Osprey Class Newsletter

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Osprey Class Association

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Weymouth Regatta – *by Kevin Francis*

On 8/ 9 July, Weymouth Dinghy Regatta attracted some 16 Ospreys from far and wide. The top traveller award goes to Alan Henderson and Alastair Barrie coming all the way down from Prestwick, whilst runners up were the teams from Mounts Bay - Colin Stephens and Mikey Grieg and Doc Ellery with son Thomas - fantastic effort guys.

Light shifty breezes prevailed throughout. New for this year was a start line shared with the Fireball class. But most starts were clean, with a trapezoid and outer loop the course. Father and son Simon and Ben Hawkes soon showed they would be the team to beat.

Others showing well were Alastair Raynard and Rob Burdekin from Carsington. These boys are armed with a new Mk V boat and look to be pulling all of that string effectively.

Basher Marshall and the ever placid Andy Edmonds entertained by taking the poor old Fireballs way up to windward on the reach... which of course they appreciated fully.

Kevin Francis and Phil Male improved as the day wore on to clinch a win in the last of the three races and led overnight.

Sunday was as hot as Saturday and the wind lighter, but the Race Officer managed all three races as advertised.

Some new faces made welcome appearances at the front end especially the far travelled teams getting amongst the action. For Mikey Grieg and Colin Stephens it was the first time in Jurassic waters for some years in the legendary Lethal Weapon 1116, looking spanking with new carbon sticks and a lick of paint.

Also improving were Terry Curtis and Peter Grieg, after a sail change.

The racing was tight through the fleet with Roger and Jamie Blake showing well in a final send off for 'Fish for Tea' before collecting a shiny new Mk V. Ken Brown and Chris Butters are getting ever closer to nailing an event, with just a touch more consistency required. Some new faces on the scene included the Adler family who benefited from a day's free class training with Adam Bowers the current Nationals Champion and Chris Donny and Lorraine from Carsington mixing it up well.

In the end, the Hawkes added a pair of wins to those on the Saturday to take the Southern Championship. Francis/ Male came second, with Raynard/ Burdekin third.



Anyone recognise this fine craft?
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NATIONALS– GET YOUR ENTRY IN!

We currently (early July) have 30 entries in so far, but there's still time for you to enter and join in the fun.

Read all about the Nationals on Page 3, and look out for further news in the runup to the event on the class website at www.ospreysailing.org , the class Facebook pages Osprey and Sail Osprey and in yachting press such as www.yachtsandyachting.com.

Entry is £165 per boat, or £130 for Under 21s. An entry form is attached within this mail out.

Look out for an all new social programme, run by our youth team and Tim Bowden.

Two very distinguished speakers will be our guests at dinner on Thursday night. Don't miss this fantastic chance to hear all about the origins of the Osprey, by speakers who were there!

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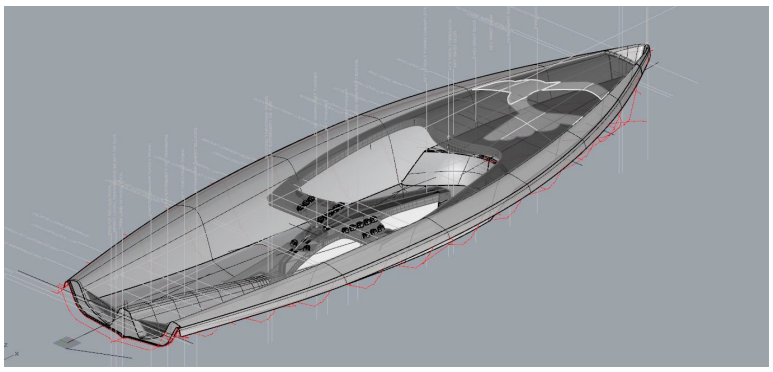
- Fast exciting boat to sail
- Long hull and generous genoa gives upwind power
- Great boat to crew, with trapeze and symmetric spinnaker
- Old boats compete equally with new ones
- Fantastic value for money
- Training programme with top coaches
- Busy nationwide and regional racing circuits

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; Epoxy, GRP/FRP, GRP or wood

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



MARK V UPDATE

In 2016, six Mark V Ospreys were built by the class's sole builder, Hartley Boats. Three have been completed so far in 2017. The latest, 1368, for Steve Leaney of Blithfield was the first to be self fitted out, a new option just started by Hartleys. The Hartleys have completed their own boat, 1366, which has a much simplified layout compared with the early boats last year. It is planned to be the progenitor of a standard Mark V. 1367 for Alan Henderson also has simplified layout. Next to be unveiled is 1369 for Roger Blake.

