

The weather has been fairly good so far this year, those who have sailed through the winter in frost-bite series should be ready for the Spring after a spot of painting up the scratches. Those who potter will be waiting for warmer weather or still be doing the allotment like I am in an effort to feed the hungry hoardes of pigeons, slugs, rabbits and the family.

Dick Flower of Sittingbourne, Kent, exhibited his new Seafly at the Crystal Palace Exhibition this year. The colour scheme of tangerine hull and black deck drew a lot of favourable comments from visitors, particularly wives and lady friends. Trendy someone said. Our thanks to Dick and his crew who did yeoman work throughout the two days of the show.

Laurie Lanham brought some copies of the handbook to the show, these will only be sent out to 1973 paid up members. While at C.C.P.R. other Dinghy class secretaries or representatives gathered at a meeting initiated by the Scorpion Class to try to foster better relations between classes, to trade problems and help each other where possible. The problems we have in Seafly Class Association are common to most other classes. Getting owners to be members of the Association and take an interest in the well being of the class (our fee of £1.00 is among the lowest) was high on the list, as was members coming forward to take some of the jobs for a term of office.

This is likely to be the last newsletter for sometime unless someone will take on the task of being Editor. I have a lot of commitments this year and, excepting a few open meetings, am not likely to do much sailing at all this year.

Gordon Thomas built a Needlespar kit mast for his new Seafly 444 along with Peter Gray. They produced a "grunt by blow" description of building it. I will be pleased to send a copy to any one interested. As it amounts to seven sheets send a stamped addressed envelope, please.

The event list and entry form for the championships are out now, copies have been sent to those who requested them from Winter News. There will be something on at the club each evening including a bar. Do your drinking at the club - we need the money to pay for the meeting.

Starcross is the first open of the year on May 19th/20th, J. Garry, 6 Glenmore Road, Exeter, will send you entry forms. I have tried to get the list of last year's prize winners from each Seafly Club.

The Starcross 1972 list is printed below:-

Roland Offer Cup	P. Stunt
Herbert Trophy	1. P. Stunt
Seafly Saturday	2. C. Newland
	3. L. Lanham
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Seafly Sunday	1. J. Baker
	2. P. Stunt
	3. A. Garry
Oddy Aggregate Trophy	J. Weeks
Oddy Tankard Long Distance	P. Stunt

Bala Lake, North Wales

We hope that two boats will be entered in the two of a kind at Bala on 28th and 29th April by the South Cerney fleet. Good Luck, lads.

A new Club has got going on lake near Cerney Wick, Glos.

THE COTSWOLD SAILING CLUB

This Club has four Seaflys and 120 acres to sail on which is getting larger and should reach 250 acres in a couple of years. This is a Club for the posterers, they have a race occasionally. Chris Summers, 17 Cranhams Lane, Cirencester, can help, I hope, with more details.

Keynes Park Sailing Club in the same area has a Seafly fleet for the racer. I had better give them a plug. Keith Davis is Class Captain, of 52 Mallard Close, Chipping Sodbury, Glos., BS17 6HZ, will provide information.

BLAKENEY SAILING CLUB

Most know the friendliness extended by the members of this club. Put this in your diary.

O P E N M E E T I N G JUNE 30/JULY 1st

First race Saturday 6 p.m. to give you time to get there. Second race early Sunday so there is time to get home if you are not staying a few days. Only trouble about going to Blakeney is that you don't want to go home again. Details Morris Arthur, 16 Moorlands Close, Norfolk, NOR 58R. Camping at Moreston Quay. Caravans at Blakeney. There is a meeting at Spring Bank Holiday as well!

TANKERTON SAILING CLUB

No one bothered to point out the error in their dates, my fault, should read:-

SATURDAY 16th JUNE SUNDAY 17th JUNE

Entry forms - Dick Flower, Chap who sailed to France, 40 Middletune Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent.

The ramp is in operation for launching now and club has been extended to have showers and a BAR.

