OSPREY ASSOCIATION BROADSHEET March 1995

Terry's Tarradiddle

A Happy New Year and a good seasons sailing to everyone. I'm sorry we all forgot to wish you a Happy Christmas in the December Magazine, perhaps that indicates how busy we all were last year on your behalf. Certainly your Chairman's example has been a driving force!

Lets see if we can all improve on last year, you guys kept me topped up with reports lets see if we can improve on last years efforts for the 95 Magazines. Even Lagos have produced an article for us, thanks Lagos. I have for the past two Broadsheets mentioned that long awaited report on MKII Conversion, "The Clever Swine" has admitted that writing about the conversion is more difficult than actually doing the conversion .... You bet I did, I offered my Osprey for conversion in return for writing the article ..... yeah you guessed, that didn't get a good result either. The bad news is Tim, I haven't given up hope of the article yet!!! Your only hope is that I win the National Lottery and commission a new MKIII. If I do win I can assure everyone that it WILL change my life, my arrival at The Nationals will be with the New Osprey slung on the back of my big Sunseeker ..... well I can dream can't I?

Our Chairman said he would concentrate on building the Osprey Fleet, well if his plans have come to fruition the Dinghy stand is going to be something again this year with two New Ospreys on the Stand.

The Nationals are going to be something to remember as well, lets hope that the weather plays its part, we want neither to be blown out or subjected to drifters. I'll settle for 3's and 4's, sorry you heavy weather freaks but it just seems like hard work to me. Lets see if we can make it 100 at the gate this year and really put the Osprey back on course.

Certainly for all the money that's been put into the advertising of Boss's, ISO's, Buzz's and Laser 500's they are not making that much headway. The clientele are very much a moving target from the information that comes my way .... Long live the Osprey its still the best boat around for my money ..... I know I'm preaching to the converted but it doesn't do any harm to remind ourselves that we sail the best does it?

Terry

Chairman's Cantillation

(or Robert's Ravings in less polite circles)

The First outing on behalf of the Association was to the Associations Forum in London an extremely important meeting at which Ian Madeley & Huw Pearce have spent a lot of time and effort on your behalf. It keeps us up to date with our counterparts from other Associations and informed on current trends and also how the RYA sees things. After a morning meeting we split into two groups one on class management, the other on the proposed new rules for 1997, which fit onto two sheets of A4 paper. They hope to run these experimental rules in 95, all this because I bought a new rule book!!!

Hope you all got the right Osprey Goodies in for Christmas. It is very pleasing to see the number of Ospreys being built around the country for this coming season. This year we returned to Fleetwood for the Eskimo Pursuit Race in 1218, the only boat to pass us was the 505, with all the new light weight flyers? (Laser 4000/5000/ISO etc.) well behind us.

Last weekend I was invited to see Richard Hewitt's new Osprey, currently under construction by Arnott Dobson, who bought out a copy of the first Association Handbook which I am now copying, such a wealth of Osprey History and Knowledge on our clubs doorstep. Porter Brothers are currently building the first Osprey out of our newly refurbished moulds, after many faxes and telephone calls ideas are now coming to reality on the interior mouldings giving a cleaner look and lower production costs, also increasing the durability of some of the cappings and knee's. Ian has some good ideas for the future of the class, perhaps we should be listening to our builders a little closer.

Sailboat 95 is nearly upon us, Ken King is once again co-ordinating this event. any support by way of a few hours promoting our cause on the stand would be appreciated, please contact Ken. With a new venue it is hard to tell the quality of our stand position but it is a great improvement on last year.

We have found a company who are prepared to handle the merchandising for NOCA, this includes sweatshirts, T- Shirts, Ski Hats and items of clothing at competitive prices, items will be mailed direct from the suppliers, a leaflet is currently being put together. Car Stickers and ties are the next things we need to source. Cuff-links with a silver Osprey logo are now available to order, these will be on show at Sailboat 95, Gold will also be available shortly.