HARTLEY and NORTH SAILS TIE UP

In Spring 2017, Hartley and North Sails have agreed that Hartley will become the sole supplier of North Osprey sails. So new boats will have Norths, and if you have an older boat and want to order any Norths, you must do so through Hartleys.

The Hartleys' boat 1366 has spent a few weeks at Norths, allowing North sailmakers to have a good look at the boat, and to develop a new tuning sheet to suit the Mark Vs with North Sails.

To celebrate the new tieup, Hartleys and North have agreed to sponsor the Osprey Nationals, by way of putting up a brand new North genoa, to go into a prize draw to encourage early entries. 29 boats entered by the early entry deadline of 30 June, and the draw was made on 7 July at the Weymouth training day. Lucky winners were Alastair Raynard and Rob Burdekin of Carsington.
There will be just single types of each of the three sails available, viz the J6B genoa, the ODL laminate main, and the G3 spinnaker. The genoa will be available as a zip luff version for Mark Vs, a stuff luff for others, or with internal luff wire.

Osprey Class clothing

You may buy any of a wide choice of products,. Perfect souvenir for the Nationals. Go to
http://www.ospreysailing.org/cms/index.php/news/41-osprey-class-clothing

Recent Mark Vs



Steve Leaney's 1368, with lowers and twin poles



Alan Henderson's 1367



Pete Mallaband, 1365

2017 Nationals Preview– *by Chris Playfair*

Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th August
Poole Yacht Club, Dorset

At Poole we expect 40-50 boats for the class's 60th Nationals. Entries include many of the fabulous Mark V's, as well as many well-tried, older models.
Racing on first and last days will be in Poole Harbour, while Friday and Saturday will be outside in Poole Bay.
We aim to provide good competition for those at the front of the pack, an excellent experience for those new to the Nationals, and the usual Osprey camaraderie to all.
For the first time at an Osprey Nationals, all boats will be supplied with position **trackers**, allowing those onshore to follow all the ups and downs of each race. **GOTEC 7** will kindly supply the trackers.
We plan a bumper series of evening entertainments, great food and wonderful sailing.
For those of you who love serious dinghy history, or just love Ospreys, put the evening of Thursday 10th August in your diary.
We will be joined by two **Guests of Honour**, telling us about the early days of the class. **Michael Goffe** was the helm in 1953 of Osprey number 1, at the IYRU trials for a new Olympic boat. **Cliff Norbury** was one of the three man supercrew (with Ian Proctor and John Oakley) who won the Round the Island race in Osprey number 1 that year. Later, Cliff helped propel another Proctor design, the Tempest, to Olympic selection. It is worth coming to the Nationals just to hear these two sailors' memories. If you are a former Osprey sailor who would like to attend the talks, contact Peter Frith for tickets.
There are a host of prizes and great events planned for on and off the water with **a mass of prizes** supplied by our generous **sponsors**. These goodies from sponsors will be **well spread through the fleet.**
Poole has a wide range of places to stay. The club has extensive facilities and excellent catering.
Off the water, Poole and Dorset offer stunning surroundings for your family to enjoy while you sail.

A few of the local sailors may be able to provide accommodation. Peter Frith is the best person to call re accommodation from club members. Parking for camper vans must be booked in advance through the club, phone PooleYC on 01202 672687.

Alternatively, Beacon Hill camp site is the cheapest and about 3 miles away.

Come and join us for a Championship to remember!

Further info:
www.pooletourism.com
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Sailing at Poole. Pic Mike Millard

Nationals Sponsors

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Class coaching in 2017

Three class training days have been held; if you have any further ideas re training please contact Terry Curtis.
First training day was at **Blithfield**, on **Friday 31st March**, with coach **Tim Rush**.
Tim returned for our second training day, at **Poole** on **23 June**. The third training day was at **Castle Cove SC**, the day before the WS meeting, on **Friday 7th July**. Coach was **Adam Bowers,** who covered boat handling, starting and boat positioning up to marks. All participants have enjoyed these free coaching sessions very much.



Coach Tim Rush in action at Blithfield





After a successful Dinghy Show in March 2017, your committee plans to again have a stand at the Show in 2018 to show our fine craft to the dinghy world. Dates are 3 & 4 March 2018.

