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NATIONAL OSPREY CLASS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Christmas 1969

Well, I made a right mess of the last NEWSLETTER - I asked for all sorts of information and then gave you no address to which to send it! This is just one indication of what you face as long as I am your Secretary! For the record, therefore, I live at "Field of Birds", Gulval, Penzance, Cornwall. My home telephone number is Penzance 2017, and my office number is Penzance 2307. I am easier to get hold of during the working day up to about six o'clock in the Winter - in the Summer I go sailing at 5.30 p.m.

For your information, I shall be away on holiday from January 18th. to February 2nd. - my other love is skiing! Your mail will be opened and dealt with while I am away, but please keep it to a minimum during that period.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS AND CLUBS

Following my request for information and news of Clubs and Members, I received a very great response - thank you very much: In only a few weeks I have been able to find out a great deal about the Osprey, who sails where and when. I will use some of this information from time to time. Please keep it up - what you may regard as no news, we might be able to use for the Association.

NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

We have made no official mention of this event and I therefore feel we should congratulate the Organisers at Filey S.C. for arranging it for our Northern Members. Thirty-seven Osprey were entered.

The results were as follows:-

1.	K.Robertson	Mounts Bay & Rock.
2.	A.Hawksworth	Chase S.C.
3.	T.G.Iddon	Glasson S.C.
4.	A.Flett	Royal Tay Y.C.
5.	J.Gilpin	Filey S.C.
6.	D.Poole	Filey S.C.

K.Robertson won the Northern & Scottish, the High & Dry, and the Queensborough Trophies.

A.Flett won the Tay Bridge Cup.

TWO-OF-A-KIND - STEEL COMPANY OF WALES S.C.

We must also mention the Two-of-a-Kind Meeting arranged by the S.C.O.W. S.C. on October 18th. and 19th. last. Fifty-two boats representing thirty-two classes took part in the racing.

John Marsh and Bill Tew in New Moon, and Tony Davies and Malcolm Smith in Carol Ann secured the overall prizes for our Class. Well done indeed. John Marsh also won the Individual Trophy.

The Host Club obtained excellent YAchting Press coverage for the event - and the Osprey came in for much warranted praise.

These sort of events can do the Class a power of good.

THE BURNHAM ICICLE: January 3/4th. 1970.

The Association has submitted the following four names for invitation to sail in this event:-

Ken Robertson, John Mathews, Mike Corbin and Hugh Carter.

I understand that the Class has been allocated two places at this event at which 28 Classes will be represented - a total of 86 boats are expected. Handicapping will be calculated on an unamended Portsmouth Yardstick. Trophies will be awarded to the Group Winners as well as to the Overall Winner.

We wish our Helmsmen fair sailing. (Brrr!)

THE BOAT SHOW: January 7-17th. (London).

The Association will be represented at the Show and will be on the Westerly Boat stand (number UN 9 on the First Floor). Our thanks are due to Ken Robertson of Westerly Boats Ltd.

Don Ledwith (Stone S.C.) will be in charge of our arrangements: If you can spare any time to help man the Association's efforts, please go along and see him at the Show - he will welcome a hand.

The only other Stand with an Osprey on full view is Stand number UJ 5 also on the First Floor. John Gmach & Co. Ltd. present this stand and did offer the Association room as well. Our thanks are due to them also. They will be showing a G.R.P. Osprey.

Members are invited to visit these stands - bring your friends and persuade them to buy an Osprey - or even to "Change up to an Osprey".

N.B. I shall not be at the Boat Show every day myself, but Don Ledwith and his fellow Members will gladly take your Subscriptions which are due on the 1st. January.

C.C.P.R.SHOW: 7/8th January, 1970. (London).

We shall be showing an owner built completed Osprey and an Osprey Kit at this Show.

I have invited a Member to bring his boat to the Show, and Stanley Gale has kindly said he will press-gang his Club Members into manning the Stand.

I will be at the Show on one of the days.

THE TRAVELLERS TROPHY

Alf Hawsworth has again won this Trophy - well done. The award will be made at the National Championship Prize-giving on August 14th. 1970.

Members are reminded that they need five entries only to qualify for this Trophy - each must be at an Open Osprey Meeting and one of these five only has to be at a Meeting at least one hundred miles from home base.

So could we have more entries next year please. I have the entry forms.

MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS

January 1st. is Subscription Day! You will find a Subscription Form enclosed with this NEWSLETTER. Would you please complete it at once and return to me. If you prefer to pay by Bankers Order, please complete the entire form, and agin, return it to me: The Treasurer, Paul Hosking, will be pleased if you do pay by Bankers Order.

If you wish to join your Crew as an Associate Member - and I know you will wish to do so - please enter his name and address on the back of your own form and send me a further 10/-d.

I shall be asking Class Captains for their help during the year to get everyone sailing an Osprey into the Association. We must have 100% Membership in each Club.

OSPREY TIES

I meant to tell Members in my last NEWSLETTER that I have dozens of new design Osprey Ties in stock: These, with a single gold flying "O" on blue cost £ 1. each, post free.

I know all this is a bit late for Christmas, but they still make very good presents.

BOATS FOR SALE

There seems to be a spate of new-boat buying going on and I have a list of over thirty used boats for sale - numbers range from the twenties to the high six hundreds.

If Members, Class Captains or Club Secretaries can move any of these, please let me know and I will send out lists.

PUBLICITY

Your Association Committee met in late November and considered this subject at some length.

You all know - or should do so by now - that Nigel Paige (9 East Cliff Road, Dawlish, Devon) is our Publicity Officer: He presented the Committee with a very detailed programme on ways and means to improve the Osprey image.

As a start, we are preparing a new Osprey leaflet for hand-out purposes; we are renewing contacts with the National and Yachting Press to get a fairer share of publicity for the Class; we are having a car window sticker made, the theme of which will be "Change up to an Osprey"; we shall be trying to give you an annual Handbook; we are compiling information on Osprey performance, the performance of individual helmsmen, filing extracts from the Press for future use; and collecting a library of Osprey photographs for instant use whenever the opportunity arises.

And in connection with all this, would Members who have, or know of, any good photographs, please get in touch with Nigel. We want photographs of individual boats, massed starts, etc. But please mark on the back of any you have full details - date, place, name of boat, helmsman, crew, race, place, etc. This makes a photograph really effective if we can use it.

FIXTURES

I still have little fixture news from Clubs: Please let me have news from your Club just as soon as you fix your Osprey or Open Meetings.

AND FINALLY

Gordon Copper (our Chairman), Paul Hosking (Treasurer), your Committee and myself wish every Member a very Happy Christmas and a New Year ahead full of prosperity and fair sailing.

PETER AGNEW