We are putting together a good quality "brochure wallet" to promote the NOCA, all of our boat builders and Suppliers so they can present the Osprey in a professional manner inserting their price lists in the brochure. It should include a shot of each Make & Specification, Club Sailing, Nationals, Opens, Line Plan. I would hope class captains could use this to entice people from other classes. If we want support from new and old builders we must be pro-active! Yes it all starts at club level bringing in new and converting existing members, not leaving it to other classes to convince people they are the best because it's not true, **Ospreys are the BEST!**

I will be going to as many Opens as possible should you have any suggestions or views on any thing regarding Ospreys please do not hesitate contacting me.

Good Sailing for 95

Robert Shaw

'97 Osprey Nationals

Nineteen Ninety Seven will be the Fortieth Anniversary of the Osprey National Championships and Poole Yacht Club are to have the honour of hosting the event. Preparations have already started and Poole very much hopes to make it a Championship to remember - for all the right reasons!

I realise that there are Sailors who feel that the half hour sail through the harbour to reach the open sea is overlong and I hope to satisfy their wishes by arranging secure boat storage at a club near the harbour mouth.

It is hoped to present a prize for the sailor who has competed in the most Championships in addition to all the silverware which we associate with the event.

There is a camping site (very cheap) less than five minutes stagger from the clubhouse as well as a large holiday chalet site (Rockley Sands) within four minutes drive.

Holiday lets, Guest Houses, Hotels and B&B Establishments are in abundance and I will be happy to provide details for everyone during the 1996 Nationals.

The Poole/Bournemouth conurbation is a popular family holiday destination and there is much for non-combatants to see and do.

It has been a while since we had eighty boats in an Osprey National Championship, but that is the minimum figure for which we are hoping in 1997. Poole Yacht Club will field twenty craft leaving the whole of the rest of the country to come up with sixty Osprey's!

The Clubhouse has large well appointed changing rooms, hot showers and all creature comforts to make your stay comfortable. The bar has a large variety of cask conditioned and keg beers at very cheap prices and will be OPEN ALL DAY, EVERY DAY! I will personally be constantly monitoring the real ales to ensure that quality is maintained! (*Eds comment: A real Hero this guy what selfless dedication)*

Hot bar-type food will also be available most of the time. In addition we have a social programme planned which would tempt a Cistercian Monk to take up Osprey Sailing in order to join in! If you are one of those well organised people with five year plans, make sure that Poole '97 is logged in.

Don't worry if you're not I will remind you ..... ad nauseam! I look forward to seeing you all in Sunderland in '95

Simon Bridges - 1066

Ed's Comment: Thanks for the details Simon, you even have me convinced that Poole can provide a Nationals Venue with the offer of Harbour Mouth Boat Parking. Lets see if we can reach the magic 100 at Sunderland and maintain it or even improve on it for Poole. Simon will keeps us on the boil I'm sure, so keep your eyes peeled for future Poole '97 News and do book it up NOW!

News From Lymington Town SC

The Lymington Osprey Fleet grows ever bigger. We now have five active boats and the prospect of a sixth.

Nigel Wallbank who used to sail Ospreys with his wife Liz and who sails his Contender at Top Level, has bought Simon Bridges Boat 1066 from Poole to race in the popular Wednesday evening series in the summer. Liz will drive with Nigel on the wire.

