NATIONAL OSPREY

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NEWSLETTER



Editorial

I SEEM to have made a practise in every *NEWSLETTER* so far to apologise for some oversight or neglect on my part; I will not, therefore, disappoint anyone this time.

My apologies are twofold: the first concerns the results of this year's National Osprey Championships. I promised the Mount's Bay Sailing Club—and James Curnow, their Secretary, in particular—that I would send out the printed results to every Association member in a matter of a few weeks. I have not managed to do so.

The second apology is for the lateness of this *NEWSLETTER*. It was due to you in early October at the latest. And it is now so late that it will have to cover the normal Christmas issue as well.

So may I, first of all, wish every member a most sincere and happy Christmas, and say that I know we shall all have a most successful sailing New Year ahead.

I am hopeful that future *NEWSLETTERS* will have news from all over the country and abroad actually written by members in those areas; I am therefore asking certain members to cover all Osprey news in their areas and submit it to me for inclusion. Let's see how it works out on this sort of regional basis.

Cover photo: Osprey at Mount's Bay

Photo by John Jervis, Redditch

YOUR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1971

At the Association's Annual General Meeting in August members elected the following Officers and Committee:

Chairman	Gordon Cooper	Mumbles S.C.
Secretary	Peter Agnew	Mount's Bay S.C.
Treasurer	Paul Hosking	Mount's Bay S.C.
Auditor	John Mathews	Mount's Bay S.C.
Press Officer	Nigel Paige	Starcross Y.C.

Committee:

Don Ledwith	Stone S.C. (*since resigned and replaced by*)
Bob Bidmead	
Roger Day	North Devon Y.C.
John Swarbrick	Royal Tay Y.C.
John Rayner	Filey S.C.
Vernon May	Glasson S.C. (*also Chairman of the Scottish and Northern Osprey Committee*)
Jim Jepson	Glasson S.C.
John Denning	Saundersfoot S.C.
Mike Corbin	Lymington Town S.C.
Stanley Gale	Sussex Y.C.
Ian Roxburgh	Mount's Bay S.C.
Syd Brown	Southwold S.C.
Ian Proctor	Designer of the *Osprey*

John Denning, John Swarbrick, John Raynor and Bob Bidmead are all new members of the Committee this year.

The following have been appointed Technical Advisers to the Class Association:

Ken Robertson (Westerly Boats Ltd.)
Paul Wright
David Miles (Plycraft)
John Gmach (J. L. Gmach & Co. Ltd.)

The Secretary of the Scottish & Northern Committee is: Stan Thompson, of 2 Barmouth Crescent, Pleckgate, Blackburn, Lancs; telephone Blackburn 61730.

NATIONAL OSPREY CHAMPIONSHIP — 1970

This is now all past history. Nevertheless, we must congratulate both John Mathews and Raymond Jebbett of the Mount's Bay Sailing Club for again winning the day. They won it once before at Sheppey about three years ago.

It was a most enjoyable week's sailing, and the overall results were by no means decided until the last race. One hundred and seventeen Ospreys were entered—an all-time high.

At the start of the last race on the Friday, Ken Robertson was only three-quarters of a point behind John Mathews, and at least three other boats could have won the Championship had both Ken and John not been well to the fore. A thrilling final race with Ken and John a few yards apart on opposite tacks on the finishing line—John had the starboard rights.

A copy of the results is enclosed.

National Osprey Championship - 1971

The FILEY S.C. is organising the event and has already put a lot of hard work into it.

I KNOW AS MANY OF US AS POSSIBLE WILL GO TO FILEY IN AUGUST 1971 (15th - 20th) AND HELP THEM MAKE IT THE SUCCESS THEY ARE WORKING FOR.

THE VICTORIA HOTEL in Filey has been taken over for the whole week (nights 14th to 20th inclusive) and the following terms arranged for those who would like to stay there:

From 38s. (£1.90) plus 10 per cent B. and B.
and 55s. (£2.75) per day, plus 10 per cent Full Board.

Bookings can now be taken and you should **write** to:

John Gilpin, 11 Garden View Court, Old Park Road, Leeds 8.
Telephone: Leeds 665376.

