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Osprey Class Newsletter

Osprey Class Association

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"Why I joined the Osprey Class"

2016 will be an exciting year for the Osprey class. The class is one which promotes much loyalty, with many sailors putting in decades of Osprey sailing. Osprey sailors were first in the queue to order new Mark 5s when development of the new model was announced. But now they are joined by new people looking at the class for the first time. We asked Mark 5 buyer Pete Mallaband what made him decide to join the class.

"It seems that one of the few good things about approaching the age of 65 fast is the fact that one of my pensions actually still had a few bob in it! What could I spend some of this hard earned cash on? I'd had a year out of 2 man boats having decided to simplify things dramatically and get an RS Aero single hander. Great boat and after 6 years of 505 sailing I still love the simplicity. No shrouds to tweak or bits to pull. I'd only really sailed 2 man dinghies before and fairly soon I really started to miss having someone to moan at!! Plus, a boat as light as the Aero really exposed some of my handling weaknesses! I decided during the summer that I really fancied getting another 2 man dinghy and use some of my new found wealth! Most of the newer generation classes didn't really appeal to me, so I started looking at classes I knew well, Fireball, 505 and at the back of my mind the Osprey. I knew Ospreys from the mid '60's from my sailing days in Guernsey, however I'd always thought they just seemed a bit clunky and dated. I crawled all over the Mk 4 at its launch at the dinghy show, but I still wasn't totally convinced, plus the class seemed to be struggling at that time. Over the last few years however, I've met a number of Osprey enthusiasts at some 505 events and without exception these guys really rated the boat, so I thought I'd have a rethink. Firstly I started to check out the Open Meetings and see what sort of boat numbers were turning out. There seemed to be quite a few meetings and generally about 10 or more boats showing up. Plenty of write ups on Y&Y website etc. Then I checked out the Nats – 35 plus boats, that's nice and I spotted that there were quite a few seriously old boats still doing quite well and the new boats weren't nicking all the silverware. Looking at the results, there seemed to be a good spread of 'club' level sailors having some great competition. I won't be bothering the frontrunners, but it is nice to go to an Open or two and if possible a Nationals, you can learn so much and meet so many great people. I also spotted that last year there had been 3 coaching days with people such as Tim Rush doing the honours. I fancied some of that!

Next thing – start to get a feel for how much the boats cost – Apollo Duck beckoned. There was a range of boats at really good prices. Then I checked out the various websites and saw that there was due to be a Mk V launched this year. This new design seemed to be bringing the interior of the Osprey into the 21st century without spoiling the integrity of the class. This overcame some of my earlier prejudices and, to me, also makes the boat a more attractive proposition for today's market. I sent Mark Hartley an enquiry mail and fairly soon we were having a good chat on the 'phone. I could probably have got a very recent boat a bit cheaper, however I'd learnt from previous boats that the first thing you have to do is replace half the rope, so a new boat at a good price seemed the best idea for me. Deposit was paid! "

Why I joined (continued)

"Next – how to fit it out? Initial thoughts were to replicate the 505, twin poles etc, however I sent a mail to Tim Rush who I'd met at some 505 events and asked his opinion on a number of things. He very kindly sent me a breakdown and explanation of some of the things he did and didn't like. Many thanks Tim. This discussion seems to have migrated now to the Osprey Class Forum!! Mark has invited me up to the factory in March/April to go through the fit out and I really look forward to that.

So why go for the Osprey? The boats last for ever and there seems to be a very active class association with a good spread of Open Meetings. There seems to be an active core of 'club' level sailors and to help them (us) get more out of the boat, there is also good quality planned training. In these days the 'multi-media' stuff is also important and the Osprey web site and Sail Osprey Facebook page also had useful information, particularly some of the videos from training days etc. The new Mk V also seems to give the class another boost. I can't wait until May when I finally get it!! I look forward to meeting many of you after that."