Calling All Travellers The Wilkinson Sword

All Open Meeting Results should be sent to John Lang, he will need a complete set of the results so that the Sword Points can compiled and the true winner found. **The Sword will be presented to the winner from those results sent in!**

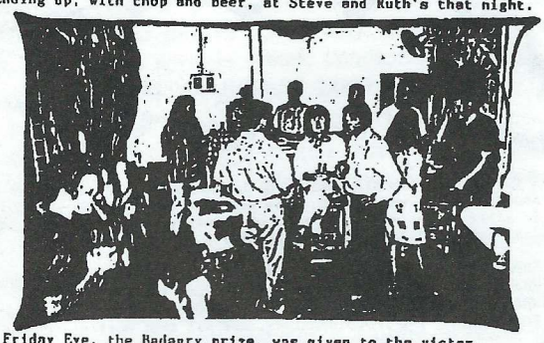
So if you are a Traveller make sure that the full results are sent in by the responsible club representative. WE WILL NOT CHASE YOU FOR THE RESULTS! .....*YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED*

The Much Feted Lagos Visit

Yes I thought it looked odd, but feted is spelt correctly, it means "to pay honour to", can't see quite why, after all it was Adam who went wasn't it? Oh sorry I see it was an honour for Adam to go to Lagos..... Ah well it is all crystal now!!!

