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Osprey Class Newsletter

Osprey Class Association

Nationals Sponsors

This year our Nationals were kindly sponsored by Rain and Sun Covers, Seasure, Clamcleats, Hartley Boats, Marlow Ropes and Allen. Many sailors received goodies as a result. Nick Willis won the star prize.



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NATIONALS CLIFFHANGER AT HIGHCLIFFE

This year's Nationals were at Highcliffe SC, near Christchurch. We have new Champions in Martin Cooney and Peter Frith, returning to the top of the podium after a few years away. This was their third Nationals title. It was a hard fought victory, against top opposition in 2014 Nationals Champ and Endeavour Trophy holder Matt Burge. But apart from this, Martin and Peter had to overcome breaking their rudder in the first race, which became their discard. In what turned out to be a single discard series, Martin and Peter could not put a foot wrong in any of the later races. Four wins helped them along, but they still ended up tied on points with Matt, crewed by Phil Angrave. It took the tie break to allow Martin and Peter to take the title, after the last day was blown off.

Terry Curtis and Peter Greig took third, with Kevin Francis/ Phil Male in fourth and the Hartleys fifth. Highcliffe looked after us very well, with very good meals every night included in the price, and keeping all the fleet together at night.

34 boats joined in, with seven races sailed over 3 days in a mix of wind directions and strengths.

Next year with the influx of lots of new Mark 5s, we're looking for a good increase in numbers. Come and join us!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11-14 August 2016. Osprey Nationals, Mumbles.

More info, see Page 3 or go to www.mumblesyachtclub.co.uk.





Class Training Day at Castle Cove with Adam Bowers

The second of the class's FREE training days was held at Castle Cove SC, with coach Adam Bowers. Adam ran exercises on the water, including starting, mark roundings, and short races. Adam gave plenty of advice, on boat set up, including on rake and use of kicker. He took a detailed look at some of the boats of the less experienced racers, and gave plenty of pointers. Everyone found it to be a great training day, with Adam's humour helping the medicine go down. Video feedback is on class Facebook.

page.





Next Biggie– Scottish & Northerns and Training Day at Kielder

Do you want to sail your Osprey better?

Tim Rush of North Sails will give a day of **training** on **Friday 11th September** at Kielder Water SC.



To those that have not been to, or not even been aware of, these training days are useful to all sailors. You will finish the day with a much better understanding of how to setup the boat for ease of handling, and be able to handle it more effectively. Even if you never want to go on a race course ever you would learn so much that I really urge you to consider coming over to Kielder on that Friday.

It will be followed by our legendary **Open Meeting/ Scottish & Northerns** over the weekend **Sat/ Sun 12/13 Sept**. Kielder is renowned for friendliness and welcome, a great stretch of water, superb galley and free camping at the clubhouse. Plenty for families to do around the lake so could be a great weekend for all.

The Osprey fleet invited Tim but he is willing to also include Javelins. So let's show off our class!

Please spread the news as this is a superb and rare opportunity. Training is FREE to Assn members.

Hoping to hear you can come,

Viola Scott
1314 Think Again

Check out latest class news on Osprey website and on Sail Osprey and Osprey Facebooks. And post your own chat, news, videos, pics etc

Osprey News on Facebook and Web– check our new videos!

Look out for new **videos** on our Facebook of training days at **Blithfield** and **Castle Cove**, of the **Nationals**, plus **onboard Nationals** footage by Harry Odling.

There is more and more content going up on our **Facebook** pages. Visit today and keep up with class news, pics and videos. We have an open access Facebook at **Sail Osprey**, and a members only one at **Osprey.**

Post your news, pics and gossip today on the gossip forum or Facebook.

www.ospreysailing.org/cms

Both the website and the Facebooks are good places to **say that you are going** to the next open meeting, which helps the meetings to snowball and gain more entrants.

Look out for open meeting reports on www.yachtsandyachting.com .

Volunteers are always needed to write race reports and to supply pictures or video. Reports must be submitted to press within **two days**.

S Wales news



South Wales series

Two fixtures sailed so far, at Tata and Tenby. Ros and David Downs lead the series, with Oscar and Lisa Chess in second and Mike and Pam Murray third. All three teams are husband/ wife combos from Tata SC.

Ros and David also showed off their classic Osprey Just Pogo at the CVRDA Nationals, winning the Fast Boat trophy and the concours d'elegance.

Obituaries

Iain Williams. Iain recently lost his fight against cancer. Iain sailed 1116 "Lethal Weapon" with David Griffiths, competing well especially at the 1992 Nationals. He served the sport very well as a National Race Officer, and his thoroughness at the Olympics in 2012 impressed all. Iain was known to many in the class in recent years sailing 1333, "Heaven Can Wait" at Tata.

Don Pipes was a famous iceclimber before becoming an Osprey sailor. In1959 his team made the first ascent of Ben Nevis's Point Five Gully, the most famous ice gully in Scotland, perhaps in the world. In his 70's he raced his Osprey Geronimo, later renamed Geronimo Rides Again. He became a country member at Kielder, and made many friends there.

Check website for fuller tributes.

