through, and it was all that the staff could deal with. On Saturday, this was quite good, but Sunday's staffing made things very difficult. However, more on that later. As has been my actions over the last few years, I try to record 'Interested Visitors' and Osprey Members, and on Saturday I recorded some 38 people who came and talked. There were others, but I could not take all their names during the whole day, even though I was only away from the Stand for about 45 minutes. On the Sunday I arrived at 09.30 and left at 15.00 without a break due to total lack of Members. During this time I only managed to record 20, but there were many more who came and went without attention or getting their money.

Friday's Set Up, organised by Nick and Ken finished at 20.30 with support from Alan Lang, Simon Bridges, Will Odling, Iain Williams, Jeff Hughes, and, after a long dash from Scotland, Robert Shaw & Co. After which some of us dined in Soho and slept in Highbury, with accommodation arranged previously, which on the Saturday was very under-used.

Saturday morning pre-show commenced with the usual panic preparations, organising the handouts and policy dictates before the crowds. Many ex-Osprey sailors called and at one time within a 30 minute period, three ex Members of the Services from Singapore ended up reminiscing about their exploits with DOT, DASH etc., with others from Mombasa, Canada and Nigeria.

A sailor from Mombasa still had three boats, of which one had been largely consumed by termites of late. Upon leaving he took away many ideas and has promised an article for the future.

The comparison of Mark III and IIA, easily seen when lying together with so many years between their births, totally stopped people in their tracks. 425 prepared by Will Odling with the full update appeared fresh and obviously very business-like.

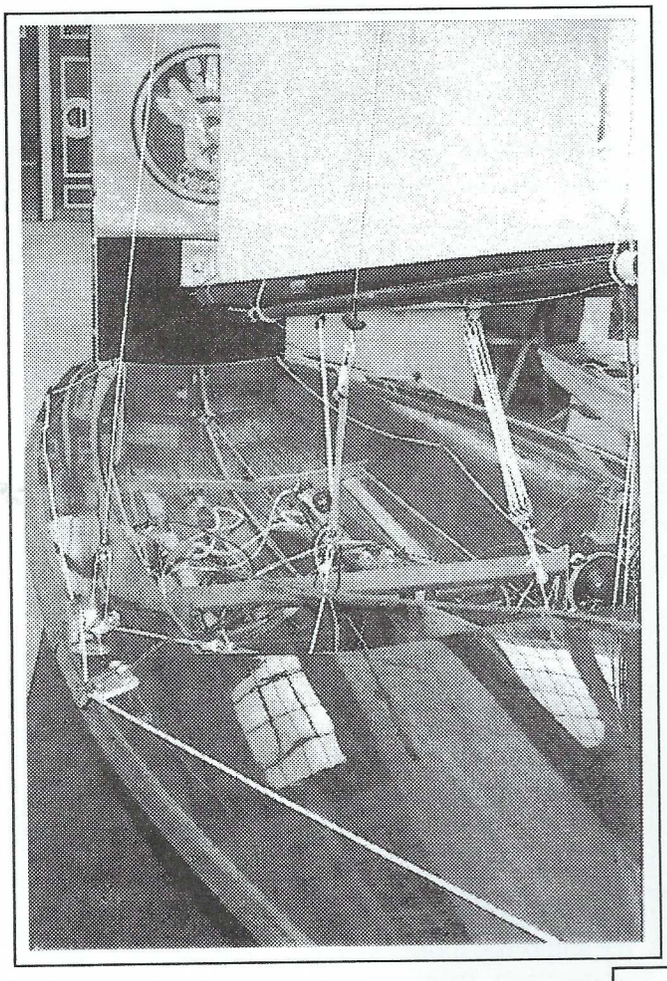
1290 built last year by Alan Jackson at Chipstows and according to Alan Lang is the best ever, looked magnificent, being very new and finished with all the right goodies, showing just what a pretty boat the Osprey still is against some of the newer GRP stuff now available. Watch out Champs, these boats are out to win!