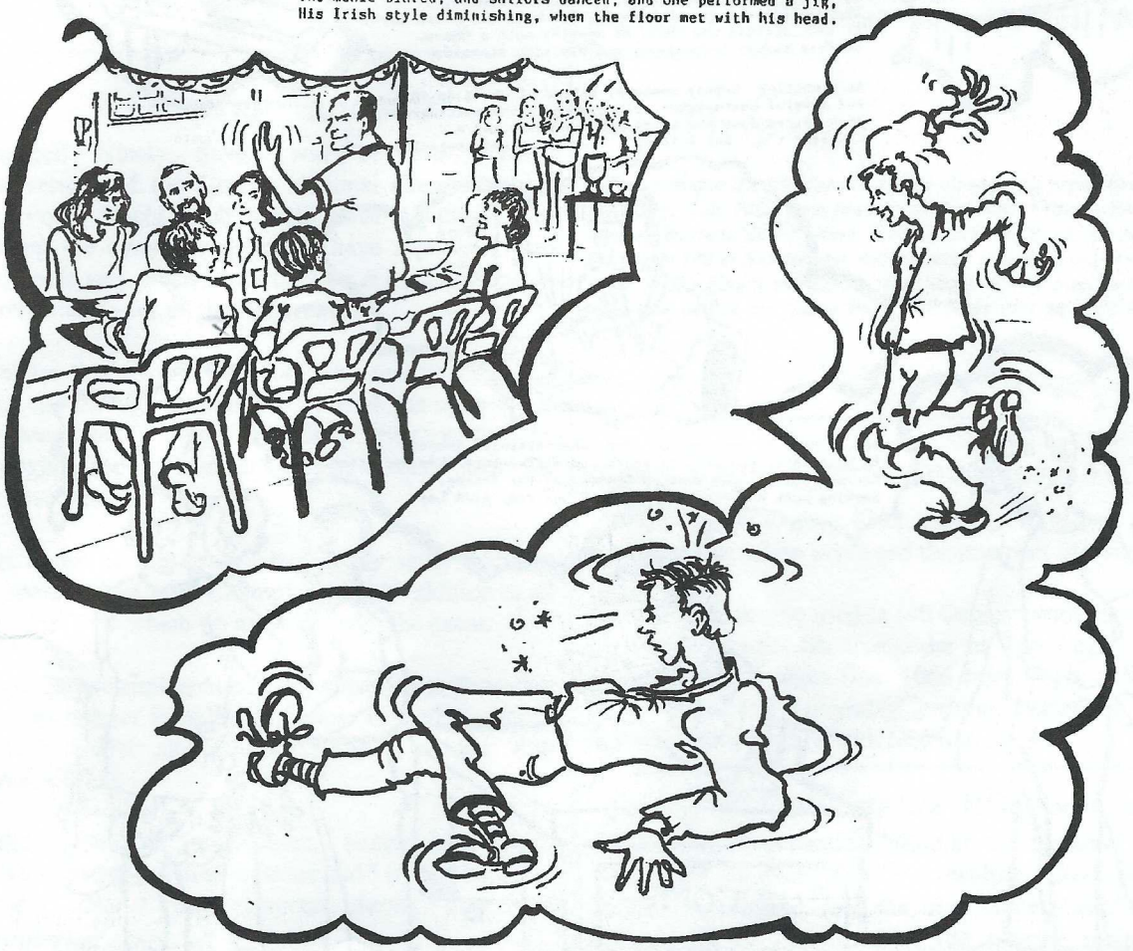


A bright and breezy, hale and hearty, start was made by Sarah,
Taking Adam round the Creeks, and up and down the harbour.
Later, sailing anecdotes, and useful tips ran rife,
Ending up, with chop and beer, at Steve and Ruth's that night.



On Friday Eve. the Badagry prize, was given to the victor,
Of the previous weekend's marathon -a test of bone and sphincter.
Mind and matter had prevailed, because if they'd been weedy,
Exposure to the Creeks and Sun, would've left them feeling seedy.

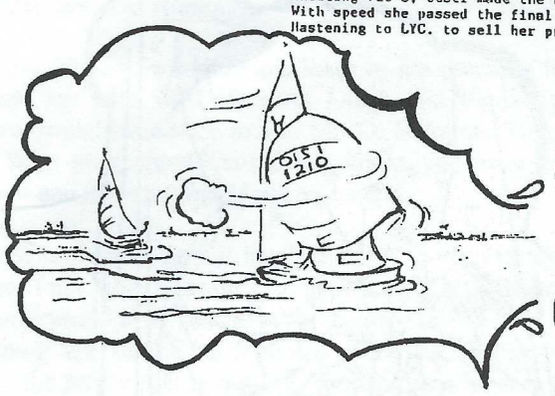
Adam was presented, by the Commodore, Robert Hendry,
While beer was pumped, and wine uncorked, and food supplied in plenty.
The music blared, and sailors danced, and one performed a jig,
His Irish style diminishing, when the floor met with his head.

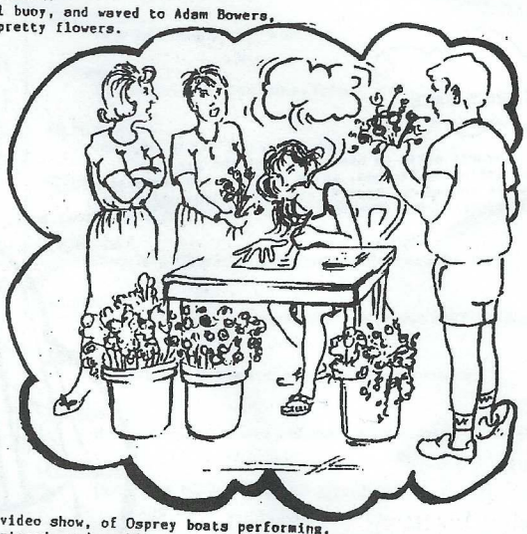


Iain & Sue Sutherland realised they don't have the time to give a wooden boat the love and attention it deserves and are thus looking for a good home for Lethal Lime (936) a boat with a proud history and which, on rare occasion's Sutherland got it right, still shows frightening speed. The pair have bought "Hagar the Horrible", from Jane & Chris Seymour and hope to make some of the South Coast Opens. Iain is hoping to sell Lethal Lime within the club so that the fleet gains one.

The toll was took on Saturday, some brains and bellies raw,
When the Ospreys met on Lighthouse Beach, a hot and gritty shore,
And 'Starting Practise' thus ensued, with mild degrees of mayhem,
As Joe ran down a 'starboard' barge, and Pete ran into Adam.

A burp of breeze, sent Osprey sails, aglide down Lighthouse Creek,
Inciting 720's, Gusti made the break.
With speed she passed the final buoy, and waved to Adam Bowers,
Hastening to LYC. to sell her pretty flowers.







Sunday saw the video show, of Osprey boats performing,
And hulls were rigged, and problems posed, both doubts and answers dawning.
Later, routes were laid by Adam, just to test them out,
And sails bounced neatly round and round, the Lagos Harbour Mouth.

