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Osprey Class Newsletter

Osprey Class Association

Osprey Inlands at Blithfield kickstarts the Season

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Sign up to events there.

Post your own chat, news, videos, pics etc. Tell everyone about the class.

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The weekend's racing at Blithfield was preceded by a class sponsored training day on Friday, run by Olympic Coach Steve Irish. 12 boats enjoyed a very full day of on the water drills and practice races backed by off the water video and reviews. A very interesting day saw all crews more focused and faster, ready for the weekend ahead.

Saturday saw many additional entrants, greeted by the stiff breeze so suited to Ospreys. Race 1 allowed Terry Curtis and new crew Jim Hunt, on his first ever Osprey sail, win their first race together. In second place were Gareth Caldwell and Jon Gibbons followed by Rob Shaw and Ian Little.

In Race two, the two leaders swapped places with this time Ben and Simon Hawkes in third. Further down the fleet a new Mk 5 Osprey was tuning up and looking good in its first event. The final race of day was won by Chris Gould and Nick Broomhall, back on the water after gear failure. Martin Cooney and Peter Frith were third.

There were lighter and shifty winds on Sunday morning. Curtis/Hunt scored another win with Gould and Broomhall in second. Alex Mamwell and Arthur Butler showed that having very unequal amounts of age and beauty did not prevent them from sailing very quickly.

The last Sunday race continued the run of wins for Terry Curtis with Caldwell/Gibbons in second. This time the daughter and father team of Alex and Nick Wills made it into third. This completed the weekend so Curtis and Hunt were winners of the Blithfield Bowl and Osprey Inland 2016 champions.

Overall Results:

1st Terry Curtis and Jim Hunt (Weymouth) 1281
2nd Gareth Caldwell and Jon Gibbons (Blithfield) 1331
3rd Chris Gould and Nick Broomhall (Blithfield) 1311
4th Martin Cooney and Peter Frith (Poole) 1290
5th Alex and Nick Willis (Hayling Island) 1291





The Osprey class offers big fleet racing at its opens. Pics courtesy Angela Mamwell.

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Hartley Boats supply complete new or used Ospreys, and can supply all spares, sails, covers, trailers, and clothing.

Quote your membership number to get a 15% discount on chandlery, sails and spars.

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

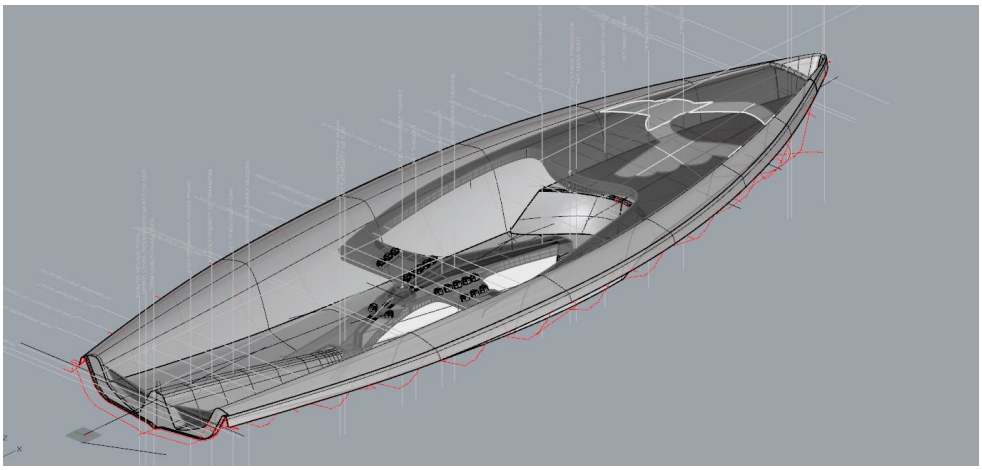
The Osprey

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

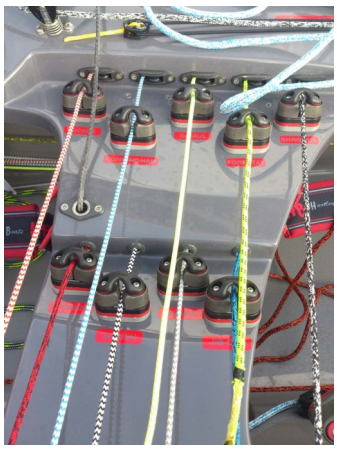
Mark 5 drawing



Three mouldings make up the hull. The inner moulding of foredeck and centreboard sweeps elegantly aft. A centre tunnel in the helm area stiffens the aft sections further, and lets the helm brace his/ her feet.

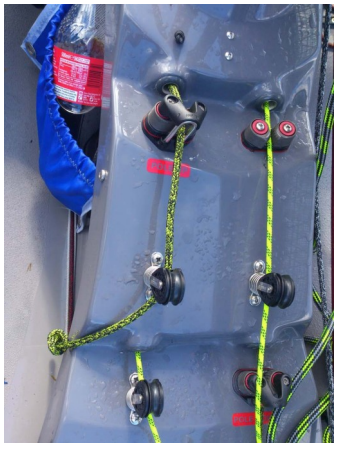
Mark 5 layout– John and Caz's boat

The first two Mark 5s produced by Osprey sole builders Hartley Boats are those of John/ Caz Mills, and of Mick Greenland. Both of these were at the Dinghy Show, and have had a few mods since. The Mills' boat was at Blithfield, so some pictures of it are shown here. Remember this is just one buyer's choice of layout.
The Mills' boat now has a nice set of labels on the controls.



