Osprey Class Association

2023 AGM Draft Notes

Attendees: Arthur Butler, Matt Rainback, Phil Angrave, Alec Mamwell, Roger Blake, Jamie Blake, Alex Willis, Michael Atkinson, Stuart Maunder, Kevin Francis, David Downs, Ros Downs, Peter Frith, Alastair Barrie, Alan Henderson, Ian Little, Mike Scott, Viola Scott, Martin Cooney, Nick Broomhall, Jon Batt, Keith Gibbons, Richard Marshall, Timothy Kift, Janet Shenton, John Shenton, Dan Drummond, Tom Kift, Matt Burge, Willy Crichton, Nick Willis, Carwyn Owen, Maurice Clarke, Dave Griffiths, Oscar Chess, Paul Bambridge.

• *Apologies for Absence*

Peter & Mike Greig, Wally Gardiner & Rob Shaw

• *Approval of minutes of 2022 AGM*

Minutes approved - proposed by Viola Scott & seconded by Roger Blake and all agreed.

• *Matters Arising*

None

• *Chairman's Report*

The Osprey Class continues to thrive with Emsworth & Netley Sailing clubs becoming Osprey Clubs and reducing the average age of the Membership. It is great to see the next generation coming through, keeping the Hartley's, the Willis' and the Blake's Company. We would like to thank Richard Hartley for donating the Youth Trophy to compliment the Family Trophy.

Your hard-working committee has been hopefully producing a special year to celebrate the 70th Anniversary. The aim was to hand over to a new committee at this year's AGM. So far this has not happened. Fortunately, the younger members of the Committee have agreed to keep continuity, but nobody has come forward to replace the older members unless any of you say yes now. Please seriously think about it as you can be co-opted at any time to take the Class into the next decade.

The year started with a special 70th Anniversary Osprey stand at the Farnborough Dinghy Show, where Harleys presented us with the Youth Trophy & we did the Youth draw for free entry to these Championships with the Class boat. It was great to have Terry's boat on the stand and it attracted a lot of interest and Hartleys (HB) sold a Mk6 to an American. Thanks to all those who made the stand a great success.

The Scottish & Northern Tour proved to be a great idea to celebrate our 70th Anniversary with 9 boats competing. Our thanks go to Viola Scott & Alex Willis for making it happen. Although this is unlikely to be an Annual Event it is definitely likely to happen again and perhaps the idea could be developed for other areas of the UK such as the Southwest.

The opening event is always so important to ensure we all have our boats out of storage, ready and raring to go and this was Tata Sailing Club who traditionally used to host the season opener. Tata will be hosting it again in 2024.

The Round the Isle of Wight race is taking place on the weekend of 23rd/24th September as part of the 70th Anniversary celebrations, very fitting as this is where is all started. Thanks to Oscar Chess and Lymington Town Sailing Club for their efforts in getting this going.

Thanks to the very generous sponsorship of Hartley Boats for these Championships and we have a bumper entry list, thanks to you all.

Next year's Championships will be at Poole from 5th-8th September.

Alex Willis is putting together an exciting calendar of events well spread throughout the year. We continue to look at new venues & the possibility of sharing where necessary.

It is hoped the next decade will continue as positive as the last and the youngsters of today will take the Class forward.

- ***Treasurer's Report for the 2022 Financial year:***

Overview

My thanks are due to Ros and other members of the Committee for their help and support in my first year as Treasurer.

The membership figures stand at 120 for 2022, which is a reduction on last year by 9.

Despite this the Association still has a sound platform to take the Class into the near future and the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead including celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Coronation Cup & the success of the Osprey.

Dinghy Show 2022

Again, we piggybacked on the Hartley Boats stand, which significantly reduced our costs.

Fixed Assets

The Class boat is an asset for this financial year and is thus reflected as such.

Current Assets

This is an underpayment of £5 on the Expression of Interest for the 2023 Nationals. This has now been paid in 2023.

Liabilities

We have no liabilities on the current year

Membership fees

- ***Subscription Rates for 2024 Season***

  It is proposed that the current agreed fees remain in place. It is greatly appreciated that Members pay with standing orders or bank transfers, and it is hoped this will continue. As most will be aware, Banks are closing branches and limiting opening times, and so it is becoming increasing difficult to pay in cheques.

