OSPREY ASSOCIATION BROADSHEET
MARCH 1992

Terry's Tarradiddle

Until quite recently there had always been three newsletters a year but this was thought to be extravagant. Two newsletters a year was then used, the dates for these were March and July.

These dates were felt to be inappropriate since no one really wanted to read about last years Nationals in March. So the dates were reset to give coverage of the first and second half of the seasons, July and December.

But what about the Opens I hear you cry ! ..... precisely why the Broadsheet - to give you all the important information for the start of the season.

Don't forget all you budding authors out there we need your articles to make your newsletter the best around - there are some of you out there who still have a promised article to send in ... nows the time to get it done and in before the season proper hits us!

My last plea is to all you Fleet Captains out there PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! don't forget to get your Open Meeting Reports in as soon after your meeting as possible. Yachts and Yachting also publish your reports free and its **Free Publicity for your Class!**

The "Caption Competition" winner was Nick Willis ..... Well done Nick! ..... Many thanks to those who entered captions! Some of the better ones will be printed in the next newsletter. Good Sailing

Terry

Chairmans Cantillation

It used to be the norm that the boat went away at the end of October and didn't emerge until Easter, a period of 20 weeks. Thank God for Frostbite, Boxing Day, Middle Sunday, Grafham Grand Prix, Burnham Icicle and Bloody Mary and the Christmas Meetings of which there are now so many it is difficult to choose where to go. It would seem Ospreys turn up anywhere.

The Committee have been quite busy during the winter and following the last meeting at Stewartby there is a very heavy schedule of Open Meetings to attend throughout the year, as can be seen on the back page, the Inlands, French Open and Nationals are all featured, there will, of course, be more information at the Dinghy Show .

During early December I went to the RYA's Class Association Representatives meeting when we were given a comprehensive guide to the work of the RYA on our behalf and allowed to question a range of Officers as time allowed. The subjects ranged from sponsorship, to the National Race Training Programme, thro the European dimension to the RYA's current projects

I have recorded a precis of the whole day, which will be reproduced in the next newsletter and may interest some of you. The trouble is there is so much of it and there were so many handouts.

Our two winter committee meetings are now completed and we have conducted much of the general business of the year and most events are now up and running.

The first item is of course the Dinghy Show and we have our backs to the wall somewhere between the Squibs and Contenders. Ken King and myself will be pleased to have assistance from time to time.

All membership data will be available at the stand and those who do not visit will receive their data very shortly after. We have decided to publish the Accounts for your notice, you will notice that we have very little spare money and without charging a levy on meetings we would obviously have to either increase membership fees or the membership!

We have noticed that many people only join as full members if they are going on the circuit or attending Nationals. It is also noticeable that in some clubs there are sailors who never join the Association!

The Secretary will be writing to all clubs where Ospreys sail, as directed by the RYA to ensure compliance with Class Rules, ie that a certificate is invalid unless the helm is an Association Member. We hope Fleet Captains will assist with this.

On a lighter note, the long lost Handbook is almost finished and should be ready for publication after the Nationals. This is an extensive and expensive document to produce which can only happen if we raise substantial levies by the end of the Nationals.

Finally I am sure that I shall have the pleasure of meeting most of you either to renew acquaintanceships or to make them for the first time.
Good Sailing

Ian Madeley

Secretary's Sagesse

Nick and I are obliged to stand down from the Post of secretary as from the AGM in August (sneaky one, that, to hold the Nationals later than usual so as to squeeze another week or so out of us), so I have assembled the following "Job Description" for the post:-

Enthusiastic hardworking Ospreyite needed to take on the assembled might of the Osprey Membership, in particular the Committee. Must be able to hobnob with all and sundry and should be just as willing to stand a pint for the teenager buying number 400 with his hard-earned paper round money as for the latest National Champion!

There are two meetings a year, on a Saturday, held in a central location - some hard work, but plenty of catching up on the gossip as well. In addition of course is the AGM, which is much the same but considerably briefer .

