OSPREY ASSOCIATION BROADSHEET

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Terry's Tarradiddle

A Happy New Year to you all. I must first apologise to Netley and in particular Bob Thomas for not having their Open Report in the December Magazine. It was with me in time, it was provided on disk, it was inserted into the Magazine and after some difficulties with the file, it got wiped off, it was replaced yet disappeared again which I had not realised .... all I can say is, it is included in the Broadsheet and IT IS THERE ..... Sorry Netley! And indeed sorry to all those who competed and did not get to see the report until now, as well as all those who like to read these reports. So you see despite every thing said to the contrary, I am human ..... just!

Included in this mailshot to members, is a copy of the Publicity Folder which, has just been published, they have cost us around £1 each and the Committee felt every member should have one. All we ask is that you either keep it safe because you want it as a momento or, use it in some other way to promote the class, please don't just throw it away.

The Dinghy Exhibition is just round the corner and we have a prime position in the main hall, with two wooden boats, one of which is a MKIIA. Ken King would welcome help on the stand from any members who can spare an hour whilst at the show, if you can help please let him know and don't leave it all to the committee. Ken can be contacted on 01621-742511!

The Committee have put in an awful amount of work into promoting your chosen class on your behalf, all we need to keep the momentum going is a little help from the rank and file members. Why not try and get one of your club members out in an Osprey this year, see if you can convert him. There are lots of cheap MKII's out there which, with a bit of effort can be made into a MKIIA and thus become very competitive.

Also why not make the effort and attend the Nationals this year, its good clean fun, with good comradeship and importantly, good competition. So OK you may not be this years potential champion, but you could talk to him and get tips to improve your club sailing to win a few club Pots. I know "they" say it's the competing that counts, which may well be a bit of a blandishment, but, in the case of the Nationals I believe its a very true saying. The spirit that surrounds the Championships is very real and it really is a very uplifting and stirring sight to see so many Ospreys on a start line.

Don't worry about Gate Starts they are quite easy really, I personally find them easier than Line Starts especially with so many boats competing.

Certainly no other class that we are aware of had 70 boats at their Nationals last year, lets beat it this year!

Have a Fantastic Season



Chairman's Cantillations

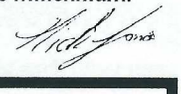
As I sit here and look at the frost laying thick on the car, the grass, and the fishpond, I can only look forward to the coming sailing year. When you look at the calendar we once again have a really good Open meeting list before us. Starting in April with the Inland Championships at British Steel and followed soon after with the Southern Area Championships at Mounts Bay.

In recent years we have had very few qualifiers for the Travellers Trophy and one of my hopes is that this year that will change. To that end the best four Open meetings plus one of the Area Championships or Inland Championships as qualifying events will be used, this should make qualifying easier and more importantly ensure more qualifying boats. Now it' s down to you.

The principle event of the year is the Nationals at Pwllheli, Ian Madeley and I have visited the club and they are very committed to giving the Ospreys a really great National Championships. For this to be achieved it needs your support. The RYA views this venue as one of the top 6 in the UK and this is reflected in the vast improvement in the venue since our last visit. The club and its facilities are second to none, there is a very large clubhouse, fenced hard standing for the boats and there will be a marquee for the whole of the week. The sailing area has a terrific reputation as being one of the best in the UK so its again down to you get the 1st -7 th August booked and we'll see you in Pwllheli.

As you are reading this, the Sailboat Exhibition at Alexandra Palace is upon us, this year we are to be in the main hall, near the Ronstan Stand so do come over and have a chat, we would also welcome any help that is offered.

Finally I would like to thank Terry McDonald who produced the folder which came with this Broadsheet we have had 2000 of these produced to assist us in Marketing the Class and I am sure you will agree it projects a great image for the Osprey into the millennium.



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**.

SOUTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIP AT NETLEY 4TH and 5th October

Funny month is October! One always associates it with some extremes of weather. Last years event at Netley gave us just that. A good old blow on the Saturday and very little on Sunday. This year we got very little all week end! It was particularly trying for those who had attended the Lymington event the previous week, when the weather man laid on the complete opposite to last years great storm and everyone struggled to find the odd puff! I can't recall ever seeing the West Solent calm **All** day but that's what happened. Over the same two days around the corner in Southampton Water a light breeze had held throughout!

Anyway, it turned out that this week end was Southampton Water's turn for the Doldrums, does any one know what happened in the West Solent? Saturday was not too bad, at least we could sail and both races were completed, though a course change was needed at one stage. The sun was shining and the world quite pleasant really. Overall Andy Barker showed us how to do it but was hotly pursued by Colin and Phil who managed to lead the way for the entire first race, at first followed by Alan and Bob with Andy getting into second position for the last three laps.