Key to pic left. Left is aft.
Inner rack of controls, in order from back; Kicker, cun, outhaul, forestay, shrouds.
Outer rack from back;
Tweaker, strut push, strut pull, jib car.
Inner rack strings fly high above thwart to slots on gunwhale. Outer rack strings fly lower to outer end of thwart. All are on elastic takeaways.

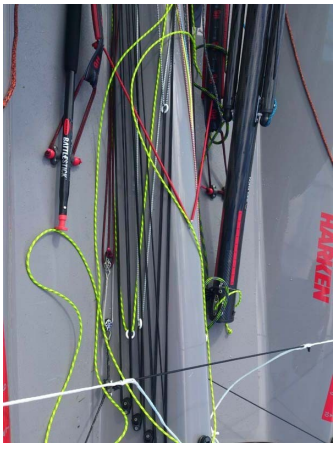
John and Caz's Mark 5, aft



Pic left. Bow up, stern down. Centre main just above pic. Rear area contains just spi halliard up and down, and spi pole up and down.

Pic right. Bow up, stern down. Bank of elastic takeaways on both sides of the rear tunnel.

Note this boat has twin poles, which may affect the number of strings. This boat has guy tweakers aft.



The Hartley Boats 2016 Osprey Nationals – Special Draw for early entrants!

The **headline sponsor** of the Mumbles Nationals will be **Hartley Boats**, which are kindly providing cashback linked to the number of entries, thus reducing your costs.

We also have a dazzling array of other sponsors supporting the event. They include **Rain and Sun Covers** who are kindly giving a cover to encourage early entries. This will be drawn for, on a ballot of everyone who has entered their boat **by May 31**. So enter early to have the chance of winning a free cover.

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

Tourist sites

www.visitswanseabay.com

www.enjoygower.com

www.explore-gower.co.uk

Nationals sponsors

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 Bay.
Picture courtesy Alistair Ramsden

Rules update

Your committee reviews the class rules from time to time. The current set of rules only mentions Ospreys up to the Mark 4, so the rules need to be updated to include references to the Mark 5.

The onus is on each owner to ensure that his/ her boat and equipment conforms, and continues to conform, to the rules.

A year or two ago, the committee looked at the issue of mast tip weight in the light of slightly lighter spars being produced.

This year, we feel that it would be timely to look at the weights of boats. Therefore the committee plans to purchase a set of scales, to help doing research into typical weights of Ospreys.

At present there is no provision in the rules for all up weight, as the rule simply covers hull weight. The committee may look at the viability of introducing a figure for minimum all up weight.

The committee will feedback to the members any proposed updates and changes in due course.

Training Days

Are you enjoying the training days? Do you agree funding training days is a good use of association funds? Any other ideas to help grow the class and help its members get keener?

Future Osprey Nationals

Your committee aims to plan Nationals for a few years into future. This is the current outline, which may evolve as talks progress.

2016 Mumbles YC

2017 Poole YC

2018 Weymouth SC

2019 Porthpean SC

2020 Castle Cove SC

2021 North Wales?

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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.

Hartley Mark 4s

(all listed have carbon rigs.)

1352, 2013. Black and silver hull, lightly used. 2 suits. £7000. Nick Jones on 01525 751712.

1340, 2009. 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

Woodies

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

1164. £2995. Hartley Boats on 01332 369751.

52. Bell Woodworking, 1957. Alloy mast and spars, sail number on hog. Full set of sails. Redecked a few years ago. One of earliest Ospreys in existence, good cond for age. Contact Douglas Mcintyre, 07943 316130.





Next training day is at Poole, 24 June.

Photo courtesy Mike Millard.

2016 Osprey National and Regional Circuits, and Training Days

2016 Osprey Opens

Wilkinson Sword (national circuit) events:

Apr 16/17 **Inlands** Blithfield
Apr 30/ May 1 Mounts Bay
June 25/26 Poole
July 9/10 Castle Cove
Aug 27/29 Burnham
Sep 10/11 Kielder
Oct 22/23 **End of Seasons** Rutland

4 events to count in series

Kielder also counts as Scottish & Northern Championships.
Rutland also counts as Welsh & Midlands Championships.

Training Days

June 24 Poole
Sep 9 Kielder

Remember training days are **FREE** to association members.

South Wales Circuit

June 11/12 Mumbles
June 25/26 Tenby
Sep 11 Sully
Sep 24 Portishead
Oct 1/ 2 Tata

3 events to count

Mumbles and Tenby both include a long distance race on one of the days. £500 cash team prize at Tenby. Lots of activity in S Wales in advance of **Nationals at Mumbles on Aug 11-14**, so it is sure to be a busy circuit. Venues easily accessible from SW England.

Lakes & Borders Circuit

June 18/19 Largs
July 2/3 Lord Birkett, Ullswater
Sep 10/11 Scottish & Northerns and WS, Kielder Water SC

2 events to count

Largs is excellent opportunity to gain sea sailing practice before the Nationals. Lord Birkett gives big fleet experience. All 3 events are shared with other classes, so they present a great chance to show off the Osprey to other classes. All 3 venues welcome campervans. Why not come up from the South, then head afterwards for holiday in Scotland or the Lakes?

Class training day at Kielder on Sep 9 with Tim Rush.