I wonder if many have noticed that South Cerney are missing from the Open Meeting list. You did? Well there is no meeting this year due to lack of support in previous years.

The open meetings of the Seafly Class are friendly affairs where all the family is welcome including the kids. As I have said before, you get a bit of peace while they are sailing and the kids will soon have made friends with other Seafly families.

GRUMBLES

At the Dinghy Exhibition I spoke to a number of owners who were not members of the Class or had not paid up for this year. I have written this three times now because it still makes me fume at the replies

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Have you studied the rule changes?

54,3 - the tack of Spinnaker when full and drawing shall be in close proximity to outboard end of spinnaker boom.

Infringement of a Rule of Part IV.

Will either of these rulings be adopted at championships

720° turns or 20% penalty

I get to "are you a member". Particularly when they say there was no news in the last Newsletter for those that do not race or some similar statement. What is a non-member doing with a Newsletter you may ask. My family sent out 220 of the winter issue to which only 60 of these paid up for 1973. I will repeat what Bill Prescott said a number of years ago.

The Seafly Class Association is to further the interest of Seafly owners in their enjoyment of sailing.

I am sick of hearing "I don't see what I can get out of it, I don't race, I don't go to open meetings."

You have to put some effort into the Association to be able to get anything out. Having paid a £1.00 subscription don't expect a guard of honour and a red carpet everytime you go out. We need the help of all owners in any small way. Remember the proverb - Many hands make a good cook or something like that. Give some encouragement to your Class Officers and your own Sailing Club reps by volunteering occasionally to do a bit.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Some volunteers are needed to help with some of the jobs. I have been doing, on a fill in basis over the last six months:-

1. A membership officer to keep records
2. An Editor for Newsletter
3. A distribution officer to send out Newsletter etc.
4. A Public Relations/Press Officer
5. Typist

PRAISE

Thank you to the many members who enclosed a stamped addressed envelope when enquiring for details of chumps opens, subs etc., it is very much appreciated.

Members will be sorry to learn of the passing away of Mrs. G. Palmer last month. A wreath was sent by the Class Association.

visited Geoff Palmer last week. The Seafly is better value for money than many of us realise, owners should shout out about the quality a lot more. His G.R.P. boats in all the classes Mayfly, Seafly and Seafire are amongst the best mouldings I have seen and he will try any colour scheme. Those of us who cruise and potter may not realise but a G.R.P. boat has to be loaded with weights to make up to racing weight and rules. Fifteen pounds of lead is a lot to waste in effort pushing up the beach. The boats will easily sell if you all talk a bit more. The more sold the higher the numbers go. C456 is the latest.

NEEDS

We need some up-to-date pictures for new leaflets, come on you camera owners, just plain sailing pictures, black and white or coloured.

Some Regattas, Open Meetings which anyone can attend when on holiday, etc.

BEXHILL S.C. we have one Seafly, D Wilkinson, there who would appreciate support.
Bexhill Regatta August 11th and 12th
Bexhill Sea Week August 13th-17th

WORTHING Y.C. also has a sea week August 13th-17th

GRAFFHAM WATER Regatta May 26th, 27th and 28th
12 hour race 1st September
two of a kind 15th September

SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

SEAFLY

The object of the Class Association is to further the interests of Seafly owners in their enjoyment of sailing.

Firstly, the Association preserves the character of the dinghy by administering the Class Rules to the satisfaction of the majority of owners. Secondly, it encourages the racing of Seaflys by ensuring that a programme of Open Meetings and the Class National Championships are arranged each year and also strives to ensure equality of boats in racing. Thirdly, it maintains as much contact as possible with owners who are members of the Association. This is done mainly through Newsletters, stands at the C.C.P.R. Exhibitions and also through personal contact. Like all Class Associations, we are spread out so that this contact is not as frequent as we would wish.

All this is carried out on a subscription of £1.00 per annum, and the only qualification for membership is to own a Seafly (or as an Associate, to have an interest). The more members we have, the more that can be done on behalf of the owners, so that it is in your interest to join.

SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

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