As expected, many Mark II owners went away with renewed vigour to update where possible. Those of us with these Boats will be around to try and bring more out to race without the stigma of the Mark III Syndrome. Given a fair hull surface and the open rear tank, these boats, in the right hands, are still effective and particularly with the best of the modern mechanical gear and designer rags up the new stick things in the middle of the boat. Dare I say Bums on Boats is what we want! And the more the merrier. Owners of Mark II's convert! There is life after all!

On the subject of Assistants, thanks to the Boat Owners Alan and Will. It was, we know, a long weekend for both of you and without you, an impossible task. Also to the Saturday Gang! But where in God's Name were the Sunday lot? Terry & Andy Mc, Julien Brown from Guernsey and I were left on our own until almost 14.00 with only odd short appearances by wandering Osprey Members. It needs six as a minimum. It was almost impossible to take money or New Members as people could not get anyone to talk to. They generally came and went without the attention they deserved.

It is almost impossible to run a Stand properly in these circumstances, and if a pre-agreed schedule of Stand Volunteers cannot be sorted for next

The Dinghy



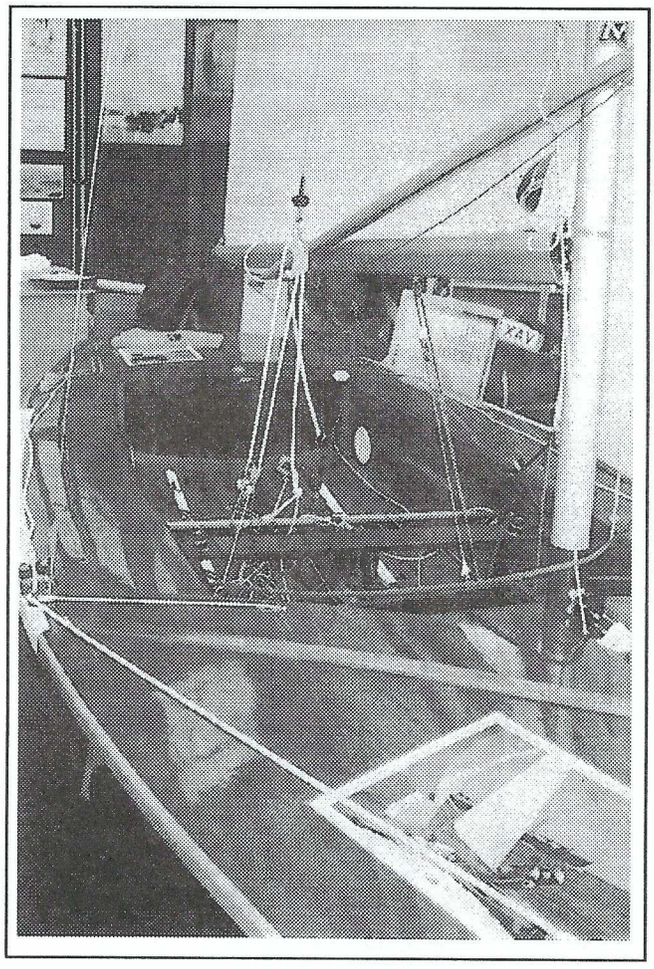
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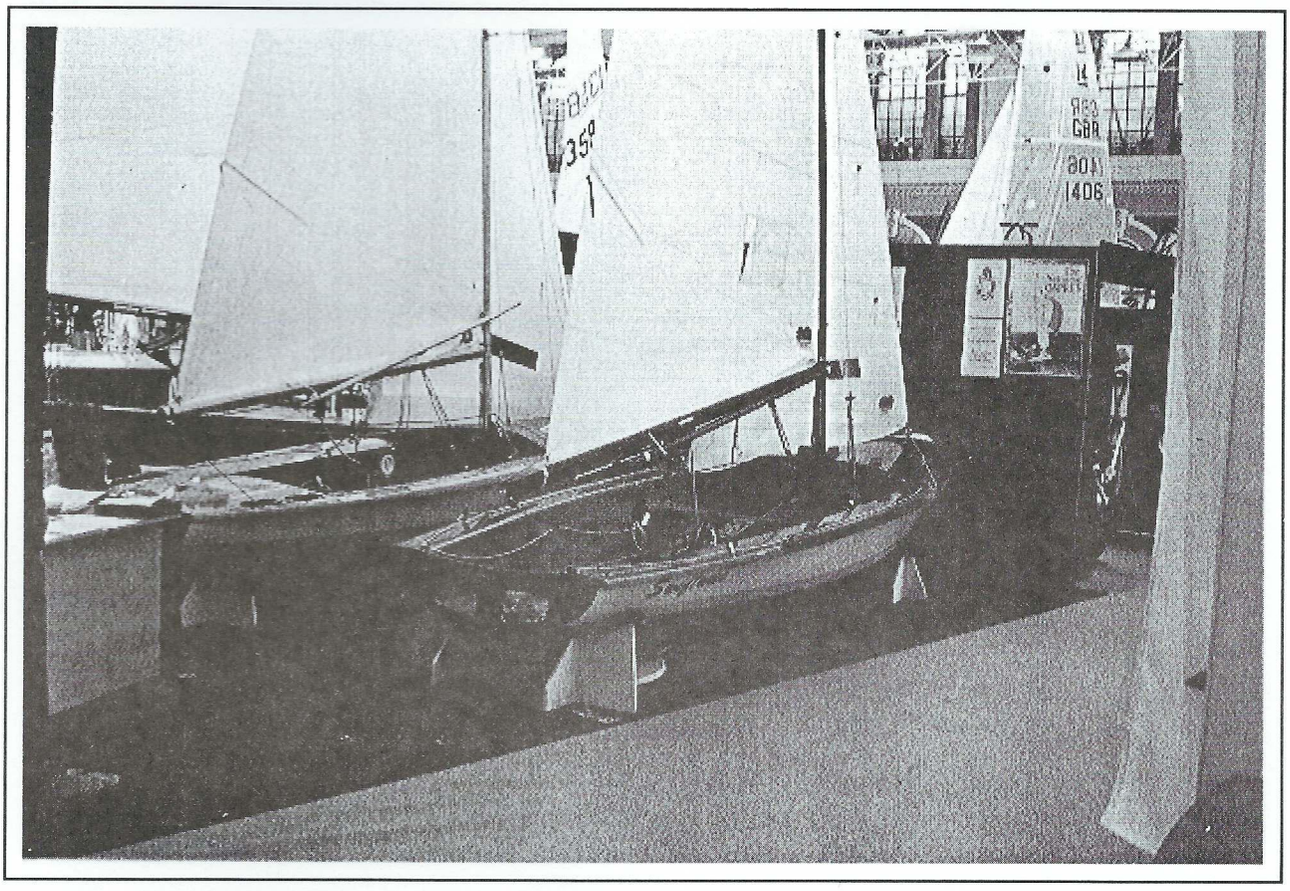