Pete Mallaband, Whitefriars SC

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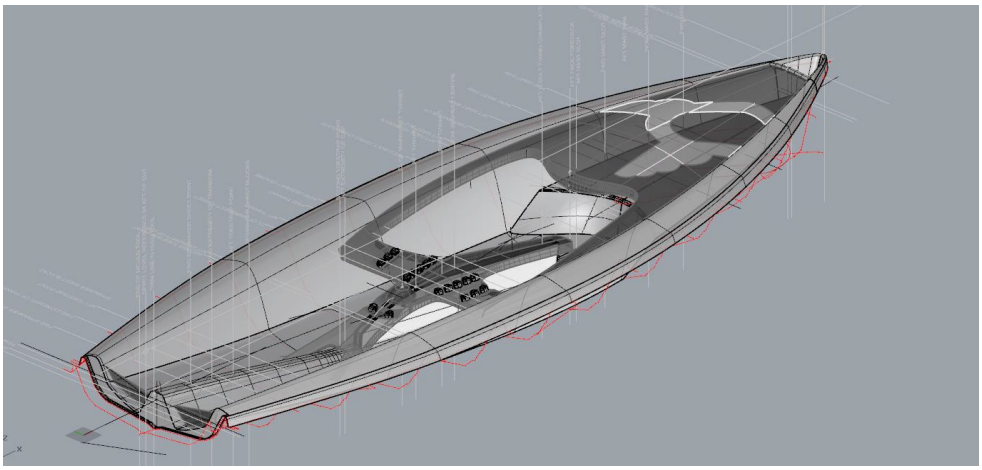
The Osprey

A fast 2 person boat with single trapeze and symmetric spinnaker.

Length; 5.35metres
Beam; 1.75m
Hull weight; 134kg
Mainsail area; 9.3 sq m
Genoa sail area; 4.65sq m
Spinnaker area; 17.19 sq m
Hull; GRP/FRP, GRP or wood

Carbon mast and boom permitted.
Wide crew weight range.
Laminate sails allowed.
Free choice of sailmaker

Mark 5 drawing



From aft quarter. Check out the Osprey logo on foredeck, everyone's talking about that!
Note bank of central controls on thwart and centreboard casing, right at helm's fingertips. Inner deck, part of the third moulding sweeps aft, and allows placement of jib leads a little further inboard for improved pointing. The half height buoyancy tank forward gives lots of space and low friction for spinnaker hoist and drop. Extended aft tower adds to stiffness aft. Transom flaps either side of tower complete the look.

Mark 5 Plugs



Polished plugs ready to go.



Ospreys at Dinghy Show, March 6/7

How many Ospreys will there be at the Dinghy Show? Can you find them all? How many will be Mark 5s? Hartley Boats are working hard over the winter to build a fleet of Ospreys, and there could be as many as five Mark 5s dotted about the Show! Is there a collective noun for a flock of Ospreys?
Come and find them, and better still tell anyone looking at them all about these wonderful boats. Here's your script in next box.



Why Choose Osprey?

- Fast exciting boat to sail
- Long hull and generous genoa gives upwind power
- Great boat to crew, with trapeze and symmetric spinnaker
- Old boats compete equally with new ones
- Fantastic value for money
- Training programme with top coaches
- Busy nationwide and regional racing circuits

2016 Nationals at Mumbles – Enter Early, Enter Now!

To celebrate the successful launch of the Mark 5 Osprey, Hartley Boats have announced generous sponsorship of the 2016 Osprey Nationals at Mumbles in August.
Support will be directly linked to the number of entries at the Nationals, and they have set big stretch targets for the class to aim at. Their generous cashbacks to competitors start if we achieve 50 or over entries, and hit the maximum if we achieve over 70. The Association will support this, by adding support if we exceed 40 entries, and then adding to Hartleys' cashback if we exceed greater numbers.
To help achieve these targets, we are opening Nationals entries immediately.

Enclosed with this mailout is your Nationals entry form, and entries are open now. Please consider entering now, as you renew your membership. We will also be taking entries on the Osprey class stand at the Dinghy Show, so bring your cheque book. All entries received by the end of the Dinghy Show will go into a draw for a special prize.

Not only Hartleys and the Association are eager to make this a Nationals to remember, we also have outstanding support from our hosts Mumbles YC and the Welsh Osprey fleet. Mumbles is one of the leading clubs in Wales and regularly run Championships, for many classes.

Sources for more info;

There are now Nationals minisites on our class website, and on the Mumbles YC website. Mumbles are also placing latest news on Facebook and Twitter. Links for info;
http://mumblesyachtclub.co.uk/ospreys2016
https://www.facebook.com/MumblesYachtClub/
https://twitter.com/mumblesyc

www.ospreysailing.org

Facebooks Osprey and Osprey Sailing



Pics courtesy Mumbles Yacht Club

Reasons to come to Mumbles

Key reasons to come to Mumbles for the Nationals:-

- Fabulous Sailing Waters in a wide bay.
- A helpful and friendly club, who have a long history of Osprey sailing and are looking forward to the event.
- Experienced and fully resourced race and support team.
- Easy launching with four slipway options and lots of hard standing for boat storage.
- A lovely clubhouse with great facilities and a rooftop decked area with panoramic views of the bay.
- Lots of accommodation options.
- Plenty for the support teams to do off the water, why not make a week of it?
- Easy access to the M4 motorway.
- The first Nationals with the Mark 5 Osprey, so we are expecting a great turnout, the more the merrier.
- Support from Hartley Boats and the Class Association will mean outstanding value for money.
- The Welsh fleet is already building and looking forward to some great sailing and socialising.