All About Mumbles, our 2016 Nationals Hosts — By Oscar Chess

Dear Osprey Sailor.
Mumbles Yacht Club is very excited about the prospect of welcoming the Ospreys back to the waters of the Bristol Channel. Nestling at the western side of Swansea Bay, Mumbles is a pretty little village with a distinctive collection of pubs, restaurants and shops along with an excellent selection of B&Bs, hotels and holiday accommodation. The club has a great record of holding sailing events and this includes most major dinghy classes from Ospreys, 505s and FDs to Oppies, GP14s and windsurfers. In 2014 the club hosted a very successful Dart 18 Europeans and Swansea Bay did not disappoint. The clubhouse has fabulous views over the bay from the first floor bar and the rooftop seating area. Launching and recovery of dinghies is easy using 3 slipways. The racing area is a short sail away and we can offer a variety of courses to mix things up a bit.
The plan will be for the social events to be based at the club. More info to follow. Back in the 70's the Osprey Nationals socials were notorious. Anybody for another "Miss Osprey" night or a yard of ale drinking contest? We look forward to welcoming as many boats as possible on 11-14 August 2016 for a very special Nationals with the Mark 5 boats strutting their stuff for the first time. The Welsh Osprey contingent, based at Tata, Tenby, Mumbles, Saundersfoot and Sully will be out in force.
Swansea and the Gower is a fantastic area to explore, so why not make a week of it and walk to Worms Head, go under the Neath Valley waterfalls or try mountain biking at Afon Argoed?
We hope to put on some activities for families and friends during the championships. Possibilities include a sailing trip on "The Olga", Swansea Museum's Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter, while watching the racing or witnessing the offshore lifeboat launching from its new purpose built launching building at the end of Mumbles Pier. More info at www.mumblesyc.org.uk.
Let's rejoin the 50 plus club in 2016!



Pic courtesy Mumbles Yacht Club



Next Events coming up– where to get info

Aug 29-31 Burnham (WS series)
Info at www.burnhamweek.com . Online entries accepted. Four Ospreys entered so far.

Sep 5 Sheppey Round Island (WS series)
www.iossc.org.uk/islandrace/index.php .

Sep 6 Sully SC. (South Wales circuit.)
www.sully-sailing.org.uk

Sep 11-13 Scottish & Northerns & Training Day, Kielder Water SC. (WS and Lakes& Borders series)
www.kielderwatersc.org

Oct 18/19 Ullswater (Lakes & Borders series)
www.ullswateryachtcclub.org

Oct 31/ Nov 1 End of Seasons, Rutland & WS series
www.rutlandsc.co.uk

Future Nationals venues

At the AGM we discussed possible venues for the future. Mumbles in 2016 is already fixed, but other venues suggested or being looked into for future include Weymouth, Lyme Regis, Shoreham, Porthpean, Brixham, Tenby.
Do you have ideas for venues? If so, get in touch.
Venue must be willing to run single class event for around 40-50 boats. Should have camping nearby, and be able to host sit down meals for whole fleet.

Mark 5s update - Mark Hartley speaks out

Peter Hobson is working with Hartley Boats on design of the new Mark 5 Osprey. Peter's recent experience includes design of the latest 505 for Ovington. Hartleys continue to add new orders, now up to 16, plus their own one for the Hartleys to campaign. Buyers include people switching from other classes. Mark Hartley outlined the schedule;

Sept. Sign off all design drawings

Oct. CNC work

Nov. Make the moulds

Dec. Refine fitout, make first boats, onwater testing.

Jan. Display at London Boat Show.

Mark explained that the Mk 5 is a refinement of the Mk 4, with same hull shape, but different deck moulding, plus the switch to epoxy. There has been some recent refinement of thinking re the interior. The hull will have a double skin, with the two layers being bonded rather than having an air gap, as on some other classes. So the cockpit will still have depth, rather than being fully self draining like skiffs.

There will be a couple of self bailers. Hartleys will supply their own foils, made of GRP with some carbon. The boat will carry maximum correctors. Non slip will be moulded into the cockpit floor. There will be a split front tank, and a rolled bow bar. Hartleys expect a major improvement to hull stiffness, like they achieved when the Supernova switched to epoxy. Production will soon be up to four per month in early part of year to satisfy demand, so there will soon be a fleet of Mk 5s on the water as well as on display at Boat Shows across Europe. Exciting times!



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For Sale

1333, Mark 4, Carbon rig, well equipped, lots sails. £5495 ono. Contact - Gordon Evans tel :- 01443 227456 or 07846 333 106.



1356, Mark 4. Carbon rig, twin poles. Well equipped, little used, lots sails. £9000. Contact Mark Weston on 07581201761.



1276, wood. Built in 1995 by Arnott Dobson. Combi, 3 suits. £3250 ono. Contact Alec Mamwell on 015394 41922 .



The Osprey Class Association—key benefits to members

- Organises class circuits and Championships
- Organises training days
- Communicates with members and public via Class website, Forum and Facebooks etc
- Publicises the class in yachting press and websites, and at the RYA Dinghy Show
- Provides measurement certificates
- Maintains class records and trophies
- Advertises Ospreys and gear for sale
- Underpins the value of your Osprey.

Join today! If you'd like to help your class, contact a committee member to discuss.



2015 WS Standings so far– Curtis and Greig lead

On results so far as at 21 July, Terry Curtis and Peter Greig lead the Wilkinson Sword (WS) Series by a distance. Terry and Peter have won five events at Starcross, Mounts Bay, Tata, Shoreham and Weymouth. They lead with a perfect score of 5 points. Currently in second place are Kevin Francis and Phil Male, with 21 points. They are improving as the season progresses, including taking podium places at both Weymouth and Shoreham. Paul Heather and Jonathan Osgood are in third, with Martin Cooney and Peter Frith fourth. There are still four events to go, so there is plenty of time for positions to change.

Pics by Mike Rice.

Full album of photos from 2015 Nationals may be viewed at **www.fotoboat.com.**