The Stand
right and far right

Exhibition

The MKIIA





year, then I am afraid we don't go. For the record, I took £500.00 on the Saturday and £150.00 on the Sunday, which could have been at least trebled. I am, consequently, still chasing quite a few Members for their monies. However, the Yellow Shirt Brigade did get a mention in Yachts and Yachting as well as the Old Boat. Their Reporter being dragged from her seat to look and be preached at - some things work don't they?

We also had visitations from Peter Colgrave, Past Chairman RYA, and Mike Evans, Chairman, for the Show, who paid considerable attention to our visual Mk IIA/III Comparison. Mike Evans being himself the owner of the Show Norfolk Punt which predates Osprey 425 by many a year. His boat has been very carefully restructured over the years and still sails with some effect at his own Club, with other senior RYA Officials.

Running through the Show and coupled with our new shirt for the year, which has a friendly hawk motif on the sleeve as well as Open Meeting dates and the like elsewhere. The motif, invented for the event, was subject to a Naming Competition. We had various names for him (or her) and the Chairman has the list for announcement of his (or her) official tag at the Nationals. Whilst various names were submitted, the only obvious choice is probably the best. No doubt Nick will come up with the one! Thanks must go to all who took part.

We were given names and numbers of at least six boats for sale including three Mk II's in good order and ripe for some updating. The show in general does appear to have been a success, but quite costly in expense and personal time of many people. Hopefully we can continue to thrive, but next year much more support please.

report by

Ian Madeley

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Club News

KIELDER '98

After a long drab winter all the Ospreys at Kielder are back on the water looking forward to some good sport.

Indeed Easter saw three of them on the lake in a brisk northerly spiced with some vicious unpredictable gusts. Warm and snug in foul weather gear we arrived at the Belling just in time to see the oncoming Ospreys disappear into a snowstorm. As they emerged to round the mark we saw a fierce gust approaching from the opposite direction. We could see that it had 'Lady in Red's name on it and, much to our satisfaction, not to say malicious glee, the gust duly obliged and knocked them flat. Swimming in Kielder in the middle of a snowstorm seemed a most appropriate fate for those boys. Our wise decision not to sail was further vindicated as both Vic and Roger tested water temperatures during the course of the day adding, it must be said, to our considerable enjoyment.

Incidentally Roger and Davey were still sailing 'Riff-Raff' with no sign of the new boat. Davey, we feel, is having second thoughts about the necessity of all the hard work Roger has passed his way. Especially given that one weekend when he helmed 'Riff-Raff' himself it did very well.

A few weeks later he borrowed a helm and thrashed everyone. It was obvious to us that although Davey knew that he needed something new he was beginning to wonder if it was a boat. Shortly afterwards Davey nearly took his hand off with an angle grinder. Officially this was an accident but we strongly suspect this to have been a work or even 'foreman' avoidance technique.

Digressing somewhat our recent Club Newsletter suggested that we had been seen at Sailboat '98. This was news to us. Indeed it almost surprised us as much as Laura Lyalls use of the word entourage!! The same Newsletter also contained information regarding the Fat Boys and 'Lady in Red's trip to the Eskimo trophy at Blackpool where they managed to drive 500 miles for less that five minutes racing having missed the first mark. They also had a trailer blow-out on the way home. Some people do get their just desserts in life.

Back to the present Viola has converted to a Mark IIA and obtained a new mast. This mast is straight much to the disgruntlement of 'Lady in Red's crew who can be heard pacing the dinghy park muttering about bananas and stupid old fools, his helm having sold the mast rather than put it on Lady. As prophesied she is starting to motor. Vic has swapped Sarah for Stephen - a definite minus in the scenery and sophistication stakes. Unfortunately for the others he continues to go fast and has more power when it blows.

Overheard conversations at the Club and in the bar would suggest the possibility of a 100% turnout of Kielder Ospreys at the Nationals. We hope that this comes to fruition as we feel confident that this will give great scope for further sound, rumour, wild speculation and, even, the occasional, first.

Good sailing to you Ospreys,

The Kielder Correspondent

p.s.
As promised no naughty comments about Wales and the Welsh, Yorkshiremen, English etc. - Until next time!

Ed - We always try very hard to not publish anything which may be found offensive by anyone. Certainly last issues suedo advert and letter which was having a gentle "GO" at Roger was mistakenly viewed as a "GO" at someone else. This most certainly was not the case and we apologise for any offence that was felt by those concerned. We hope that the situation is now correctly understood by all and that in future everyone will remember that we never try to offend.

Osprey National - Pwllheli 1998 - June Updates

Preparations for Pwllheli are fast nearing completion. For those of you who came before, the venue has been moved to the landward side of the Harbour, and the new Sailing Club premise and facilities are second to none. Lots of money has been sunk into the building and access to the launching area with a concrete and grass enclosure and gentle concrete slope to a wide and very sandy beach. The sand is of the very best Sandcastle Building quality - buckets, spades and flags are a necessity.

Access to the club from a major campsite about 1.5 miles along the beach is an easy level walk. Car parking at the club is easy and free, and the boat compound is level, secure and pleasant. The Bar will be open All Day with normal closing times.