A £5 deposit per head is required with a booking; cheques payable to "Filey Sailing Club".

It is planned that all the main social activities shall take place in this hotel. We ought to support this venture. Please do so at once if you want rooms, as they will go very fast.

First come; first served.

London Boat Show - 6th-16th January, 1971

The *OSPREY* will be shown on two stands: that of J. L. Gmach & Co. Ltd. on the ground floor; and on the stand of Westerly Boats Ltd (Stand D.5—also on the ground floor).

The Class Association will be represented throughout the period of the Show on the Westerly Boat stand.

As usual, members are invited to visit these stands and to pay their subscriptions to the Class Representatives. Class ties, car badges, pennants, etc., will also be on sale.

The Association will have a full-time young lady—a *MISS OSPREY* in fact—looking after its interests. This young lady does crew an Osprey and therefore knows all about it.

Members who are visiting the Show are asked to offer their assistance to "Miss Osprey" during the lunch hours so that she can have some relief from a very tiring job.

"Miss Osprey" will gladly sign on new members and take any monies on behalf of the Association. The Visitors' Book will also be on this Stand.

If you have any friends who should be sailing in an Osprey, get them to come along and see the Osprey and talk to the builders. The Boat Show is always an opportunity to get new recruits.

Your Secretary will be at the Show for the first three days for certain; if you wish to see him, let him know when you are to be there, or leave a message at Stand D.5.

Subscriptions - An Increase

Your Secretary and Treasurer make no apologies for supporting most strongly an increase in subscription rates for members of the Association.

Most members will surely agree that under Nigel Paige's supervision, this Class advertising has improved vastly; he has high hopes of making this even better and more effective.

All this costs money. Whilst we are trying to keep administrative costs down, we just cannot afford to cut on publicity or advertising, or send out poor class materials to the many enquiries we get about the Osprey.

If ever there was an opportunity to make the *OSPREY* go, then now is the time. Therefore, now is the time we need the maximum effort. Attempts are also being made to find a firm which will sponsor the National Championship each year and thus release further funds to the Association. If you know of any Merchant or Company likely to be interested, please let Nigel Paige know, and he will do the rest.

So, from January 1st, the subscription rates (as approved by the Class Annual General Meeting in August) will be:

Full Member .. .. .. £2 Associate Member £1

Subscription payment forms are enclosed with this *NEWSLETTER*. If you can let the Secretary have them back at once, it also gives him a check on the detail for the 1971 *YEAR BOOK* being printed in February to reach you March.

If you wish to pay by Banker's Order—there is also one with this *NEWSLETTER*. These should be completed by those already paying by this method and returned at once.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CREW IN AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER THIS YEAR; PUT HIS NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF YOUR FORM AND ENCLOSE THE MEMBERSHIP FEE — PLEASE!

Class Captains and/or Representatives

A LIST of these is being drawn up and will be printed in the next *YEARBOOK*, if ready in time.

A letter will be going out to all known Class Captains by the end of December; should anyone who is representing the Class not get such a letter, will he or she please contact the Secretary at once;

This list is most necessary for inclusion in the *YEARBOOK* as these are the members who can further the objects of the Class best when would-be Osprey sailors start asking for information and help.

Information on 1971 Open Meetings and Events is now needed from all clubs at home and abroad — *Urgently Please.*

Honorary Life Member

MRS. JOAN WADE, your Class Secretary for many years until August 1969 was asked at the Class Annual General Meeting to accept a Life Honorary Membership of the Association as a small token of our appreciation of all she has done for us.

Travellers Trophy

SOME members may not be aware of how to enter for this Trophy; The Rules are simply these:

A member may enter the best five results he has of Open Osprey Meetings anywhere, providing one of these five is of a meeting at least 100 miles from his home club.

Results of these meetings have to be verified on a simple form which the Secretary can supply.

Alf Hawksworth has for some years been eating up this Trophy. The year 1970, however, proved the exception with Mike Corbin sending in no less than seven firsts!

Mike has won the Trophy by a long way for 1970. Well done.

Club News

MINNIS BAY S.C.

FRANK NORTON sends the results of the MINNIS BAY S.C. Open Osprey Meeting held on June 20/21.

