THE SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION

We should like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy Festive Season and look forward to seeing many of you at some of our activities in 1969. There will again be a full programme of Open Meetings and Regattas with an Osprey Class and details will be sent to you sometime before the opening of the sailing season. The Class has been adopted by yet more Clubs during the past year and some of them will be having gatherings for the first time. If you know the date of an Open Meeting or Regatta, of which you think the Secretary may not yet have been notified, please let her know as soon as possible so that it can be added to the Boat Show poster.

You are reminded that there is a Traveller's Trophy up for competition. Results from five Open Meetings have to be sent in, one of which should be at least 100 miles from your Home Club. The Secretary can let you have entry forms. The winner for the 1968 Season is once again a member of The Chase S.C., - Mr. A. Hawksworth sailing No. 575. As this is the third year running that the Trophy has gone to a member of this Club they are to be particularly congratulated.

1969 Boat Show. The Osprey will again be on display on two stands, that of Westerly Boats, No. M. 16 and that of Buckenham Ferry Boatyard, No. C.5, and we are again indebted to Mr. Wright for space for the Association desk on Stand No. C. 5. Mr. D. Ledwith of the Stone S.C., known to many of you from past Championships, will this year be organising the Association display and would appreciate hearing from any of you who are able to spare some time during your visit to the Show to be on hand at the desk giving information to visitors and potential owners. If you are getting together as a group or attending as an individual and feel you would like to help in this way please get in touch with him at - 83 TYNEMOUTH DRIVE, ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX - letting him know when you will be able to give some assistance. Telephone ENFIELD 2247.

1969 National Championships, The Saundersfoot S.C., Pembrokeshire, Wales, commencing Sunday August 17th. Preliminary notices are now being sent out to all current members of the Association and we are expecting a record entry of plus 100 boats. A pro forma is given below so that you may keep your membership up to date by early payment of your 1969 subscription, but please ignore this if you already have a receipt for 1969 or pay by Banker's Order. You are reminded that only current members will sail in the Championships as it is for you that the Championships are organised.

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Mrs. J Rayner

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Hon. Sec. and Treasurer

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The R.Y.A. have approved the amendment to our Rules which deletes the maximum thickness of the centreboard and as from April 1st, 1969 the size of this is only governed by the size of the slot in the case. Still under consideration by them are the amendments which will allow a window in sails of a maximum of 3 sq. ft., drain tubes through the aft buoyancy tank of a maximum diameter of $2\frac{1}{2}$" and the method of measuring the roach in the foot of the genoa. You will be notified if and when they are approved.

You are reminded that there is a Class insurance scheme in operation, in conjunction with a broker who offers very favourable rates for the Osprey, and from which the Association benefits by a 10% commission. Details from the Secretary.

A special greeting is sent to all overseas members and we hope to be able to meet some of you at the Boat Show if you are in the U.K. at that time. Many of you are in the middle of your sailing season and thoughts of you sailing in shorts in hot sunshine whilst we are struggling into rubber wet suits, fills us with envy. However, whenever or wherever we get on the water we are all united in the common bond of enjoying our sailing in an 'O S P R E Y'.