The week encompassed training, of the Lagos sailing mortals,
And Adam's wit, and lively lessons, brought forth smiles and chortles.
The Lecture room became so packed, with Yacht Club bonhomie,
That folk were made to stand and linger, out on the balcony.

Predictably, he talked, of what a sailing boat comprises,
Hitting on the pros and cons, of dangerous capsizes,
Enthusing, he enraptured, with a sacerdotal gleam,
Of stitching bits of cloth up, on his Singer sewing machine.



Vic & Sue Knights, who really started the Osprey revival in the club dominated the results at the end of last season by sailing faster and better than the rest of us who think there should be a rule against it.

New Kids on the Block, Steve Boyd and Tim Power both became fathers for the first time in the last year but still managed to get an old MKII bought from Poole Sea Scouts for £300 into pristine condition and start racing it. God help us when their new sails arrive.

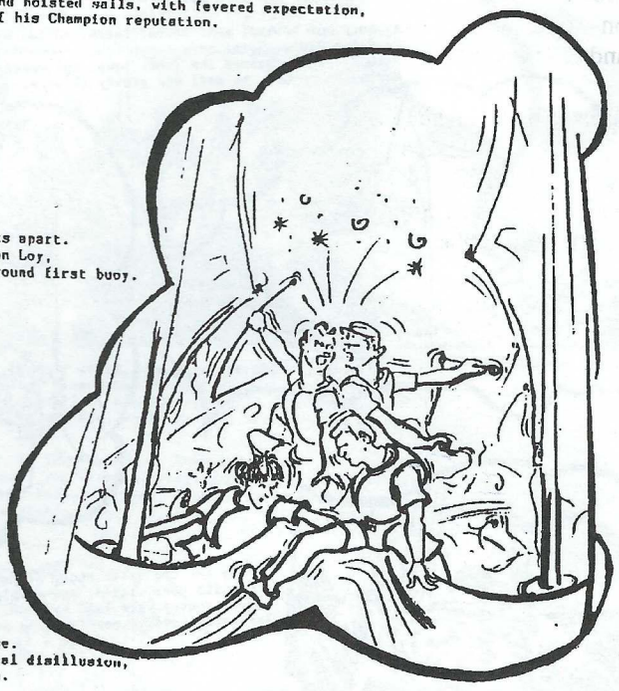
The Lymington Town Osprey Open Meeting is booked for the weekend of September 30th -1st October, and we hope to welcome you all then.

by *Iain Sutherland*

Midweek was the time for testing, Adam's sailing talent,
But lifeless sails hung round the Club; the breeze was non existent.
On Saturday too, the sailors watched, for wind, to no avail,
So the Chevron Offshore Trophy race, was put off till another day.

As chance would have it, Sunday, was beautifully mild,
A zephyr, blowing gentle gusts, sent all the sailors wild,
The rigged their boats, and hoisted sails, with fevered expectation,
Determined to rob Adam, of his Champion reputation.

ADAM'S ONLY RACE.

