

SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

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EDITORIAL

Since some items of news had to be held over from the last Newsletter, I am taking the opportunity of issuing another edition to be sent out with the agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

By the time you receive this, you should have sent in your entry for the 1975 National Championships at Plymouth, but if you have not done so and wish to enter, it may be possible to persuade the Royal Western Yacht Club of England at 9 Grand Parade, Plymouth, which is staging the event, to accept a late entry if you write a sympathetic letter. Entries are coming in nicely at the time of writing this, but the more the merrier. Hope to see you all at Plymouth.

Alan Green.

DOLPHIN TROPHY

Never has the challenge for overall first place been so close! After attending five opens, only the very narrowest of margins separates Malcolm Thurgar (81 points) from Peter Scovell (80 points) so it all depends on the last race of the series at Seasalter on 20th and 21st September. With an outside chance if neither Malcolm nor Peter are able to sail are Colin May and Alan Green with 64 points and David Tarrant with 58. So the Trophy looks like remaining at Worthing for another year.

STARCROSS OPEN MEETING, 31st May & 1st June 1975.

A rather disappointing entry, with only seven Starcross boats and four visitors, one from Highcliffe and three from Worthing.

The first race on Saturday morning was sailed in a variable light wind and was won by B. Stunt. The second race in the afternoon was sailed in a steady force 2-3 blowing up the estuary, which enabled a fairly long course to be set using the navigation buoys. This time the winner was C. Tucker.

On Sunday morning, the third race again had light and variable conditions and C. Tucker was again the winner. For the final race in the afternoon the wind was a steady northerly, force 2-3, the winner being J. Baker. The overall results were given in the July Newsletter.

Visitors and supporters were nobly entertained by Carol and Laurie Lanham to an excellent Saturday evening in the local Cruising and Sailing Club.

HIGHCLIFFE OPEN MEETING, 28th & 29th June 1975

Eighteen entries, eleven of whom were visitors, including five from Worthing and three from South Cerney, sailed in mixed conditions. Races were as usual sailed on Olympic courses out in Christchurch Bay with committee boat starts.

On Saturday, 16 boats were afloat in a force 3-4 giving good conditions. The race was won by Colin May of the home club, with Malcolm Thurgar from Worthing second, John Slater, Highcliffe, third and Peter Fullagar of Canberra Y.C. fourth.

Sunday morning started very windy but by the time the fleet of 18 went afloat at midday, the wind had eased to force 4 and it gradually dropped away as the day went on, causing the second race of the meeting to be shortened. The winner was again Colin May, followed by Gordon Thomas of Highcliffe, Peter Scovell and Geoff Dexter, both from Worthing.

There was some delay in starting the third race while the course was relaid and by this time the wind had shifted again and died to a mere zephyr. Several boats gave up on the first leg and altogether seven retired. At one time the wind died completely leaving those still in the race at the mercy of the tide, but at last a small breeze came in from the Isle of Wight enabling those still persevering to complete one lap of the shortened course. George Grose in C360, South Cerney, was the patient winner, Peter Scovell second, John Cadenhead third and Gordon Thomas fourth.

Overall Results:-

1st	Colin May	C 422 Highcliffe S.C.	1½ points
2nd	P.Scovell	C 392 Worthing Y.C.	5 "
3rd	G.Thomas	C 444 Highcliffe S.C.	6 "
4th	J.Cadenhead	C 174 Worthing Y.C.	8 "
5th	P.Pullager	C 260 Canberra Y.C.	9 "
6th	D.Tarrant	C 339 S.Cerney S.C.	11 "

BLAKENEY OPEN MEETING, 12th & 13th July 1975

This was unfortunately an Open Meeting in name only as only one visiting boat turned up. He was Peter Staff and it was extremely gallant of him to make the long trip. He arrived too late for the Saturday race, and it is a tribute to his enthusiasm that he travelled 300 miles for about two hours sailing. It seems a pity that this and Worthing Open Days should clash, and surely it is possible to avoid this happening in future when the Class has not more than six Open Meetings a year.

Saturday. The wind was West force 3-4 and the five local boats that came to the line were rewarded with a good tide and sunshine. The Officer of the Day laid a course taking the boats right round the harbour which gave an excellent chance for all points of sailing. The race developed into a tussle between Jim Peppitt and Brian Blogg. It was not really Brian's day, as after hitting a mark and having to re-round, he ran aground on the North side. Despite this, he closed the gap on Jim Peppitt but not sufficiently to catch him and Jim crossed the line a matter of seconds ahead of Brian. Third place went to Mac Hambling.

Sunday. Nine boats came to the line including Peter Staff, the others all being local boats. The wind had veered slightly to the South and had freshened to between 4 and 5. Again a full harbour course was laid giving all points of sailing. There was a beat to the South mark and a very close fetch to Mussel. Brian Blogg and Jim Peppitt again took the lead, closely followed by Stiven Farquhar in 406. Stiven, sailing extremely well, was on the tail of both the leading boats on the run back. It was with some amazement that the back markers saw Brian and Jim take the wrong course and bear away to Scaupe. While all the back markers were hoping to move up two places, their hopes were short-lived as by the time the Cley mark was reached Brian and Jim had almost retrieved their lead and followed Stiven Farquhar down to the Scaupe mark the correct way round. Stiven held grimly on to the two leading boats but was unable to stop them increasing their lead over him. Brian finished a matter of seconds over Jim with Stiven coming along in third place. This made the two leading boats exactly equal on points, but the times had been recorded over the two days, giving Brian Blogg the overall position as winner.

