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DEAR MEMBER,

YOUR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING YOU THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE SAILING YEAR AHEAD.

This NEWSLETTER has been rushed out just before Christmas and time has not, therefore, been available to have it printed. Some of the news is fairly urgent and your Secretary thought you would rather have a duplicated sheet than none at all.

1972 NATIONAL OSPREY CHAMPIONSHIP

The dates for this have now been finally fixed. The Practise Race is on Sunday 6th. August, 1972 and the last Series Race of the Championship on Friday 11th. August.

Members thinking of sailing in this Championship, which will be held at PLYMOUTH, Devon, are advised to start booking rooms as soon as possible. For information, please apply to the Sailing Secretary, Mayflower S.C., Pheonix Wharf, Plymouth.

Preliminary Notices for this event will NOT be sent out in January as in past years but in MARCH. So please do not start worrying if you hear nothing until then.

1972 SCOTTISH & NORTHERN OSPREY CHAMPIONSHIP

To be held at DYSART in Fife, Scotland. The Dysart S.C. are organising the event.

10th and 11th. June, 1972.

John Rayner is Secretary: His address is "Orchard Bank", Keswick Lane, E.Keswick, Leeds, Yorks. Tel: Collingham Bridge 3123.

WELSH & MIDLAND OSPREY CHAMPIONSHIP

Secretary is Alf Hawksworth, Flat 5, 70 High Street, Uttoxeter, Staffs., and the Chairman Tony Davies of 17 Wimmerfield Avenue, Killay, Swansea.

Date and venue not yet fixed. Usually early July.

WELSH C.C.P.R. DINGHY EXHIBITION

Held at CArdiff November 20/21 and organised by Tony Davies, the Association showed off a composite Osprey No. 856 "Overdraft" owned by Ken Langstone of the Steel Co. of Wales S.C.

Our thanks are due to both Tony and Ken and all the other helpers who assisted with the exhibit.

Tony reports that there appeared to be quite an interest in the Osprey and I can support this by the number of further enquiries which I have since that date received from the Wales area.

Thank you all.

1972 LONDON BOAT SHOW

EARLS COURT 5th - 15th. JANUARY.

THE OSPREY WILL BE ON STAND D10 ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

THIS IS THE WESTERLY BOAT STAND - KEN ROBERTSON'S.

The Osprey will also be on John Gmach's Stand, also on the Ground Floor.

Members of the Class Association Committee will be manning the Stand throughout the period of the Show and Hugh Carter at 100 High Street, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. will be co-ordinating this manning. His telephone number is 2483.

MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SEE THE OSPREY WITHOUT A WASHBOARD, WITH A SPINNAKER CHUTE, WITH A NEW LARGER TRIAL SPINNAKER - AND TO PAY THEIR CLASS ASSOCIATION SUBSCRIPTIONS AT THE SAME TIME!

LONDON DINGHY EXHIBITION

Organised by the R.Y.A. and the Central Council of Physical Recreation (C.C.P.R.) this Exhibition is to be held as usual at Crystal Palace, London , 11/12 March, 1972.

Mike Corbin of Lymington Town S.C. and other Members in that area are organising the Class Exhibit.

This Exhibition is in many ways much more worthwhile from the Class Association point of view than the London Boat Show.

Well worth a visit.

RULE CHANGES:

The following Rule changes have now been approved by the R.Y.A. and are effective as from now:- (1st.March officially)

Washboards are optional. The minimum boat weight of 295 lbs. still applies of course.

Rudder shape is freed from restriction: So you can have any shape you think will make you sail better.

Spinnaker chutes have to be made of a rigid material within the front watertight compartment of the boat. Maximum cross-sectional area remains not greater than 65 sq. inches.

GRP and Composite boats may now have alternative positive buoyancy (foam units) fitted in the side tanks instead of fore and aft.

RULE REVISION

A Sub-Committee and the R.Y.A. are at present rewriting the Class Rules and a complete reprint will be available from the R.Y.A. at 5 Buckingham Gate. London, S.W.1 after March 1st. next. There is a small charge for this.

1972 CLASS ASSOCIATION SUBSCRIPTIONS

Could we please have an all out record Class Membership this year?

A Subscription Form is enclosed - please use it at once: This will save me a great deal of work, and ensure that the Association can get on with its work for the Class.

Please sign up your Crew as an Associate Member: There is a space on the back of the form for this.

If there are any Osprey Owners in your Club who are not Members, get them in this year.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID 1972 SUBSCRIPTIONS, PLEASE IGNORE THIS REMINDER AND THE MEMBERSHIP FORM.

Bankers Orders are available should you wish to pay this way.