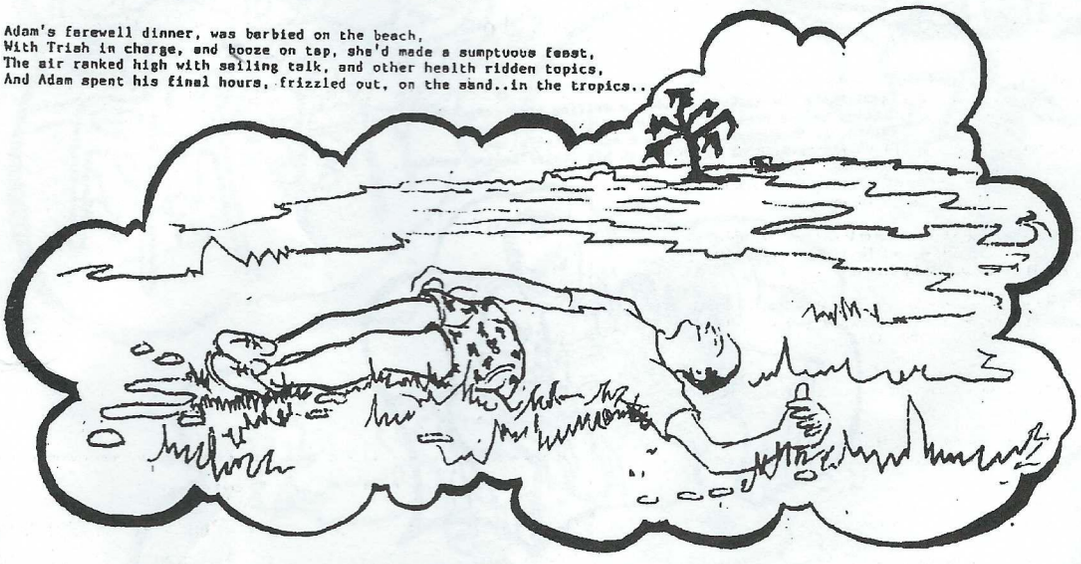


Blood was nearly spilt on Green 19. upon the start,
When Alan luffed up Stephen, while crews forced boats apart.
The squabble sorted out itself, and speed driven Alan Loy,
Chose the fastest tack that beat, being first boat round first buoy.

Adam started very well, but didn't realise,
That currents in the Lagos Creek, are very contra-wise.
He tacked..and tacked..and tacked..and tacked, in total disillusion,
Finding at the finish, that his mind was in confusion.

The heady joy, of Alan Loy, the second lap around,
Took him on the wrong tack, and at first buoy he had found,
Old Peter B. with spinney spread, and Maggie on the end,
Passed the finish miles ahead, the others..miles behind.

Adam's farewell dinner, was barbied on the beach,
With Trish in charge, and booze on tap, she'd made a sumptuous feast,
The air ranked high with sailing talk, and other health ridden topics,
And Adam spent his final hours, frizzled out, on the sand..in the tropics..



Thanks to Margaret & Peter Baraclough & Huw Pearce for getting this to us for inclusion in the Broadsheet, also all those responsible in any way from the Lagos end ..... well OK yes and thanks to Adam for going, it was obviously a great hardship for him .... see him above!!! *No seriously Adam thanks for showing the flag for us out in Lagos, we look forward to reading your account of the visit (don't forget the Pikkies) in the July Magazine and we don't care if you are busy moving your loft again ..... its harder to hit a moving* target guys!!

How To Look After Your Crew

In last Decembers Magazine I said I would miss my good friend Steve "Fat Boy" Watson's contributions to the Magazine. Well bless him he hasn't let me down, on my doorstep landed a nice letter and a yet another contribution from Steve steeped in his own very special brand of Humour!

I have chosen to include his letter to me (because it made my lady wife Margaret Laugh and she likes Steve?) and his advice to you Mr .O. Helm on "How to keep your crew!" 'cos Steve thinks you need to know and it also, made Margaret Laugh.

Since Margaret has not laughed about things Osprey since I made her wear the Osprey like a hat at Grafham many years ago during an Osprey Training and Tuning Weekend I felt it should make you laugh too ..... the article that is not my capsizing in a recorded force 8/9 (ask Oscar he was there).

I must make Steve read the inside cover of the magazine as well so he will spell my name correctly in future, he so obviously is more intent on my photograph on the opposite page, which I have taken a lot of stick over. Trouble is I'm the photographer in our family and have very few pictures of myself suitable for scanning .... and that's my story and I'm sticking to it, its certainly not pre World War II, Steve I'm not THAT old! So now to the article you, Mr O Helm, need to be reading intently!!!!!!
I suspect that Steve is half, if not totally serious about looking after a good crew when you are lucky enough to find one. Thanks Steve for a very timely article just right for the start of a new season and I promise I'll try to get a new photograph of me specially for you!

