NATIONAL OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION - SPRING NEWSLETTER

329a, Baddow Road,
CHELMSFORD,
Essex.

Dear Member,

Now that the sailing season is nearly with us you will find overleaf a list of Open Meetings and Regattas which you can enter, starting as early as the beginning of May and continuing right through to October. An entry form for The Traveller's Trophy is enclosed and if you wish to enter let me have this back, duly completed, as soon after your first meeting as possible and a further supply will be sent ready for your future results. Remember five results to count. Members of the Chase S.C., have won this trophy for the past two years so it is really time it went elsewhere!

All paid up members of the Association should shortly be getting some literature from The Catamaran Y.C. Anyone wanting to make initial enquiries regarding accommodation should get in touch with Mr. Grimble, 22, Ingham Road, Selsdon, Surrey. There will be a number of chalets for hire, some bunkhouse accommodation and there is plenty of room for camping. All meals can be obtained in the restaurant. There are plenty of caravans for hire on The Isle of Sheppey, none of which can be more than 8 miles from the club and you will find these advertised in Dalton's Weekly. Other addresses can be furnished by the local Council.

A timely reminder - these Championships are organised for current members of the Class Association and all boats entered must have a R.Y.A. certificate of registration and all sails will be measured before racing commences. If this letter comes to your notice, but you have not had a copy yourself, it will remind you that your 1968 subs. are unpaid - £1 please to the Class Secretary.

The thanks of the Association must go to Mr. Don Ledwith for once again giving up a week of his annual leave to be present at the Association desk at the Boat Show, and to those members of The Sussex Y.C., who took over for one day. Also to Mr. J. Adams of Maldon, Essex, for putting his Osprey No. 617 on show at The C.C.P.R. Londo Dinghy Exhibition as an example of a wooden boat built from a kit, and to Mr. P. Wright for displaying a fibreglass shell so that would be builders could see how much they would have to do to complete a composite boat for themselves.

The referendum carried out through the New Year Newsletter has shown a majority in favour of some modernisation of the Osprey so there should be a lively A.G.M. this August with plenty of ideas forthcoming. It is hoped that there will be at least one or two Overseas owners present this year. Referring back to the A.G.M. in 1967 - if any member or members have given thought to taking over the posts of Secretary and/or Treasurer, perhaps they could put their names forward now as this would undoubtedly assist in a smooth changeover. You would be doing a very worthwhile and most interesting job and would acquire a comprehensive knowledge of the class in the process.

Here's wishing you all a happy season ahead with a goodly share of fair sailing.

Yours sincerely,

JOAN WADE,

Hon. Secretary.

NATIONAL OSPREY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS - COMMENCING AUGUST 4TH - AUGUST 9TH, 1968.
THE CATAMARAN Y.C., BARTON'S POINT, SHEERNESS, ISLE OF SHEPPEY, KENT.

NORTHERN & SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNE 29TH/30TH, 1968.
RIBBLE CRUISING CLUB, LYTHAM ST. ANNE'S, LANCS.