The second race was characterised by a few incidents which at times must have resembled an old time sea battle down among the middle and back markers of the fleet! I am given the impression that bangs and thumps could be heard from the Club House as they echoed across the water. A few boats were seen to be bailing heartily, apparently not from collision damage, just not going fast enough for the bailers to work I am told! As one of the casualties I was not in a position to witness what was going on at the front but can tell you that Andy and John led from start to finish. Peter Gordon and Steven had a moment of Glory when completing the first round in second place but for the remainder this position was occupied by Gavin Rose and Terry, Colin and Phil pulling through on the last lap to take third place.

The evenings celebrations went down well. The 'Minstrels' were pretty good. The Shearwater fleet's camp followers (and Sailors!) also contributed, along with some of the home fleets ladies. This bevy of beauty certainly made their presence felt, but never mind girls at home, all the lads behaved themselves, they know the Osprey fleet has just as good a selection!

Sunday began with a very fickle North Westerly Breeze, which after causing a postponement of the start eventually gave us enough to actually sail. Again Andy showed the way with some new faces for the second position. Mark Taylor and Steven Brown staying in this position for the duration of the race. Among the middlemen it seemed that the merry Men of Kent or should it be Kentish Men? One can never remember which side of the Medway they all come from, seemed to be conducting a very noisy cruise in company, even a protest flag seen at one stage of the proceedings!

'Plan A' was to run the two Sunday races 'Back to Back' but what breeze there was finally died away completely and after some heart searching on the Race Officers part, the final race was abandoned. Of course, as everybody new it would happen, the wind filled in as we emerged from the Changing Rooms!

Of the twenty seven boats that were at the scene, for one reason or another only twenty three seem to have been able to make the start line. Anyway Netley Sailing Club sincerely thanks all for coming. The impressive thing is the wide area from which entries travel. From Tyneside and Wales, Yorkshire, Kent, Cornwall and in between. An impressive turn out from Poole as befits a fleet of that size, its all very encouraging for our mostly new to Osprey sailing owners here, thanks again.

THE RESULTS

Boat No	Helmsman	1	2	3	Pts	O/A Postn
1,234	A. Barker	2	1	1	2	1st
1,277	C.Rainback	1	3	4	4	2nd
1,203	G.Rose	5	2	3	5	3rd
1,024	M.Taylor	6	12	2	8	4th
1,272	A.Laing	3	5	6	8	5th
1,226	D.Gorringe	4	4	5	8	6th
1,194	P.Gordon	11	6	7	13	7th
1,178	J.Lang	8	8	8	16	8th
963	I.Wilson	7	10	9	16	9th
1,175	R.Shaw	9	7	RTD	16	10th
1,182	T.Guy	12	9	DNS	21	11th
555	T.Kift	13	11	10	21	12th
1,195	R.Marshall	10	14	14	24	13th
1,276	R.Hewitt	16	13	13	26	14th
905	I.Madeley	19	16	11	27	15th
1,273	R.Thomas	18	RTD	12	30	16th
1,224	I.Sutherland	14	18	16	30	17th
919	J.Shenton	17	15	15	30	18th
1,233	N.Jones	15	17	17	32	19th
1,113	R.Bacon	DNS	19	18	37	20th
1,171	M.Dockrill	20	RTD	19	39	21st
814	D.Garrard	RTD	20	20	40	22nd
1,271	I.Zimmerman	DNS	DNS	RTD		23rd

Races

N.B. Race 4 was abandoned due to lack of wind

Bob Thomas

Osprey Inland Championships

British Steel Sailing Club 17th & 18th April

5 Races

Saturday 1st Race 1.00 pm
Sunday 3rd Race 10.30 am
Prize Giving 4.30 pm approximately

Details & Entry Form from

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Osprey Club News

Ospreys @ Lymington

The Lymington Osprey Fleet has been sadly depleted as some go for other classes. Andy & Carol Maskell have put their MKII up for sale as they have moved into Flying Fifteen's, while Toby Collyer (804 Ogopogo) and crew Tim Power are flying around in a twin trapeze International 14. This leave yours truly and 1224 Hagar the Horrible and David and Diana Milne in 1282, Jezebel, to carry the Osprey flag. Nigel and Liz Walbank still have 1066 And All That, but Nigel has been too busy coming third in the Contender Worlds to sail it recently.

The Youngsters (and some not so youngsters) are taking to asymmetrics in a big way and give us some good racing in a fast handicap fleet that is always in double figures. (*Ed Don't worry Iain it happened at Minnis Bay as well but they didn't last the season in big numbers).*

Interestingly enough they rarely beat us on the water and the first three places in our Winter series in December went respectively to a Contender, a 470 and an Osprey.

Part of this is the learning curve some of the asymmetric sailors are going through, but so far we seem to be able to hold our own. Of course there are days when the conditions just favour a particular sort of boat, but we think these tend to even out.

I am currently selling Osprey sailing to one or two Wayfarer sailors who are looking for excitement and whose knees, like mine, have gone. One thing asymmetric sailing demands is lots of knee work as they have nowhere for a comfy sit like an Osprey side deck. Add to this to the excellent value of a second hand Osprey and we should tempt a couple in to replace the deserters.