Proposed by Nick Willis, Seconded by Jamie Blake & All agreed

- ***Appointment of Examiner of the Accounts***

My thanks for the 2022 accounts go to Ted Lewis who has audited the Accounts and has found them worthy of approval.

Ted Lewis has kindly agreed to continue as auditor for a further year.

Proposed by Viola Scott, Seconded by Oscar Chess & All agreed.

The Accounts were approved - proposed by Alex Willis, seconded by Mike Scott and agreed by all.

- ***Election of Officers & Committee Members***

Position	**Nominee**	**Signature**	**Proposer**	**Seconder**
Chairman	Peter Frith	Agreed @ Committee meeting 16th July 2023	Richard Marshall	Alec Mamwell
Treasurer	Kevin Francis	Agreed @ Committee meeting 16th July 2023	Richard Marshall	Alec Mamwell
Secretary	Ros Downs	Going into 3rd year of 3-year term		
Committee Member	David Downs	Agreed @ Committee meeting 16th July 2023	Roger Blake	Nick Willis
Committee Member	Mick Greenland	Agreed @ Committee meeting 16th July 2023	Roger Blake	Nick Willis
Committee Member	Alex Willis	Agreed @ Committee meeting 16th July 2023	Roger Blake	Nick Willis
Committee Member	Jamie Blake	Agreed @ Committee meeting 16th July 2023	Roger Blake	Nick Willis
Committee Member	Richard Marshall	Agreed @ AGM 4th September 2023	Roger Blake	Nick Willis

- ***Proposed Class Measurement Rule Changes***

Resolution 1

It is proposed to add the following to Class Rules C.5 Portable Equipment, C.5.1 For Use

"Devices for recording photographs and/or video. These devices and their attachments shall not extend horizontally outside the profile of the hull. Where attached to a spar the device and it's attachment shall not extend the spar by more than 300mm. The photographs and/or video shall not be available to the crew while racing."

The intention is to allow GoPro and other cameras to be used while racing while ensuring that the cameras are not causing an obstruction to other competitors or providing the crew with data not available to everyone.

David Downs & Jamie Blake explained this was to support training and promoting the class. There was some discussion around the resolution.

It was proposed by Jamie Blake & seconded by Tom Kift and there were 5 abstentions & 0 against so the Resolution was agreed.

Resolution 2

It is proposed to make the following amendments in order to recognise the existence of the Mark VI. Amend Class Rule D.2.1 to read

b) The hull shall conform to one of the Class Association and Copyright Holder approved Marks II to VI of Osprey or approved variations using a feature or features from a different mark of Osprey as documented in Part 3 Appendix J

d) The hull of boats of Mark IV, V or VI supplied by the Copyright Holder shall only be altered to:
a. Add, remove or change fittings, including mounting pads and brackets for the sole purpose of attaching said fittings.
b. Genuine repair of damage
c. Routine maintenance such as polishing and painting
David Downs advised this was just housekeeping.

Proposed by Jamie Blake & seconded by Viola Scott. There was 1 Abstention & 0 against so the resolution was agreed.

Resolution 3

It is proposed to make the following amendment to the Class Rules to reinstate the height of the mast step in Mark II or III which was lost in the rewrite to World Sailing Format.

Add to K.10.2 Dimensions
"The vertical depth of the top of the mast spur from the hog, at the mast step, shall be a minimum of 96mm and a maximum of 108mm"

David Downs advised these were the same words as in the RYA rules.

Proposed by Phil Angrave, seconded by Ian Little & All agreed.

The formal meeting closed at 20.05hrs.

AOB:

- Oscar Chess gave a vote of thanks to all the Committee for the 70th Anniversary Dinner, the Northern Tour & these Nationals.
- Phil Angrave asked what had happened to the Class Boat prior to the Nationals. The Secretary stated it had been to South Wales for the Tata Open & then to the Tenby Open as a result a Father & Son have bought a second hand Osprey that was not being regularly used at Tata & there is another Tata Sailing Club looking to buy. The boat then went to Emsworth SC to the

Youth Team to practice prior to the Nationals & they did Fed week as well as taking other youngsters out for Club racing. Janet Shenton asked if it could come over to Kent and it was said that it could be done but one of the issues with the Class boat is getting it from A to B. Peter Frith also stated that after the Round the Island race the Class Boat was going to be refurbished and its future considered.

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