FLEET CAPTAINS AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

I have written in the past month to some 50 Members who were known Fleet Captains, or who might be able to help in locating where the Osprey is mainly sailed.

The object of the exercise was to re-list the Fleets and re-number these and also to make a seperate list of other Clubs where the Osprey is sailed: In both cases it is intended to publish these lists in the Yearbook so that is will be easy to contact Fleet Captains or Class Represenatives - I am constantly being asked where to find the Osprey and how to contact the various Clubs.

I give below a list of the replies I have had so far: If any Club is not shown here, please advise me - any Osprey Owner can do this - and I will take it from there. It may well be that I have not written to your Club.

Time is against me: I have to start getting the Yearbook ready in mid January. So again, please act at once.

CLUBS WITH 5 OR MORE OSPREY - FLEETS.

MOUNT'S BAY S.C.	JAMES CURNOW	35	ADOPTED CLASS
FILEY S.C.	JOHN RAYNER	27	A
SOUTHWOLD S.C.	SYD BROWN	23	A
GUERNSEY Y.C.	ANDREW DOREY	12	A
OGSTON S.C.	JIM DUNDERDALE	11	A
ROYAL TAY Y.C.	IAN STEVEN	13	A
CREEKSEA S.C.	LES SHAW	10	A
RIVER TOWY S.C.	TONY POWELL	7	A
PORTISHEAD S.C. & Y.C.	MIKE BLANCHARD	7	HANDICAP CLASS
STONE S.C.	BOB BIDMEAD	9	A
MAYFLOWER S.C.	DAVID CUNLIFFE	8	A
ROYAL PLYMOUTH CORINTHIAN Y.C.	DAVID CUNLIFFE	8	H
MORECAMBE & HEYSHAM Y.C.	JOHN SIMPSON	6	H
POOLE Y.C.	JEFFERY WEAR	5	H
GLASSON S.C.	GERALD IDDON	10	A
STEEL CO. OF WALES S.C.	KEN LANGSTON	9	A
BOUGH BEECH S.C.	RON SMITH	9	?

THE FOLLOWING HAVE SENT NEWS OF OSPREY IN THEIR CLUBS

TANKERTON BAY S.C.	DAVID HOOPER	3
WORMIT B.C.	STEWART MACL.MURDOCH	2
FISHERS GREEN S.C.	GERALD FROGLEY	1
WORTHING Y.C.	BEN COLBOURNE	3

SO CAN I HAVE MORE DETAILS FROM MANY MORE PLEASE: I WILL SEND YOU A FORM THE MOMENT I HEAR FROM YOU.

I NEED TO KNOW:-

SAIL NUMBER OF EACH BOAT
NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH OWNER
NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CLUB
NAME AND ADDRESS OF FLEET CAPTAIN OR CLASS REP.
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CAPTAIN OR REP.
WHETHER THE CLASS IS ADOPTED OR NOT.

OSPREY SAIL NUMBERS

We are up in the 880's - your Secretary hopes to see 900 sailing in 1972.

There is a suggestion that next Winter we raffle Osprey No. 1000 for the benefit of Class funds. Can bo done.

TRANSFER OF BOAT CERTIFICATES

Your Secretary is constantly being asked how a Certificate can be changed from onw owner to another. It is simple.

Anyone purchasing an Osprey with a Certificate should send that Certificate to the R.Y.A. at 5 Buckingham Gate, London S.W.1 together with £ 2.50 (Members of the R.Y.A. get this service free of charge) and the R.Y.A. will readily chnage over the Certificate to the new owner. If this is done at once, then no new measuring need take place.

Your Secretary will, of course, be onlt too pleased to deal with any problems arising over Certificates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Just a reminder.

If you want to stand for the office of Chairman or Secretary at the elections in August next year, or for a place on the Class Committee, get your Club, or meeting of Osprey Owners to discuss the matter this Winter and send in the nomination by early July next.

Nominations will not be accepted from the flcor at the A.G.M.

THE TRAVELLERS TROPHY

Not one single entry for this Trophy has been received this year.

I know a number of helmsmen with two or more first places at Open Meetings which could place them high up on the list.

Remember, you need to send in your five best entries - one of these has to be at an Open Meeting at least 100 miles from your home Club, the other four could be from Open meetings anywhere.

Forms can be got from me. I will leave the list open until the end of January..

THE BURNHAM ICICLE

Syd. Brown and Mike Corbin have been invited to represent the Class at this event early in January.

The Class only received two invitations each year and we have asked if we could have four like some of our same-sized competitors: We were not successful this year but we shall try again.

We expect Syd and Mike to show them what the Osprey can do with only two entries. Good sailing to both of you.