Have you paid your Membership for 1992 yet? ...
Wondering where your 1992 boat sticker is? .....
Getting Hassle from your Fleet Captain? .....
Send your money to the Sec and all shall be well!

Essential Qualifications for the job.

1. Enthusiasm as above.
2. A telephone that hasn't been cut off yet
3. A fixed abode.

That's about it.

Optional Extras -

1. photocopier
2. Up to the minute word processing gear
3. The ability to take shorthand
4. A working knowledge of Welsh place names.

However we seem to have managed without them , so why can't you?

Now for the best bit the perks!
Firstly the chance to sit at Top Table at the Prize-giving Dinners. Secondly, a place on the RYA's hit (whoops), I mean mailing list. Thirdly, the use of the official Answering Machine, also useful for fending off the In-laws. Fourthly telephone, postage and stationery costs are reimbursed. Last but not least, the position brings its own particular prestige and sense of Power (!!??**!!).

Seriously though the job is not as difficult as it sounds because the Committee works well as a team. If you support the Association and are willing to put in a bit of time to help it represent its members fully, give it a go, Nick or I are quite happy to have a chat with any prospective Secretaries. 0525-715055 if you want to call!

That's it for now - looking forward to seeing you at Sailboat and on the Open Circuit during '92

Nick & Hilary Jones 1233

Nationals Update

Trevor Brown has kindly provided the following report of the Nationals preparations so that we are aware of the progress made in getting the venue ready for the National Championships.

Preparations are now well underway for the National Championships at Poole, which are due to take place during the first week in August (1st - 7th inclusive). The committee has been busy establishing entry fee levels, mapping out the social programme etc, as well as the main tasks associated with the sailing itself. The latter heavily involving the appointed Race Officer, Peter Drake, who has many years experience in carrying out similar roles for Fireballs and Merlin Rocket Nationals as well as many other prestige events.

Races will start at 1pm Sunday thro' Tuesday and 11am Wednesday thro Friday. The Race Fee will be £50 (subject to Entry Form detail). Social events range from the Posh Dinner and Bar-B-Q to local entertainment, fees will be available on entry forms. Camping and Caravanning should be available close to the club where hot meals will be available all day.

As usual at Poole, it is our intention to provide as good a value for money and an enjoyable event as possible. Making a date in your diary now will help guarantee this and ensure large numbers of entrants.

Trevor Brown

Editors Note

Having spoken with Peter Drake recently in London I can assure you that Trevors words are right on target. Peter is a highly competent guy and what's more he is also very pleasant, you will be far from disappointed if I'm any judge!

Treasurers Trove

ATIONAL OSPREY ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet at 31st December 1991

	1991		1992	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Sundry Debtors		408		135
Cash at Bank:				
Barclays Bank PLC	220			
Western Trust & Savings Ltd	27			
National Savings Bank	2801			
		3048		2967
		3456		3102
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Sundry Creditors	511		550	
Prepaid Subscriptions	50		53	
		221		603
		3235		2499
REPRESENTED BY:				
SURPLUS ACCOUNT				
Balance at 1st January 1991	2499			
Add: Surplus for the year	386			
		3235		2499

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

We have examined the Associations accounting records and confirm that the annexed Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are in agreement therewith and reflect the Associations financial position as at 31 December 1991 and its surplus for the year then ended.

David W Pepper & Co.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS **29 JANUARY 1992**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1991

	1991		1990	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME:				
Subscriptions		2462		2450
Sponsorship		-		500
Nationals Levy		400		432
Advertising		184		156
Sale of Goods		209		226
Building Fees		100		-
Donations		-		7
Interest Receivable		326		337
		3681		4108
EXPENDITURE:				
Goods for Resale	192		11	
Newsletter	1236		1011	
Promotional Advertising	696		906	
Dinghy Exhibition	107		505	
National Championships	-		252	
Meeting Expenses	300)			
Postages & Stationary	615)		622	
Telephone	114)			
Travelling Expenses	24)			
Bank Charges	11		10	
Insurance	-		158	
		2945		3475
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		386		633

