NATIONAL OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION

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CLASS NEWS - SPRING 1969

As you will see from the enclosed sheet of fixtures for the coming season there is a busy summer ahead and it is hoped that full support will be given to Clubs in your own neighbourhood who have a meeting organised. You are reminded that there is a Traveller's Trophy for which you may compete. Five results to count, one of which must be at a Club not less than 100 miles from your own. Results to be sent as soon as possible after the meeting attended, to the class secretary (who will be pleased to let you have entry forms on application), and all results to be in by the end of October 1969.

Rule changes approved by the R.Y.A. since April, 1968 will permit you to fit drain tubes through the aft buoyancy tank, maximum diameter of 2½"; windows in sails may now be up to a maximum of 3 sq.ft.; there is now no maximum thickness for centreboards, this to be governed only by the slot in the centreboard case. Class measurers should also note that the roach measurement on the genoa should be taken with the sail on the floor, not under tension. The permitted depth of roach remains at 4".

Saundersfoot S.C. ask if your entries for the 1969 Championships can be sent in without further undue delay. So far very few have been received and this creates difficulties for the host Club. A Dinner Dance has been arranged at The St. Bride's Hotel in Saundersfoot, which will be much more convenient than having to go into Tenby, but seating for the Dinner will be limited so it will be first come first served in the issue of tickets. A record entry is expected for the Championships this year, but it is known that many people who have booked their accommodation already, have yet to send their entries in.

Unfortunately, Mr. Nigel Stacey, who took on the job of assistant secretary as from the A.G.M. last year, now seems likely to be living abroad on and off during the coming few years. He has, therefore, resigned from the Association and will not be taking over the posts of Secretary and Treasurer as from the A.G.M. 1969. THERE IS NOW AN URGENT NEED FOR THESE POSTS TO BE FILLED. If one or two people who can liaison fairly easily would like to put their names forward for these interesting jobs within the Association the Chairman would like to hear from them AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. It is absolutely vital that the posts be filled before the A.G.M. 1969 as without a Secretary and Treasurer the Association could not function.

The Association now has a supply of car stickers for sale at 1/- each, red or white. They sold like hot cakes at the Boat Show as this is a good way you can publicize the boat you sail. A new design of Association tie is to be introduced and supplies are expected by the middle of June. They are to be of a dark navy blue with a single gold Osprey motif crest about 3" below the knot and will retail at £1 each, p. & p. inclusive.

Messrs. J. L. Gmach of Fordingbridge have now got the new G.R.P. Osprey in production and it has been on show at the C.C. P.R. Exhibition in London and The Bournemouth Dinghy Exhibition. Messrs. Westerly are going to produce two composite boats, based on this hull, and all being well these will also go into production this year. Numbers continue to rise steadily, and with the increases in the price of some other classes of dinghies the Osprey now seems to be in a favourable position pricewise. If you can sail your boat in Regattas, etc., and give some good performances in handicap sailing this will also help to give us a boost. The Secretary continues to maintain a list of secondhand craft for sale so if you are thinking of selling or buying, let her know.

GOOD SAILING AND A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Note: If any of your fellow Club members wonder why they have not received this news sheet and fixture list - it is probably because they are still owing their 1969 subs.!

1969 PROGRAMME

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.
August 17th - 22nd inclusive
Saundersfoot S.C., Pembs., Wales.

NORTHERN & SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS.
July 5th and 6th
Filey S.C., Filey, Yorkshire.

You are reminded that you may compete for a TRAVELLERS' TROPHY. Results from five OPEN MEETINGS to count, one of which must be more than 100 miles from your Home Club. Entry forms from Class Secretary, on request.

OPEN MEETINGS for Ospreys are indicated by CAPITALS, other events are Regattas, Trophy Races, etc., for which the Osprey is a nominated boat. Details of all these meetings should be obtained from the Clubs concerned.

APRIL	5th/6th/7th	Royal Lymington Y.C. Easter Meeting. Hants.
MAY	3rd	Cramond Boat Club. Scotland.
	3rd/4th	Hornsea S.C. Yorkshire.
	10th/11th	NORTH DEVON Y.C. Instow. Woolworth Trophy.
	10th/11th	MUMBLES Y.C. Glams.
	17th/18th	STEEL CO. OF WALES Y.C. Port Talbot.
	17th/18th	Morecambe Bay Sailing Assoc. Lancs.
	24th/25th	PENARTH M.B. & S.C. Glams.
	24th/25th	Royal Tay Y.C. Scotland.
	24th/25th/26th	MOUNTS BAY S.C., Penzance.
	24th/25th/26th	Royal Northumberland Y.C. Blythe.
	24th	Southwold S.C. Allcomers.
	25th/26th	SOUTHWOLD S.C. Suffolk.
	31st/JUNE 1st	MINNIS BAY S.C., Birchington, Kent.
JUNE	7th/8th	Penarth M.B. & S.C. Glams.
	8th	Glasson S.C. Long Distance Race.
	14th/15th	STONE S.C. Essex. Stone Trophy.
	14th/15th	SAUNDERSFOOT S.C., Pembs.
	14th/15th	Ribble C.C. Lancs.
	21st/22nd	PENARTH M.B. & S.C.
	21st/22nd	HARWICH TOWN S.C., Essex.
	21st-27th	Associated Tay Y. Clubs' Week. Scotland.
	28th/29th	Pembroke Y.C. Pembs.
JULY	5th/6th	Netley Cliff S.C., Hants. Civil Service Championships.
	5th/6th	Ullswater S.C. The Lord Birkett Memorial Trophy.
	6th	Tranmere S.C. Tideway Race.
	6th	Eastbourne S.C. The Royal Sovereign Race.
	12th	Neyland Y.C., Pembs.
	12th/13th	Royal Northumberland Y.C., Blythe.
	12th/13th	Dorman Long Marine Club. Teesside.
	13th	KESSINGLAND SEA S.C., Norfolk.
	19th/20th	LYMINGTON TOWN S.C., Hants. Jack-in-the-Basket Trophy.
	19th/20th	Loch Earn S.C. Scotland.
	19th/20th	GLASSON S.C. Lancaster.
	26th/27th	FILEY S.C. Yorkshire.
	26th/27th	Dale S.C. Pembs.
	26th/27th	Elie & Earlsferry S.C. Scotland.
	26th/27th	Tenby S.C. Pembs.
AUGUST	7th/8th	North Devon Y.C. Instow.
	9th/10th	Mumbles & Bristol Channel Sailing Association. Regatta.
	9th/10th	Pembroke Haven Y.C. Pembs.
	10th	MOUNTS BAY S.C. Penzance.
	16th/17th	Royal Lymington Y.C. Hants.
	17th	Royal Yorkshire Y.C. Bridlington.
	17th	Penma-enmawr Y.C. Menai Straits, N. Wales.
	23rd	Lymington Town S.C. Hants.
	30th	Cramond Boat Club. Scotland.
	30th/31st	Southwold S.C. Suffolk.
	30th/31st	Saundersfoot S.C. Pembs.
	30th/31st	Royal Northumberland Y.C. Blythe.
	30th/31st	Clyde Canoe Club. Scotland. Fast Boats Weekend.
	30th/31st	Glasson S.C. Lancaster.
	31st-SEPT.5th	Royal Burnham Y.C. Essex. Burnham Week.
SEPT.	6th/7th	FILEY S.C. Yorkshire. Chalmers Park Trophy.
	13th/14th	RIBBLE C.C. Lancs. Ribble Plate Trophy.
OCT.	11th/12th	LILLIPUT S.C. Poole Harbour, Hants.