There will be Hot Food available All Day from the Galley, with:

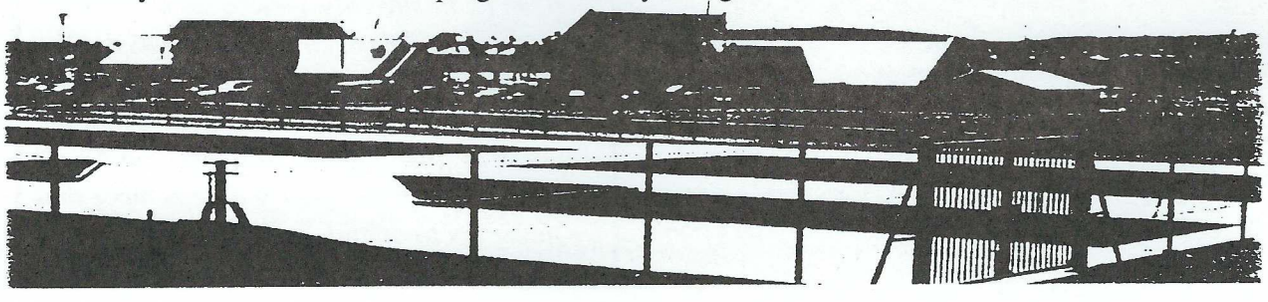
Breakfast	-	8.00a.m. to 10.30a.m.
Tuck Shop	-	10.30a.m. to 12.00 noon
Lunch	-	Anything with chips, daily specials, curry, chips only etc.
through to		Dinner at generally reasonable prices.

Special wines, champagnes, etc. are available at the Bar which is run professionally, and I am told, properly.

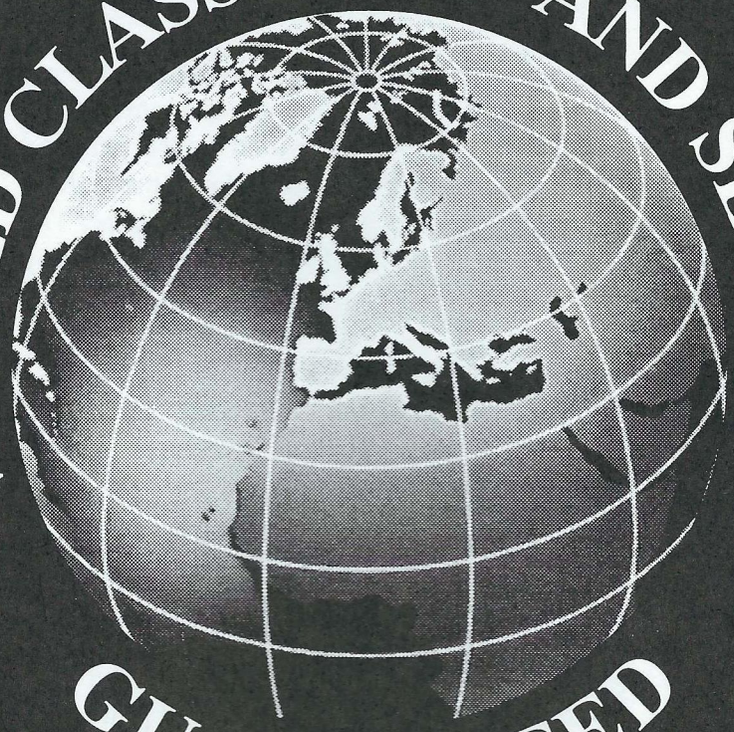
The Weeks Entertainment Package is:-

Saturday	Day - Reception in the Marquee. Eve - Party Time. Easy Chat etc. Initial Briefing at 9.00p.m. Followed by Osprey House Notes.
Sunday	a.m. - Race Officers Briefing at 9.30 a.m. p.m. - Commodores Reception - Wine and Cheese at 7.30p.m.
Monday	Eve - 60's Music Disco after 8.30p.m.
Tuesday	Eve - Coaches from the Club to Porthmadog - All aboard the Ffestiniog Express £8.00 adults Kids free. Back at bar about 10.30p.m..
Wednesday	Eve - Early Barbeque at 6.00p.m. and on to the Barn Dance with the All American Look, at 8.30p.m.
Thursday	Eve - AGM and a free night
Friday	Eve - Sit Down Dinner & Prizegiving in the Marquee with Disco after Price £12.00 per Adult
	Two Tickets provided for each boat for Barbeque - Others £3.50 each Barn Dance £2.50 each