Poole Open & Training 23-25 June – *by Andy Edmonds*



A windy Poole regatta

As the last of the banana skins wash out of the harbour entrance I can look back on an exciting Poole open event.
Firstly the training day with Tim Rush for those that went was brilliant. The conditions forced Tim to focus on boat trim for heavy weather and after a morning of being blown about and spat out the boat with frequent tea bagging, Tim took us in for something to eat. Simon and Ben Hawkes generously shared their lunch of egg sandwiches. This selfless gesture might just have saved Ben's life. A bumpy ride around Poole's waves that afternoon with Simon full of egg sandwiches risked creating even windier conditions aboard than forecast. After lunch Tim reviewed video of the morning session and allowed us to peer into the dark art of sail setting. The session in the afternoon was fast and eggsilarating, if not completely dry.

Saturday came and the wind was still up. RO Simon Philbrick set courses with tight reaches.
Aboard our boat "Luv Bites" it was good in parts. Well, the last race was good. We popped up near the front with our current nemesis Shippy McShipface. We took the lead for a while but on the final run made a tactical mistake and they got inside us getting water on the mark and leading us over the line. Phil and Piers were bearing down on us for 3rd place, even with their launching trolley still attached! The Saturday night 'Battle of the Bands' was a storming success at the club. Sunday morning the wind was still up, but a new RO set spi friendly reaches.

After three full on races, everyone came off the water with huge grins, it was hard work but a lot of fun.

I have got to thank all the volunteers and officials that allow us to go around having such a blast, Mike Millard for some excellent photos on his Flickr site and Poole Yacht Club for hosting the event.
Personally, I would also like to thank my helm Basher for putting up with me lumbering about, chatting inanely and flapping under pressure!
Results
1.Piers Strong and Phil Angrave, Poole YC, 8 pts.
2.George and Harry Odling, Plymouth University SC, 21 pts
3. Kevin Francis and Phil Male, Castle Cove SC, 21 pts

Osprey Class Association 2017 AGM

The AGM will be held during the National Championship at Poole Yacht Club.
Date: Friday 11th August 2017
Time: 19:30
Venue: The Club House

Sappho wins CVRDA *-by David Downs*

We re-launched Osprey 73, named Sappho after the Ancient Greek female poet, at the Classic and Vintage Racing Dinghy Association meeting at Roadford Lake in Devon on the 15/16 July.
We went for a quick trial sail on Saturday morning and had the spinnaker up after about 100 yards from the beach and shortly afterwards were on a three sail reach with me flat out on the wire. Not quite the gentle trial we expected but it was a great feeling to get the old boat planing again.
There was considerably less wind for the racing itself, but we finished with three firsts and a second to win the event.
We have a few minor snags to sort out, but nothing that a bit of epoxy won't fix. Overall we were very pleased with how it went, though it feels quite different to Just Pogo. We were also pleased with the number of positive comments we received.



WS Series standings 2017 so far

Pos	Helm	Crew	Blithfield	Mts Bay	Tata Steel	Coniston	Carsington	Poole	Weymouth	**Total so far**
1	Simon Hawkes	Ben Hawkes	3.9	7	1	DNC	-8	0.9		**12.8**
2	Alistair Raynard	Rob Burdekin	-9	5	DNC	1	7	2.9		**15.9**
3	Ken Brown	Chris Butters	-16	2	2	10	DNC	8		**22**
4	Emma Stevenson	Tim Bowden	8	10.5	DNC	2	3.9	-12		**24.4**
5	Paul Heather	Jonathan Osgood	10	-10.5	3	6	10	-13		**29**
6	Terry Curtis	Peter Greig	1.9	1	DNC	DNC	DNC	3.9		**58.8**
7	George Odling	Harry Odling	2.9	8	DNC	DNC	1.9	DNC		**65.8**
8	Alan Henderson	Alastair Barrie	12	DNC	DNC	5	DNC	4.9		**74.9**
9	Richard Marshall	Andrew Edmonds	DNC	10.5	DNC	DNC	4.9	11		**79.4**

Regional Osprey Scene

South Wales news

Regattas in South Wales recently have included **Tata SC** on **20/21 May**, part of the South Wales series and the National WS series.



In brisk conditions, Simon and Ben Hawkes won all of Saturday's races at the Tata open. Peter Lloyd and Tim Bowden won the first race on the Sunday, with Simon and Ben taking the final race to win the meeting overall, with Ken Brown and Chris Butters second, and Paul Heather/ Jonathan Osgood third.

Ospreys were to the fore at the **Pembroke YC Regatta** on **1/2 July**. This regatta included the 7 Forts race, and was part of the Osprey South Wales series. Three Ospreys took part, all doing well. Paul Roberts and John Clark from Portishead took first in Last Orders, the well travelled Ken Brown and Chris Butters took second, while in the 7 Forts Race Andrew and Rebecca Jenkins took third, giving the class a 1-2-3.