This meeting was well supported by TANKERTON BAY S.C., THE SUSSEX Y.C. and WORTHING Y.C.

It consisted of a long-distance race on the Saturday which M. Graham of Minnis Bay in 178 won, with 717 (Frank Norton) and 250 (R. Smith) second and third, both of Minnis Bay.

On the Sunday there were two races, both to count; and here M. Thurgar in 529 took first overall, with 720 (D. Fryer - Worthing), 788 (R. Colbourne - Worthing) and 250 (R. Smith) equal second, and 717 (F. Norton) third.

Six home boats and ten visitors' made a very successful meeting.

Frank Norton, 27 Marlborough Road, Bexleyheath, Kent; Tel. Bexleyheath 4495.

FILEY S.C.

JOHN RAYNER writes that their 12/13 September Open Osprey Meeting was also a great success: 22 Filey Osprey turned out and some 13 visitors from as far afield as Lymington and Dundee.

Gate starts, force 5 winds and choppy seas provided a really competitive week-end. Mike Corbin from Lymington eventually won the Chalmer Park Trophy, with Tom Mager of Chase S.C. second and R. S. Wrigley of Glasson third. Hector Watts of Filey took fourth place.

Filey now has 24 Osprey and, of these, 12 turn out regularly. The original Mark II Osprey No. 2 also still sails to advantage at Filey.

John Rayner, "Orchard Bank", Keswick Lane, E. Keswick, Leeds.

CREEKSEA S.C.

Five Osprey at Creeksea S.C. now make up the fleet there, and it is intended to start Class Racing for the Osprey in 1971. This is the good news sent in by LES SHAW.

The Club sails near Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, but is only in the course of building up its sailing facilities—they have the main ingredients, though: a starting hut, car and dinghy parks, good racing, and a friendly atmosphere. Osprey owners will be most welcome as members. It's within easy reach of London; write to Les if you want further information.

Les Shaw, "Hartlands", 136 Hainault Road, Chigwell, Essex; Tel. 01-500-7271.

LYMINGTON TOWN

A very brief note from MIKE CORBIN just to let your Secretary know that Lymington Town took a beating from the Guernsey Y.C. Osprey team on their home waters. That just about evens things up, 'cos Lymington Town beat them in Guernsey earlier this year. Your Secretary was in Guernsey just after that match and those Guernsey boys were even then talking of getting their own back. The match is to be a bi-annual event in future.

Mike Corbin, 4 Lawn Road, Pennington, Lymington, Hants.; 059-07-3998

TANKERTON BAY S.C.

DAVID HOOPER has been the Osprey mainstay at Tankerton Bay and he writes that he personally has had a frustrating year. This comes to us all at some time or other, but we sympathise.

This is another Club where they are trying hard to get the Osprey fleet built up, and anyone in the area who is interested can always contact David direct.

They are hoping for a club bar next year, too—so the draw should be even greater.

They had their £1,000 rescue boat severly damaged in a gale—David's first week as Sailing Secretary. News of Osprey for sale welcome; also of other Open Meetings in the area.

David Hooper, 46 St. Swithins Road, Tankerton, Whistable, Kent.

KINGSMEAD S.C.

With 49 acres water close to the M4, the Kingsmead S.C. has vacancies for a further 12 handicap boats. Those wishing to sail inland and avoid the trek to the coast—and, of course, the Frostbiters—should contact JOHN ADAMS. Three Osprey only here at present, but room for more.

John Adams, 2 Talbot Place, Datchet, Bucks.

DYSART S.C.

From Fife, KEN KELLY sends news that Dysart has over ten Osprey; this is good news from a Club which has not only the problems of building a Class but also of slowly bringing the harbour from which they sail back into life. We hope to hear of greater and greater Osprey news from Ken.

Ken Kelly, 92 Loughborough Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife.

LAGOS Y.C., NIGERIA

Minutes of Osprey Meetings, reports of sailing meetings and special events reach the Secretary frequently from DAVID COX. About 12 Osprey at the last known count, and with a licence to build GRP now in the hands of a builder in Lagos, more should be appearing over the year.

This Club is one of the keenest Osprey ones, at home or abroad, and David is being asked to write his own report for the next *NEWSLETTER*.