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Dear Terry

I hope that all is well with you and your family, and I look forward to seeing you in 1995 somewhere ! I can't promise that I'll be doing the washing up at Sunderland, but it might be earlier in the year that you think !!!

The 18' skiff is a bit of a beast, and a definite boat to wear your water wings on. We've had a swim or seven most times we have taken it out. But, as Vanny would say, "IT IS BLAADY FAAAAARST !" I think that Chalko is having the time of his life though - & I know that myself & Ben (The Front Man) certainly are.

At a recent Winter Special meeting, without a helm or boat for reasons I will not go into, I got chatting with a couple of Osprey crews. The other chaps will have to remain nameless, as they are still actively campaigning Ospreys.

We were discussing the age old problem of keeping people in the fleet, and getting new blood in also. We hit on no miracle cures I'm afraid, though we did mention the shortage of crews that can find their arse with both hands.

From recent Nationals results, the reasoning behind stable teams must be obvious. On a personal basis, and for week to week sailing , if a helm looks after me I'm far more . inclined to turn up next week.

I enclose a few pointers for the helms in the fleet on how to get & keep a decent crew .....which may be suitable for the Newsletter or Broadsheet, if you are short of copy.

Cheers,
Steve

p.s. Why is the picture of you in the Newsletter pre. WW II ?

CENSORED

Watson's most recent P[illegible]ake (Helm Abuse Part III)

For the purposes of this article, I have made the following assumptions :

a) The helm owns the boat etc.
b) The crew owns nothing at all (except an overdraft)
c) The crew is physically bigger than the helm (important for bullying)
d) They only sleep together at Ribble C. C. (by mistake, honest)

Tips on Getting & Keeping a Decent Crew
THAT CAN FIND HIS ARSE WITH BOTH HANDS .....

Tip Number 1
Keep quiet while the crew is thinking.

Tip Number 2
Do not shout at the crew below a Force 5.

Tip Number 3
Never, but NEVER drop the mainsheet.

Tip Number 4
Always apologise & accept responsibility when you drop the mainsheet.

Tip Number 5
If you have a "Usefully Large Crew", mention it on windy days.

Tip Number 6
If you have a "Usefully Large Crew", never mention it at Tenby Nationals.

Tip Number 7
Always buy the first beers & petrol. And the last if possible.

Tip Number 8
If the sleeping options are a small tent & a Volvo, opt for the tent (Rob!).

Tim Number 9
Own a good, fast boat & rig, with everything bolted on.

Tip Number 10
Keep the sticky thing above the wet patch at all times.

ALL SUMS EXCLUDE V. A. T. !!!!!!

article by

Steve Watson

story line by
Terry McDonald

Membership Renewals

All members have received a Renewal/Membership Form in their December '94 Magazine. People do move, change boats and telephone numbers so could everyone especially those who pay by standing order **please complete the top half of the form and return it to John Lang**. This is to ensure that our membership records are correct.

If you pay by cheque don't forget subs are now overdue, **but why not pay by standing order!** its easier for you to make sure that you are a member and that you get your Magazine, Boat Stickers etc.

Osprey Open Meetings & Events

Special Events

July	TBA	Royal Sovereign	
July	1st - 2nd	Lord Birkett	
Sept	3rd	Sheppey "Round the Island"	Contact Lee Allan
October	**14th-15th**	**Netherlands**	**Contact Iain Williams**

Championships

April	29th - 30th	INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS - British Steel - 1st Race 1245
July	8th - 9th	WELSH & MIDLANDS - Blithfield
Jul/Aug	**29th - 4th**	**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Sunderland**
Sept	23rd - 24th	SOUTHERNS - Sheppey
	TBA	SCOTTISH & NORTHERNS - Coniston

Opens

May	27th - 29th	West Riding SC
June	17th - 18th	Poole YC
June	24th - 25th	Hayling Island SC
July	15th - 16th	Ribble
August	26th - 28th	Sunderland & Roker Regatta
Sept	9th - 10th	Kielder Water
Sept	9th - 10th	Mounts Bay
Sept	16th-17th	Hornsea

Copy Deadline
June 1st for July Issue
November 1st for December Issue

Don't Forget Your Subs are Due! If YOU haven't paid yours yet you will not receive any more Magazines or other items from the Association after this broadsheet! This also means that legally you cannot race, even in your own club.