1. Paul Roberts & John Clark



2. Ken Brown/ Chris Butters, left



3. Andrew & Rebecca Jenkins

Midlands Growing

So the South Wales events have attracted quite a few Ospreys from further afield. There are now Ospreys around the Bristol area, notably three at Bristol Corinthian, and others around Cirencester/ Oxford area, which are also in close proximity to the South Wales circuit. Equally, these boats are close enough to the **Midlands/ Derbyshire**, another area of growth for the class lately. Carsington now has Al and Rob's Mark V, and a Mark IV purchased by former Javelin sailor Chris Donny, as well as an older Osprey, while the longstanding Midlands heartland of Blithfield has now added a new Mark V, owned by Merlin sailor Steve Leaney. And the Hartleys have their Mark V, just race tuned by Norths. Both opens at Blithfield and Carsington went very well, with very good racing and excellent hospitality ashore. Top marks to Carsington for full size Championship courses at the Inlands in June. The Inlands title went to locals Alastair Raynard and Rob Burdekin, with extra prizes donated by sponsors Hartley Boats.

The Midlands boats are also close to **Kielder Water**, which hosts the Scottish & Northerns in early September, and looks set for a bumper turnout this year. Always good food and beer at Kielder, with lovely scenery plus star watching at night. Plenty of parking space for campervans, and free camping. Kielder is another inland water with plenty of space for Championship size courses.





Steve Leaney, above, has one of these new boats in the Midlands, which should help grow the fleet at the **Scottish & Northerns at Kielder Water on September 9/ 10.**

Thanks to all who have allowed use of pictures in this newsletter; Simon Edwards, Colin Jenkins, Alan Henderson, Pete Mallaband, Angela Mamwell, Mike Millard, Mike Rice, David Currier, David Downs. And thanks to Kevin Francis, Chris Playfair, Andrew Edmonds and David Downs for stories. Newsletter edited by Alan Henderson.

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1329. Soon for sale, Roger Blake.

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1168. Exc cond. Professional new split deck 2009, repainted 2013. Superspars alloy spars. Milanes foils, galvanized combi. 2011 breathable cover. Location Weymouth. £1300ono for quick sale. Kay Stibbs. Skateboardkay"at"hotmail.co.uk

Check class website at **www.ospreysailing.org** if you are searching for an Osprey. Or ask Hartley Boats, they sometimes know of boats about to come on market.

The Osprey Class Association—key benefits to members

- **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.

Next events

Aug 10-13	**Poole YC**. National Championships.
Aug 11	**Poole YC** Osprey Association AGM
Aug 26/27	**Burnham**. WS8
Sep 9/10	**Kielder WSC**. Scottish & Northern Championships and WS9
Oct 28/29	**Rutland SC**. End of Seasons and WS10.

Nick Jones

Earlier this year, former class chairman Nick Jones passed away. The class sends its heartfelt condolences to his widow Hilary and the family.

Class Chairman Peter Frith writes, "I was on the committee when the Mark 4 came about. Nick was instrumental in its instigation in 2004. Richard and Mark Hartley attended an Osprey Nationals sailing a Mark 3 Osprey. They were already builder for the Kestrel, another Proctor design. Richard was considering building other classes and remembered his passion for the Osprey that he had sailed as a youth. They both enjoyed the event and the boat. It was at this time that Nick came back as Chairman of the class at a time of some turmoil and need."

"He was approached by Richard to see if the class would be interested in him supplying a new version of the Osprey, the Mark 4. Nick convinced the committee that Richard's offer was genuine and oversaw the various rule changes and hurdles that inevitably occur when producing something different. Later when things became difficult between the builder and the class, as they had when the Mark 3 had been introduced some 30 odd years before, Nick persuaded Richard to continue with our class which has led to both its survival and indeed its continued development to the new Mark 5."

"Nick at times has been both Chairman and behind the scenes treasurer. He has always put the class first, being one of the members who has regularly purchased new Ospreys leading to regular second hand boats. Nick attended over 31 Nationals a feat which I am sure will never be surpassed."

"We tend to sometimes overlook that as well as Nick, the class has to thank Hilary for being the other half of a team supporting Nick in his endeavours attending many of the Open meetings and Nationals and being there for him. Nick was so proud of his daughter Naomi telling us all about her Archery endeavours. So thank you Jones Family for all that you have done for the Osprey class."

Kevin Francis added, "Nick's legacy will live on through current and future Osprey sailors, who will remember him with great pride."