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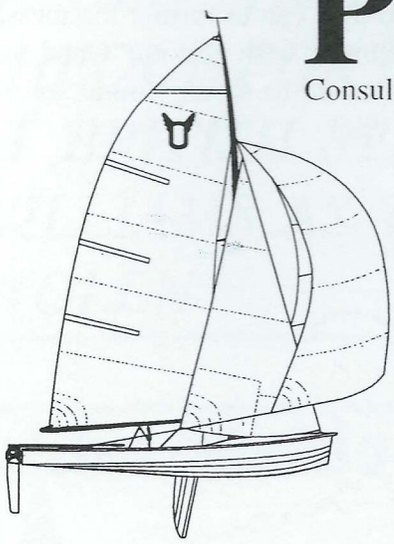
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Secretary's Soliloquy

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Well, the first line looks pretty impressive, don't you think ? Your editor asked me in my humble position as your secretary to scribe a few jottings for the forthcoming publication - which sort of brings me back to the first line.

All the officers of our association have mnemonic titles for their articles and I haven't come up with one as snappy as Terry's Tarradiddle or Chairman's Cantillations. I did ponder upon the virtues of Simon's Secretarial Scribblings, but it did sound rather contrived. Lizzie (a.k.a. Mrs.Bridges) came up with several suggestions but they all involved making fun of bits of chaps most treasured possessions and ideas which could certainly not appear in this family publication.

Thus, may I offer you a competition, with serious and valuable prizes (yes, real ale at Poole Yacht Club) for the person submitting the most original title for my poor attempts at informing you, the Association Membership, what has been happening recently on the secretarial front.

"Is he ever going to get round to telling us ?", I hear you ask. All right, if you insist - I have received 'phone calls from all over the country inquiring about the virtues of Osprey ownership. I have spoken to some lovely people, two of whom have followed my advice and bought one. I have written twenty eight letters in response to written enquiries about Ospreys and dealt with the R.Y.A. It is the last little bit that saps the strength.

There are some extremely helpful and kind people working at R.Y.A. headquarters in Hampshire and the amount of written documents they produce is quite staggering. Our affiliation to this organisation was debated by your committee at a recent meeting and it was decided to continue the association. I can tell you that we probably recoup our subscription in terms of postage, and the information gleaned is simply a bonus ! My own belief is that belonging to a dinghy class which has "National" status is important and that it is worth the £300 or so which it costs per year. Of course, nothing is black and white and there are problems but I would rue the day that "The Osprey" left the R.Y.A. Do you agree, either way please write to the magazine and tell me.

A quick plug for Poole Yacht Club is a must at this point. We have our club regatta on 27/28th June with Osprey starts and our open meeting on July 4/5th which, is solely dedicated to Osprey racing. Both events will be held within the confines of Poole Harbour, less than five minutes from the launching site. There are several BayWatch look-alikes to see to the needs of your trolley while you are out on the water enjoying yourself and thinking about that first pint of ale on your return! I know it's tough, but someone has to do it.

In conclusion, I do thank you all for the honour you entrusted in me by voting for me as your association secretary. I am very mindful of this and will do all I can to further the message of Osprey sailing. I wish you all "Good Sailing" and look forward to seeing you at some point during the year.



(Ed - The Heading is my entry in the competition - I will gladly alter the heading to Simons Prizewinners version in the next Magazine though!)

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Inland Championships 17th / 18th May

Eighteen Ospreys entered which wasn't bad considering it was so early in the year. Of the 18 that entered the top half of the fleet was of real quality and class with half a dozen preseant and past champion crews taking part. The Saturday produced classic weather conditions of a sunny day combined with a force 3-4 winds gusting 5.

