OSPREY ASSOCIATION BROADSHEET

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Terry's Tarradiddle

The season, for some, has already started for those who are hardy and young or perhaps just plain crazy. I for one will be glad when it starts because I'm fed up with banging my head on the bottom of my boat, which is suspended in, the not quite high enough, roof of my Garage/Workshop.

For most of us I'm sure that Easter is quite soon enough to subject ourselves to cold water and excess exercise. The Christmas Pud must come off first and it does take that sort of time!

This is the year of new Racing Rules, have you got your copy on order yet, I understand that everyone will be required to race to them this year. Pity they were not available a lot sooner, "just in time" methods seem to have hit the sailing world, no doubt washed up from the supporting industries.

I received a letter from my good friend Peter Reeves from Poole commenting on my article in "Opinions" about Nationals Venues. So I re-read the article to see what he was upset about. I was horrified to find that I had not made it clear that I was talking about the previous Poole Nationals. Also that I had omitted (accidentally) the words "AGAIN" and "NOT" from the sentence *"I do not get irate that we are going to Poole however and suggest that its choice will result in a lack of attendance*." the "again" should have been after "Poole" and "not" should have course have been after "will".

I unreservedly apologise to all at Poole for any distress this stupid error may have caused to them and indeed ask all readers to take note. Poole are doing a great job, you miss these Nationals at your peril!

Have a really good season with lots of fun, hope to see you all at the Nationals at POOLE - am I forgiven Poole?



Chairman's Cantillations

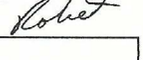
Starting on a sad note, for those who had not heard, Jenny Martin who had been our photographer for many years has passed away. She will be greatly missed by us and many other class associations.

For those who spotted the deliberate mistake in the December Magazine the sail number of our latest boat should have been 1288. I have been informed that another new boat has been commissioned. On show at Sailboat will be 1284 Mick Taylor's new Porter GRP. Also 1285 an all wood boat belonging to and built by Adrian Summers, its worth going to the show just to view these two superb boats. Once again Ken King is in charge of the show, please give us a few hours of your time if visiting and let Ken know when you will be available.

This year we have a very full racing programme with new venues, you asked for them so please make the effort and support at least your local area meetings. Some good news I got round the rest of the Opens without the use of recovery vehicles or BLUE LIGHTS.

After our local frostbite we attended the Bloody Mary, winds force 6-7 and gusty, swimming four times. An Osprey finished a creditable 8th overall from 180 entries. The next day we went to Burnhams Icicle in which an Osprey came 1st. Next a long haul to Portsmouth, to find we had run out of time in the race, I wondered if the journey was worth it!

I look forward to seeing you at the show



Congratulations

To Nick & Jayne Willis, who are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter "Alexandra Ashley Jean" on the 1st of December 1996 at 1653. We also wish them well in their new home on Hayling Island.

A Travellers Diary

I was thinking to myself the other day how one often reads the Open Meeting reports in the Newsletter. These reports are always written by the organising club, who concentrate on the actual results and little else. To those of us who go on the circuit this is only a small part of the Travellers Diary and for those of you who are of the "stay at home" variety I thought you might like to hear a bit more about the pleasure and fun of the circuit.

I returned to the circuit last year having been without a crew for the past three years. However my first yacht in 1996 was at Hayling Island at their sail training weekend, thought I'd get a bit more knowledge on how to drive these things a bit better, I was wrong. The lad who I had invited from Guernsey did not take to crewing so after 18 years of sailing an Osprey I had to learn how to dangle from a wire - who said crews have it easy?

From there Brian my new crew and I headed For Mounts Bay - a long drive but well worth while. This is an excellent sailing area and I can recommend this trip to anyone (and the Cornish Pasties aren't bad either) Sadly an error in judgement occurred and I collided with another boat at the start of race two. But as usual people rallied round and Brian and I were sailing on the Sunday. Brian has asked me not to pass comment on our return journey.

At the end of May having been to the deep South we then headed for the cold but very hospitable North and the Inland National Championships at Keilder. A select few of us competed in this event but I am sure that all of us who did would like to thank Roger Edwardson & his team for an excellent event. Although I must admit that the village hall accommodation would have been improved if Mike Smith had not kept throwing his shoes at me. Yes, you've got it I do snore.

At Poole Simon Bridges was kind enough to lend us his boat (one that is rather larger than an Osprey! to sleep on - very comfortable but I soon learnt that someone else snored worse than me but Brian has suggested I do not say who!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS

Have you completed and returned your renewal form to Ian? If not please do so, your renewal form was with the December Magazine. It is important that you do complete it and return it, so that the records can be checked to ensure they are correct.

If you pay your subscription by cheque and haven't yet sent it in to Ian Madeley, **IT IS NOW OVERDUE.** Why not do it by Standing Order, you then don't have to remember when to Pay Your Subs, **Thanks**.

Now to that long lake in the Midlands - Blithfield a great Open Meeting venue and well located. I have enjoyed every trip here, indeed my first Open meeting was at Blithfield in 1981, when I kept dropping my crew, Geoff Cooper, in the water. Since then I have not had a heavier crew than me - Guess what I did to Brian?

Then came the National Championships at Hayling Island - this event gave me my claim to fame - no it was not planned - yes the strap did break and you were all lucky that there was no sound on the video.