Sail Measurers

Huw Pearce Terry McDonald
Ian Williams Nick Willis

Builders

Porter Brothers	Wood & GRP
Chipstow Boatyards, Arnott Dobson	Wood

Boats for Sale

1272 Wood Chipstow Boats Mk3 Roker Express - recently being revarnished and overhauled for 95 season. Proctor Spars, Top Foils. Goacher & Leader Sails. Compass *£6500.* **contact Rob Shaw 0191-564-0666 (w) 0191-467-3572 (h).**

1260 GRP Porter Mk 3 Recently overhauled Combi Unit with new trolley. 2 Suits of sails. **Contact Richard Hewitt 0191-213-1386.**

1258 GRP Porter MK 3 Robinson Sails. Carbon Rudder. Both lifting and fixed rudders. Combi Unit. *£4000 o.n.o.* **Contact Nick Jones for Phone Number**

1239 GRP Porter MK 3 Dogs of War 1 suit of sails. Trolley no Trailer. Reasonable condition. *£2200* **Contact Mike Hood 01430-810234.**

1227 GRP Porter Composite MK 3 Competitive Boat - Ullman Sails *£1950.* **Contact 01736-762433**

1161 GRP Westerly Mk 3 Past National Championship winner. Various sails - 2 Suits of Leaders & Various Hoods. 2 Centreboards Rondar Stock. Launching Trolley. **Contact Oscar Chess 01792-367837(home) or 01554-835835 (work)**

936 **Lethal Lime** Wood MKIII Ullman Main, Hood Jib and Spinnaker, Proctor Mast, Mast Ram, Good Foils. Goes very fast in right hands Trolley, Trailor, Cover *£1650 ONO* **Contact Iain Sutherland tel 01590-678660 (H) 01703-634020 (W)**

697 Wooden Mk2 Wooden boat which has always been stored indoors. Does need revarnishing of the top decks. Sails as new. Road Trailer & Launching Trolley. *£500 o.n.o.* **Contact Brian Wallis 01548-842596.**

640 Wood MKII Nice Condition Including Combi Trailer *£500 ONO* **Contact Dave Peters 01202 - 695397**

501 Wood Westerly Mk2 Recently revarnished. New Cover. 3 Suits of sails. Combi. Good condition *£750 o.n.o.* Contact William Thomas-Ferrand **01844-238231**

242 Wooden MKIII - Hull Only 3rd 93 Nationals, Winner Welsh & Midlands 94, Winner Inlands 93. Decks need some attention **Contact Offers Nick Willis 01420 538319**

Secretary's Report

After a long winter people are looking at their boats and thinking how nice it would be to change boat or class, the latter not applying to any of you I hope! This means that I get frequent contacts from people looking for boats. The problem is that I am not being told when boats are for sale or are sold, I cannot tell new people about all the boats currently on the market and may mean that we lose possible new members to our class. Please, could you telephone me when you have a boat for sale so that I am able to advertise it on your behalf, (free service to members, why pay Yachts & Yachting the equivalent of an open meeting entry fee?). Also when you sell a boat it would be an advantage if you could let me know, so that I can:-

1) Take it off the list.
2) Contact the new owners about membership.

Looking forward to seeing you on the circuit this year.

Nick Jones

The Class Association try to ensure the **"Boats for Sale"** section is accurate at copy deadline. The content of adverts is entirely the responsibility of the vendor