The Race Officer Ian Wilson assited by Dave Shepherd used the new starting sequence of 6, 5,1 minutes which, was novel. Ian and Dave set different courses for each race and everybody agreed the courses were superb on both days.

Each race on Saturday lasted about an hour and a half so when the teams came ashore after the second race there weren't many fit people still standing. The results of Saturday races were:-

Race 1

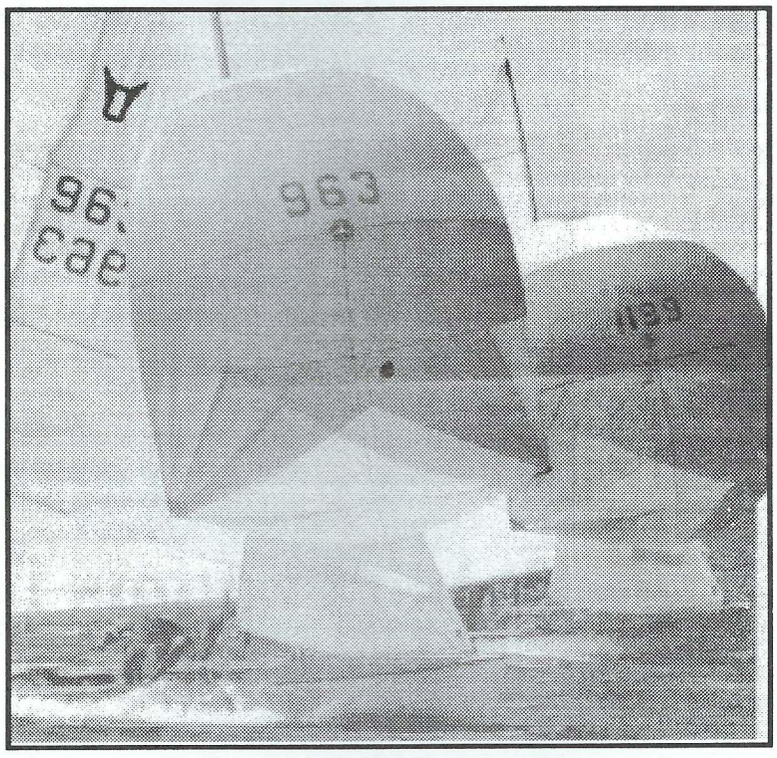
1st Martin Lewis & Jon Gorringe
2nd Oscar Chess & Nick Daly-Hunt

Race 2

1st Oscar Chess & Nick Daly-Hunt
2nd DJ Edwards & Adam Bowers
3rd Martin Lewis & Jon Gorringe

Most of the fleet retired to the Black Knight where they enjoyed a few drinks!!! and a meal.

The weather forcast for Sunday was force 5-6 which duly arrived for the 10:30 start. The first race was won by DJ & Adam, second was Oscar and Nick followed bhy Martin & Jon.



With the wind between force 5-6 the standard of sailing was pretty good and was exceptional at the top of the fleet with practically no capsizes. With DJ & Adam taking the gun on the fourth race and Oscar & Nick taking second it left the two crews to fight it out in the final race for the Championship with Martin & Jon assured of a third place.

A tired fleet went ashore for lunch and a welcome cuppa!. During this respite the wond dropped and the sun came out which, I think the majority appreciated. The fifth race started in a sunny force 2-3 with the two leading crews immiediately fighting it out by the timethey reached the windward mark. Iain Williams & Andrew Davies, local boys, came in third, taking the home club trophy.

At the finish it was Oscar & Nick who pipped DJ & Adam by about a hundred yards to win an exciting championship.

Special thanks must go to the on the water race organisers, Ian Wilson, Dave Shepherd and Bob Taylor who provided superb courses. Also the volunteers who manned the rescue boats.