Then came a few weekends at home and then off to Sunderland for the Scottish and Northerns. As you can see from the dates I have been sailing Osprey's for 15 years and this event is clear in my memory because I appeared in the Yachts & Yachting report for the event and collected my first prize - You know that prize probably meant more to me than the wins to the people who get regularly into the pots .

At Lymington the wind blew its hardest for the whole of the year and indeed only one race was held. I was pleased to be amongst the 12 boats that completed the race and also to see a few people that do not normally travel.

On to Netley & then Felixstowe new venues for the Osprey. When you go to a new venue you are never sure what to expect but in both these cases we had an excellent time. I will certainly go to

both of these again. The final memory of the year was the tremendous hospitality shown by the Carroll's who hosted all the travellers at their house.

I hope that this has given all of you an insight into the fun of the open meeting circuit - and more importantly given you the resolve to go out and give it a try. Why don't you make a late New Year's Resolution to go to at least one meeting in the year?

Finally you cannot write an article like this without extending your thanks to the unsung heroes who have the task of organising these events. See you all next year - starting with the Bloody Mary in January.

Nick Jones, 1233

Nationals Update from Poole

The Entry Fee has been set at £95 and £110 for late entries, to include the following:-

- All Race Fees
- Commemorative Glass for each competitor
- 2 sets Real Ale Vouchers (approx. 5 pints)
- 2 BBQ meal tickets (Wed)
- 2 Cruise Boat + Disco Tickets (Tues)
- 2 Prizegiving Dinner Tickets (Fri)
- Entry to musical entertainment (Wed)

It has been agreed that 10% of all entry fee's will be sent as a donation to NOCA. The underlying philosophy of Poole Osprey fleet was not to make money but to give the entry fee back to the competitors in terms of a quality week.

Poole is also making a plea for Osprey Film/Video/Memorabilia stretching over the past 40 years. This is to assist with the Commemoration of 40 Years of Osprey Nationals, which is the theme for Monday night at the Nationals. Anyone able to offer items should contact Simon Bridges on 01202 - 671091 as soon as possible.

YOU ALL JUST HAVE TO GO TO POOLE THIS YEAR, ITS TOO GOOD TO MISS !!!!

New Racing Rules

Every four years the Yacht Racing Rules are revised, 1997 heralds radical new rules which we are all supposed to race to after April the 1st. This time there was an attempt to produce something simple and easy to understand. Other things attempted was to prevent collisions and to stop competitions being won by tactical slowing of other boats.

Organisers are going to have to be really careful when writing their sailing instructions for this year. Sea Lawyers will take great delight in exploiting any mistakes. There is also a lot of new terminology, we no longer race under IYRU Racing Rules but under the International Sailing Federations Racing Rules of Sailing, so IYRU becomes ISAF and IYRR become RRS. We no longer sail Yachts but sail Boats.

The new format now has seven parts:-

- Fundamental Rules
- When Boats Meet
- Conduct of a Race
- Other Requirements
- Protests
- Entry Requirements
- Race Organisation
- Plus 15 Appendices and the definitions.

For sailors most of the changes are minor and will not affect the game of sailing. The most noticeable change is to luffing, no more "luffing as you please" now you must give the windward boat room to keep clear. Mast abeam has been abolished so you can keep on chasing them until they are clear ahead. (Old Luffers please note).

The two boat length circle at marks remains but greater onus has been placed on boats which tack within the circle to give more room to boats already on the layline. Removal of the obligation for right of way yachts not to alter course, who have now to allow the give way boat to keep clear, in some ways it will be interesting to see what happens.

Editor - extract from a personal article by Nigel Vick - International Judge and organiser of AREC (Article Exchange).

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Osprey Events & Open Meetings 1997

March	1st 2nd	Sailboat '97 Alexandra Palace
May	3rd - 5th	Mounts Bay (May *Day Holiday)*
	10th 11th	Swanage
	17th 18th	Hornsea
	24th-26th	Coniston (Regatta) *(Bank Holiday)*
June	7th 8th	Southend (Thames Estuary YC)
	14th 15th	**British Steel - Welsh & Midlands**
	21st 22nd	**Royal Tay - Scottish & Northerns**
	28th 29th	Hayling Island
July	5th 6th	Lord Birkett*
	12th 13th	**Blithfield - Inland Championships**
July	**26th Aug 2nd**	**National Championships - Poole**
Aug	23rd-25th	Burnham (Regatta)
30th	31st	Sunderland (Roker Regatta)
Sept	7th	Sheppey Round Island*
	13th 14th	Kielder
	13th 14th	Mounts Bay (Panmorra Cup)
	27th 28th	Lymington Town)
Oct	**4th 5th**	**Netley - Southerns**

* Denotes Special Events

The Archivist

Anyone with any historical "Osprey Treasures" they are prepared to part with should contact John Raynor on 01937-842860. John is now starting to collate his own information, but has lots of gaps to fill. Old mags, newspaper cuttings, photographs etc will be welcome.

Advertising

Anyone who feels his business can supply a service to members and wants to advertise in the magazine should contact the Editor as soon as possible (special rates for members).

Builders

GRP & Wood

Porters

We believe that Porters have moved no details are available at this time.

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NB * Indicates a Noca Measurer Please use them in preference to others. Remember Buoyancy Tests can be carried out by Flag Officers of any RYA Affiliated Club, BUT in accordance with the rules for the test.