Hope to see him at the Boat Show in January, as he is home then.

David Cox, P.O. Box 2157, Lagos, Nigeria.



Other Club News

YOUR SECRETARY has much other news but it must wait over. With the new system of Regional News being started, it is hoped to have much more detailed articles from all over the country and abroad.

SCOTTISH & NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to all-comers (in Osprey, of course). June 12/13, 1971. At Morecambe Bay, Lancs. Being organised by the Glasson S.C. in conjunction with the Morecambe S.C.

Details can be got later on from Stan Thompson, Secretary of the Scottish & Northern Committee. Address elsewhere in this *NEWSLETTER*.

WELSH & MIDLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Again, open to all; July 3/4, 1971. At Mumbles and being organised by the Mumbles S.C.

Alf. Hawksworth is the mover behind this new event and any queries should be addressed direct to him.

A. Hawksworth, 31 Meadow Drive, Houghton, Staffs.

SPINNAKER CHUTE

Members will be interested to hear that authority has been given for a prototype spinnaker chute to be fitted to the Osprey.

The main problem is to ensure that the forward locker shall remain watertight and that it can be fitted without moving the forestay back.

Osprey owners may fit such a chute but for the moment it must conform to the approved prototype. Details from the secretary.

If you want to have a look at one on an Osprey—Ken Robertson's Osprey on the Westerly Boat Show Stand at the Boat Show in January will have such a chute.

Likely cost, fitted, is about £12 - £15.

C C P R SHOW — CRYSTAL PALACE, MARCH 13/14, 1971

This show, organised by the Central Council for Physical Recreation jointly with the Royal Yachting Association, is aimed mainly at the young dinghy sailor and is a very well worthwhile show.

The Association intends putting both a wooden and a glass fibre boat into this Show.

All boats must be either amateur built or amateur owned.

Members might like to get to this Show if they can—practically every Class of dinghy is shown. A totally younger type of visitor.

DINGHY INSURANCE

Your Secretary is continually hearing of dinghy accidents where either the craft is not insured at all or the cover totally inadequate.

Members are advised to check their insurance policies—please read the small print as well—and to ensure that they have adequate cover, in particular in relation to Third Parties.

If in doubt, please consult your Insurance Company or agent; or the Secretary will be willing to get advice for you.

Newton Crum Insurances have asked that mention be made that some delay is at present inevitable on claims. Should any member experience difficulty, please ring B. Tramaseur or Sandy Munton on 01-623-6739.

POSITIVE BUOYANCY IN GRP OR COMPOSITE OSPREY

Members with either GRP or COMPOSITE Osprey are reminded that they are not complying with the Class Rules unless they have positive buoyancy fitted to the fore and aft watertight compartments. Failure to comply could lead to disqualification at meetings.

The Rule states: "All plastic and composite boats shall be fitted with positive buoyancy units, in solid form, permanently attached to the hull in the forward buoyancy compartment and to the hull in the aft buoyancy compartment to provide not less than 180 lb. lift in the forward buoyancy comartment and not less than 180 lb. lift in the aft buoyancy compartment. The builder shall endorse the measurement form supplied with each boat to the effect that these buoyancy units have been fitted as specified".

The Association Committee has ruled that the term "builder" mentioned in this Rule shall mean the person who builds the boat whether he be a professional builder, or an amateur building from plan, kit or partly finished boat.



Frustrated Export

IAN PROCTOR has some six suits of new sails for sale which were due to be exported but could not be sent owing to troubles abroad. Any member interested in discussing a price with him, please contact him direct:

Ian Proctor, Fenmead, Brook Ave., Warsash, Southampton. Tel. Locksheath 2518.



A Larger Spinnaker?

THIS WAS an item discussed at some length at the last Annual General Meeting of the Class Association. The suggestion was that the size should be increased from a nominal 150 to 200 sq. ft.

The general feeling of the meeting was that an increase would only really affect a few who were competing with other boats, such as the 505, and it would mean that if a larger alternate spinnaker were allowed, then most Osprey owners would be forced to purchase the new big size at an additional expense in order to compete. There seemed no real demand for the larger spinnaker and, on being put to the vote, there was an overwhelming vote against it.

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