Ian Sutherland

The Kielder Letter

Dear Terry,
A Happy New Year to you and all our friends in the South. We hope that you are enjoying all this wind of recent days. No doubt as soon as we stray South of the Tyne it will be flat calm ..... Again!

Kielder, apart from the inside of the Blackcock, gets very cold and bleak at this time of year. Even the die-hards call it a day and wrap things up in the middle of December. The more intelligent ones - well our Commodore Roger - flee down to the Costa del Roker where the temperature is more congenial. We also suspect that Davy likes to lurk in the bar and continue his on the water rivalry with Paul.

Whilst Roger was away the less effete Osprey sailors - all three - enjoyed some good racing at Kielder. Who says that God does not answer prayers, because at last Vic started to slow down. Thankfully his daughter and regular crew Sarah, have discovered boys and night life which doesn't leave as much time for sailing. The consequent drop in speed only confirmed our suspicions that good crews make all the difference, long live romance we say!

As one door closes another opens and about this time Viola started to get her Mark II going very fast. Presently held together by tractor grease. If she ever puts a decent mast, spinny and etc on this boat she could fly, especially in the lighter stuff - so watch out! The Fat Bastards *(Ed I understand this is a Northern term of endearment)* who used to sail Stress Relief remained stolidly in the middle of this crossfire and this despite a new boat. Feeding Viola teacakes and buying beer for Sarah's boyfriend and encouraging Roger to go to Sunderland - all these ruses and more and still they can't win.

Which reminds us of an amusing incident we observed recently. On Boxing Day we went to Sunderland to watch the Open Meeting. The sun was out and there was a nice blustery wind. We missed the first race but arrived in time to stroll out on Roker Pier and watch the start of the second. We espied Roger in what must have been Riff Raffs re-incarnation. He and Davey were loitering near the Committee Boat attempting to get pole position on what appeared to be a very biased line. We also saw a blue Osprey just astern which we did not recognise. Getting binoculars out to allay our curiosity we were just in time to see the Blue Osprey was sailed by the aforementioned Fat Lads from Kielder. As we watched we were privileged to witness one of those moments when sheer incompetence verges on the brilliance. The blue boat dipped under Rogers transom and caught the end of his boom with their windward shroud. Without more ado the Fat Lads whipped him round - Smmaaackkk - into the Committee Boat, we could hear that Roger was not pleased from where we stood. Laugh we nearly fell into the Wear!!!

Fortunately Riff Raff was unharmed, despite its continued affinity for crashing into larger or stronger boats, and we were happy to see that all was well in the bar afterwards as everyone bought each other pints. Surely the proper way to celebrate this and future seasons of Osprey Sailing!

Yours faithfully

The Kielder Correspondent.

Ed: I hope everyone realises that this is not a dig at anyone West of shall we say Oxford or South of the Watford Gap. Anyone with any doubts should speak to my very good friend Jeff Hughes who, I know, will assure you that its yet another dig, for your delectation, at Roger and others at Kielder ..... honest!!!

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Osprey Events & Open Meetings 1998

Date		Event	Contact
March	7th & 8th	Sailboat '98 Alexandra Palace	Ken King 01621-742511
April	**18th & 19th**	**Inland Championships at British Steel**	Iain Williams or Jeff Hughes see add for Phone No
May	**2nd & 4th**	**Southern Area Championships at Mounts Bay (May *Day Holiday*)**	Des Menear 01736-756154
	9th & 10th	Royal Tay	
	16th & 17th	Swanage in the South & Hornsea in the North	Mike Smith 01964-534912
	30th & 31st	Coniston (Regatta) *(Water Festival from 23rd to 31st)*	Don Flannery 01772-724740
June	**13th & 14th**	**Scottish & Northerns at Morecombe Yacht Club**	Don Flannery 01772-724740
	27th & 28th	Southend (at Thorpe Bay Club)	Mel Day 01702 - 585677
July	4th & 5th	Poole Open in the South & Lord Birkett in the North	Simon Bridges 01202-671091 Don Flannery
	12th 13th	**Welsh & Midlands Championships at Blithfield**	Chris Guy 01785-84010
Aug	**1st -8th**	**National Championships at Pwllheli**	Ian Madeley 0114-2366873
	29th-31st	Sunderland in the North & Burnham (Regatta) in the South *(Burnham Week 29th to Sept 5th)*	Richard Hewitt 0191-2131386
Sept	19th & 20th	Kielder Water in the North & Panmorra Cup Mounts Bay in the South	Alec Mamwell 01670-511695 Des Menear
	26th & 27th	Lymington Town	Iain Sutherland 01590-679660
Oct	10th & 11th	Netley Abbey	Bob Thomas 01703-454187

NB All Area Championships and Inlands are Special Events

Boats for Sale

805	Granny Smith MKIIA Wood Westerly. Re-decked '96 VGC Cover & Combi	£1000
1113	Wings MKIII Wood Greaves. Re-decked new C/B Case Mast Gate etc, New sails & Centre Board Cover & Combi	£2600

Contact Scott Atkinson on 01795 871977 (Sheppey) for either of the above two boats.