OPEN MEETINGS OR HANDICAP EVENTS WITH OSPREY CLASS IF SUFFICIENT ENTRIES

MAY	4th/ 5th	Open Meeting	Steel Co. of S. Wales S.C. Glams.
	4th/ 5th	Open Meeting	Harwich Town S.C., Essex.
	18th/19th	Open Meeting	North Devon Y.C., Instow, Devons.
JUNE	1st/ 2nd	Open Meeting	Royal Tay Y.C., West Ferry, Scotland.
	1st/ 2nd/ 3rd	Open Meeting	Southwold S.C., Suffolk.
	1st/ 2nd/ 3rd	Open Meeting	Mounts Bay S.C., Cornwall.
	1st/ 2nd/ 3rd	Regatta	Hornsea S.C., Yorks.
	8th/ 9th	Open Meeting	Stone S.C., Essex.
	15th/16th	Open Meeting	Glasson S.C., Lancs.
	15th-20th	Tay Week	Assoc. Tay Y. Clubs, Scotland.
	29th/30th	Open Meeting	Saundersfoot S.C., Pembs.
	29th/30th	Open Meeting	Lymington Town S.C., Hants.
	30th	Regatta	Blackpool & Fleetwood S.C., Lancs.
JULY	4th	Regatta	Liverpool S.C., Lancs.
	6th	Regatta	Pembrokeshire Y.C., Milford Haven.
	7th	Regatta	Pembrokeshire County Y.C's., Milford Haven.
	7th	Royal Sovereign	Eastbourne Y.C., Sussex.
	6th/ 7th	Open Meeting	Clevedon S.C., Somerset.
	6th/ 7th	Regatta	Penarth M.B. & S.C., Glams.
	6th/ 7th	Lord Birkett Memorial Trophy	Ullswater Y.C., Lancs.
	6th/ 7th	Civil Service Dinghy Champs.	Netley Cliff S.C., Hants.
	13th/14th	Regatta	Loch Earn S.C., Scotland.
	13th/14th	Regatta	Ribble Cruising Club, Lancs.
	20th/21st	Regatta	River Towey Y.C., Carms.
	20th/21st	Open Meeting	Mumbles Y.C., Glams.
	27th/28th	Regatta	Filey S.C., Yorks.
	29th	Open Week	North Devon Y.C., Instow.
AUG.	3rd	Regatta	Tenby S.C., Pembs.
	3rd/ 4th	Regatta	Mumbles Y.C., Glams.
	11th	Regatta	Penmaenmawr Y.C., Menai Straits.
	11th	Open Meeting	Royal Yorks Y.C., Yorks.
	17th	Regatta	Lymington Town S.C., Hants.
	17th/18th	Regatta	Dale Y.C., Wales.
	17th/18th	Open Meeting	River Towey Y.C., Ferryside, Carms.
	17th/18th	Regatta	Elie & Earlsferry S.C., Scotland.
	18th	Open Meeting	Mounts Bay S.C., Cornwall.
	24th/25th	Regatta	Royal Lymington Y.C., Hants.
	24th/25th	Regatta	Saundersfoot S.C., Pembs.
	31st	Regatta	Pembroke Haven Y.C., Pembroke Dock.
AUG.	31st/SEPT. 1st	Fast Boats Weekend	Clyde Canoe Club, Loch Lomond.
AUG.	31st/SEPT. 1st	Regatta	Glasson S.C., Lancs.
SEPT.	7th/ 8th	Open Meeting	Ribble Cruising Club, Lancs.
	14th/15th	Open Meeting	Filey S.C., Yorks.
	15th	Panmorra Cup	Mounts Bay S.C., Cornwall.
	28th/29th	Final Fling	Loch Earn S.C., Scotland.
	28th/29th	Regatta	Minnis Bay S.C., Kent.
OCT.	12th/13th	Open Meeting	Chase S.C., Staffs.
	12th/13th	Open Meeting	Lilliput S.C., Poole, Hants.

NATIONAL OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION

March 1968

Dear Member,

The replies to the referendum sent out with the Christmas Newsletter have now been assessed and there is a majority in favour of some change. The Committee discussed this when they met on the 16th March and it was decided that in order to give the Technical Advisers time before the A.G.M. in August in which to consider proposals which might be forthcoming, that a questionnaire be sent out to all current members of the Association. Accordingly you will find set out below a chance to give your opinion of some points which have already been raised and also to be able to state any other suggestions which you might have, bearing in mind that the ideas should have some relation to improving the appearance of the Osprey, improving its handling and/or performance whilst at the same time not increasing or if possible reducing the cost of production.

This questionnaire should be posted to reach me not later than May 31st, 1968.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) JOAN WADE.

Hon. Secretary, National Osprey Class Association,
329a, Baddow Road, Chelmsford Essex.

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1. I approve of alteration in the existing specification which could result in a weight reduction of up to a possible 50 lbs. less than the present minimum of 295 lbs. YES/NO
2. I approve of the removal of the aft buoyancy tank. YES/NO
(Note - some form of frame would probably have to remain to retain the existing shape).
3. I approve of reducing the width of the gunwhales in order to give the boat a slimmer appearance. YES/NO
4. I approve of a thicker centreboard of a thickness to fit the existing box. YES/NO
5. I approve of the elimination .... YES/NO
of the reduction in the size of ..... YES/NO
the washboard.
6. I approve of scuppers in the transom. YES/NO
7. I approve of drain tubes through the aft tank. YES/NO
8. I approve of the designing of a larger spinnaker. YES/NO
9. I should like the following ideas to be considered:-

Signed .....

Address .....

Owner of Osprey No. .....