A mention is also deserved for those who travelled down from the North East, Alec Mamwell & Richard Hewitt, well done!!

report by

Jeff Hughes

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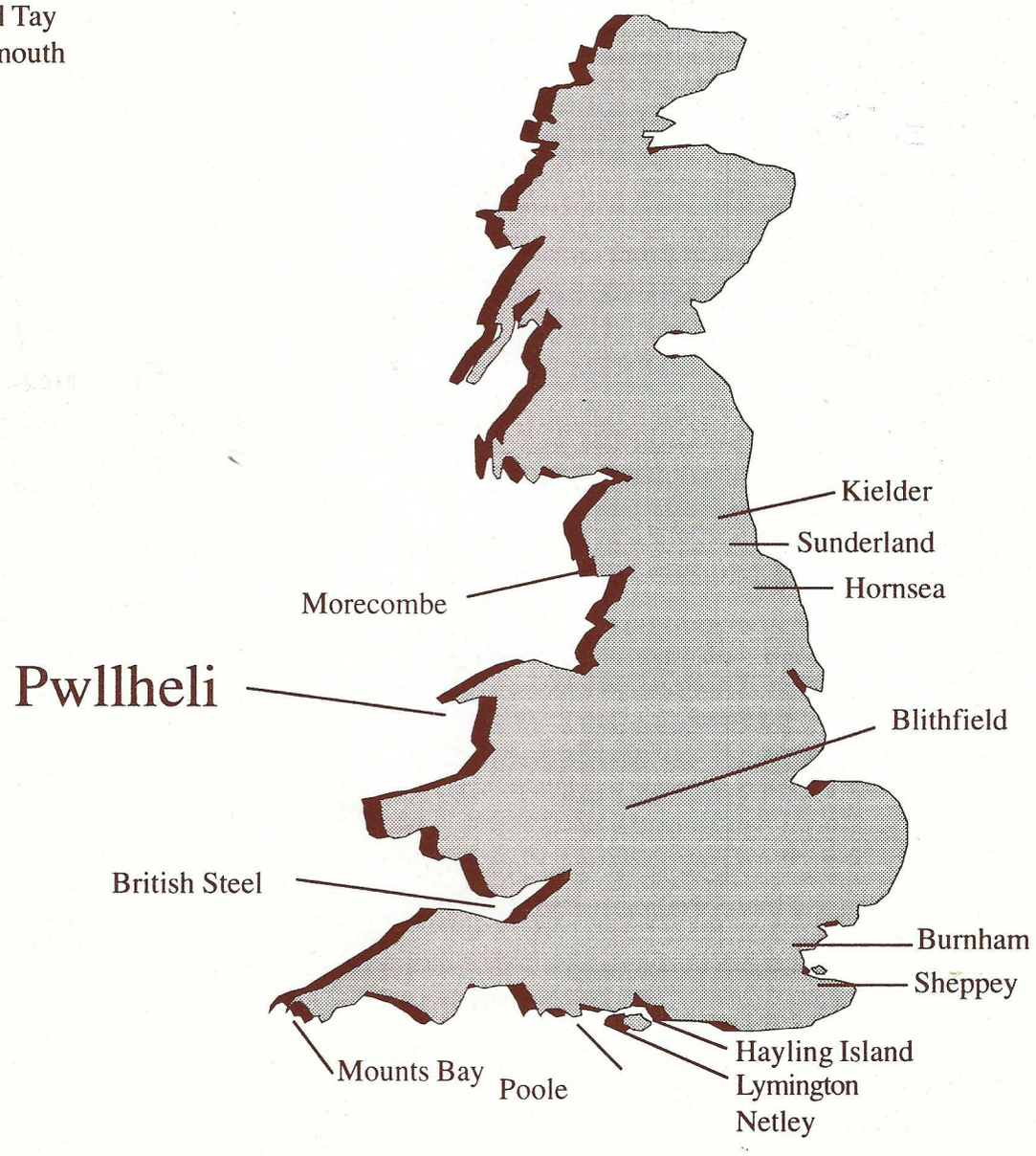
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	11th-12th	*Welsh & Midlands Blithfield*	*Chris Guy 01785-840010*
August	**1st-8th**	**National Championships - Pwllheli**	**Ian Madeley 0114-23666873**
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September	12th-13th	Kielder	Alec Manwell 01670-511695
	19th-20th	Panmorra Cup Mounts Bay	Des Menear 01736-756154
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