Looking forward to welcoming the fleet back to Wales.

Oscar Chess



Mumbles in pictures



Slipway with boat storage area on the right.



MYC veranda, above, gives great views.



Mumbles regularly host Championships, like this 2014 Dart Nationals.

2017 and 2018

Let's look beyond the 2016 Nationals!

The 2018 Osprey Nationals will be hosted by Weymouth SC/ Castle Cove SC. These clubs are hosts of one of our best annual opens, every July, and Weymouth hosted the 2013 Nationals. Dates?

The Association expects to agree with Lee on Solent SC to host the 2017 Nationals.

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The Osprey Class Association—key benefits to members

- **NEW FOR 2016 – 15% discount for assn members on purchases of chandlery, spars and sails at Hartley Boats.** Not applicable to foils and rudder stocks.
- Organises class circuits and Championships
- Organises **free** training days
- Communicates with members and public via Class website, Facebooks, newsletters, Forum 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.

Buying an Osprey?

You're in luck! Ospreys are usually very hard to find, but currently there are a few available below. See full ads on www.ospreysailing.org .

Hartley Mark 4s
(all listed have carbon rigs.)
1356, Built 2014. Twin poles. Little used, 3 suits. £8000. Mark Weston on 0758 1201761.
1352, 2013. Black and silver hull, lightly used. 2 suits. £7000. Nick Jones on 01525 751712.
1340, 2009. All carbon, twin poles, 3 suits. £7000. John Mills on 0779 1232585.
1342, 2009. HD & North sails. £5750. Ted Lewis on 07790 839735.
1322. 2008, 1 suit, choice of carbon or wood board. £5900 or 5500. Mick Greenland 01795 870505
1316. 2006. Norths. £5000. Alan Henderson 01292 281383

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



Championship action at Mumbles in 2015

Winter open news

A few Osprey sailors have been indulging in winter sailing.
Terry Curtis and Richard Burton have done three of the GJW SailJuice series, including the **Datchet Flyer** when they took an excellent 3rd position from a 78 strong fleet. Breezes were fresh on the Saturday, mixed on the Sunday. Terry and Richard cemented their high place on the Sunday, by winning the double points pursuit race. They then took 56th place in a 147 strong fleet at the **Oxford Blue**.
The **Bloody Mary** on 9 January was attended by a three boat team of Martin Cooney/ Peter Frith, Terry/ Pete Greig from Weymouth, and Phil and Ben Meakins from Warsash. There was a huge turnout of 275 boats in breezy conditions. The Osprey team did very well, with Martin& Peter in 20th position, Terry & Pete in 35th, and Phil and Ben in 37th. Phil Meakins took the Grandmaster prize.

The final SailJuice fixture this winter is;
Tiger Trophy, Rutland, February 6/7

Other winter meetings which Ospreys may attend include;
Starcross Steamer, January 17

Steve Nicholson, Northampton, January 30

The Starcross Steamer is part of a three event **SouthWest Series**, alongside the **Roadford Rocket,** on March 13th and the **Exmoor Beastie**, on March 20th. The events are all in similar format, of pursuit races of 3 hours duration. Sounds ideal for the many Ospreys in the SW.

Five Ospreys took part in the Steamer, in light breezes, in a 100 boat fleet. Ros Downs took the prize for first Lady Helm in her Osprey. First of the Ospreys was Phil Meakins and Nick Willis, in 22nd place, with Terry Curtis/ Pete Greig in 23, and Ros/ David Downs in 24.

In the class's Northern bastion Alan Henderson and Cameron Milne sailed their Osprey 1316 into second overall in the Largs November Open series. There will be another Open series at Largs in February and March.

2016 Osprey Opens

Current dates, as at 25 January, are as follows. We expect to finalise list very soon, so check on website.

Blithfield Apr 16/17
Mounts Bay May 1/ 2
Poole Jun 25/26
Weymouth July 9/10
Burnham Aug 27/29
Kielder Sep 10/11
Rutland October 22/23?

This year there will be a more compact national series, giving more people the chance of qualifying. Look out for lists of regional circuits, and of other opens which Ospreys expect to attend.