Osprey Events & Open Meetings 1992

Date	Event	Contact	Telephone
7th & 8th March	Dinghy Exhibition	Ken King	0621-742511
28th March	Draycot (Invitation only)		
25th & 26th April	British Steel	Iain Williams	0635-746726
2nd, 3rd & 4th May	***Inland Championships, Kielder Water**	Roger Edwardson	091-286-2272
30th & 31st May	*Fecamp (Le Havre)	Iain Williams	0635-746726
6th & 7th June	**Scottish & Northerns, Bridlington Royal & Yorkshire Yacht Club**	Dave Metcalf, 10 Derwent Close Hornsea North Humberside	
20th & 21st June	**Southern Championships, Minnis Bay**	Terry McDonald	0843-41497
27th & 28th June	Hayling Island	Nick Willis	04207-319
4th & 5th July	Poole Regatta	Chris Gorringe	0635-746726
	*Lord Birkett	Ulswater Yacht Club	07684-86333
11th & 12th July	Blithfield	Mike Potter	0635-746726
1st - 7th August	**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Poole**	Chris Gorringe	0635-746726
16th August	Hayling Island Regatta	Club	0635-746726
17th - 21st	Federation Week, Hayling Island	Club	0635-746726
22nd & 23rd August	Mumbles	Oscar Chess	0792-367837
29th, 30th & 31st August	Burnham	Phil Lewis	0279-420746
12th & 13th	**Welsh & Midlands, Stewartby**	Nick Jones	0525-715055
6th September	*Round the Island Race, Sheppey	John Shenton	0634-363312
10th & 11th October	Endeavour Trophy (Invitation only)		
28th November	Blithfield Long Distance	Mike Potter	0635-746726

* Denotes special events for the purposes of the Wilkinson Sword Trophy
One special event and four best Opens to count (Home club Open or Nationals not included)
The Wilkinson Sword for 1991 to be presented at the Nationals

Inland Championships

Held for the first time at Kielder Water, North West Northumberland. This magnificent stretch of inland water is ideal for the 30 or more Ospreys expected & is surrounded by spruce, the clubhouse is situated in Leaplish Bay. Racing starts at 2pm Sat and finishes noon Mon, 6 races, 5 to count, non Olympic round the lake courses. Visits to Valve Tower and Dam arranged, pony trekking and mountain biking available. Excellent B&B in area phone Roger for application etc

Southern Area Championships

1st Race 1400 Saturday 20th June
2nd Race Will be announced after 1st race
3rd Race 1000 Sunday 21st June
4th Race Back to Back with third race
Three Races to count, Prizegiving 1530
Entry Fee about £13 inc Association Levy discount for early entries. Comprehensive Galley & Bar will be available. For Accommodation details and application form contact Terry McDonald

Le Harvre (Please note change of date)

This prestigious meeting has now been arranged to take place in a port called Fecamp which is midway between Le Havre and Dieppe (about 45 mins drive form either port) and is some 60 miles from Calais. The meeting organised by the French Yachting Association, is a Travellers Series race, it will be a joint meeting between 420's, 470's, Fireballs and Osprey's, we will have our own start. The port and surrounding area can only be described as scenic, launching is via two large concrete slips into the harbour, some 5 minutes sailing gets you to the open sea! Two camp sites are within half a mile of the club and it is hoped that some dormitory accommodation might also be available, the town has a Hypermarket. Ferries from Le Havre to UK leave at 4.45 which means you will miss the last race or 11.30pm which means you get to UK at 7.30 am Monday, however Ferries from Calais and Boulogne leave around every hour. The Sally Line from Ramsgate goes to Dunkerque if you run out of Ferries, the change of weekend should make getting a ferry easier. Don't forget you will need to check with your Insurer's that you will be covered in France, more importantly **YOU MUST HAVE** your Osprey registered on the Small Ships Register, this is done through the RYA who can provide the necessary forms, some will be available on the stand at the Dinghy exhibition as well as further info. If you need further information or a helm or a crew contact me

Iain Williams