Overall Results:

1st	Brian Blogg	C 290
2nd	Jim Peppitt	C 206
3rd	S.Farquhar	C 406
4th	M.Hambling	C 205
5th	D.Bacon	C 436

WORTHING OPEN MEETING, 12th & 13th July 1975

The fine spell of weather broke just before the Worthing meeting and the wind returned to its usual quarter in the south west, although it did not blow quite as hard as seemed likely before going afloat.

Altogether 23 boats competed, 10 of them visitors, and it was particularly gratifying to welcome two crews from South Cerney - one of them the winners - and also Peter and Daphne Fullager from Canberra Y.C. on their tour of the U.K. Open Meetings.

Saturday promised to be heavy going in a force 4-5 but by the time of the race the wind had moderated to about 3 with lumpy seas. There were 16 starters on a modified Olympic course off the clubhouse. Terry Smitherman from Tankerton Bay led at the windward mark, followed by Peter Scovell and John Cadenhead, both on home waters. It was not long before Malcolm Thurgar took the lead, but the outstanding effort was that of Philip Poyner from S.Cerney, crewed by his sister, Alison, who had so oversteered the first mark in poor visibility that they rounded last. So fast did they go on the reaches, however, that they gradually overhauled the whole fleet and came in first, followed by M.Thurgar, J.Cadenhead and P.Scovell.

The second race on Sunday morning had to be postponed owing to lack of water, and unfortunately a thick sea mist blew up soon after the start. With visibility cut to a few yards it was impossible for the race officer to see sail numbers, and the race had to be abandoned.

For the third race, launching parties assisted competitors to get off the beach through the breakers, although the wind was only about force 3. John Slater, of Highcliffe, quickly took the lead which he never relinquished and he was followed home by P.Scovell, P.Poyner and J.Cadenhead, in that order.

Overall results:

1st	P.Poyner	C 207	S.Cerney S.C.	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	points
2nd	P.Scovell	C 392	Worthing Y.C.	6	"
3rd	J.Cadenhead	C 174	"	7	"
4th	G.Dexter	C 98	"	12	"
5th	P.Fullager	C 260	Canberra Y.C.	13	"
6th	B.Risbridger	C 434	Tankerton Bay S.C.	15	"

OVERWORKED!

In a previous issue of the newsletter volunteers or nominations for Committee Members were asked for, without response. It is no use asking the same team to carry on year after year - everyone has to have a break sometime, and all the class officers are standing down this year. If it does not matter to you, the Class Association might as well be folded up while it is solvent! Think hard about this. The officers can come from any part of the country - not necessarily near London.

WANTED URGENTLY

Second-hand Seafly for keen new recruit to the Class.
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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, PLYMOUTH, AUGUST 24th - 29th 1975

Thirty-nine entries have been received so far.

What's the matter, Starcross? Is Plymouth too far?

A lot of Seafly sailors seem to have lost their head of steam for a good holiday since last year at Seasalter. Come on you ditherers - it is only £7.00 Entry Fee - that's half of any other Class Championships, and includes free car parking, swimming, golf and three evenings out at the different Yacht Clubs.

All entrants should have had a pamphlet Programme Information, The Sailing Instructions, Dinghy Parking Pass, Free Tickets for various activities in Plymouth. If you have not received these, please write to L.R.R.Foster, The Sailing Secretary, Royal Western Y.C. of England, 9 Grand Parade, Plymouth.

LIST OF ENTRIES

<u>Sail No.</u>	<u>Owner/Helmsman</u>	<u>Club</u>
31	Peter Staff	Fishers Green S.C.
68	G.K.Summerfield	Worthing Y.C.
69	J.McPherson	Highcliffe S.C.
71	I.E.Mansfield	" "
98	G.Dexter	Worthing Y.C.
111	A.R.Horne	S.Cerney S.C.
119	M.N.Thurgar	Worthing Y.C.
152	P.S.Stanford	Hunstanton S.C.
164	I.J.Pike	Highcliffe S.C.
165	L.Purvis	Hunstanton S.C.
167	H.Venables	Fort Halstead Y.C.
174	J.R.Cadenhead	Worthing Y.C.
206	J.Peppitt	Blakeney S.C.
207	P.H.Poyner	S.Cerney S.C.
223	J.A.Baker	Starcross Y.C.
229	J.A.Garry	" "
231	A.Izzard	Fishers Green S.C.
248	F.Pettitt	Seasalter S.C.
250	C.G.Tucker	Starcross Y.C.
260	P.Fullagar	Canberra Y.C. (Australia)
269	R.G.Beavis	Blakeney S.C.
277	J.P.Frappell	Starcross Y.C.
288	T.Blogg	Blakeney S.C.
289	H.Leigh	Worthing Y.C.
290	B.T.Blogg	Blakeney S.C.
299	R.Braithwaite	Highcliffe S.C.
339	D.Tarrant	S.Cerney S.C.
363	J.F.Wren	Seasalter S.C.
376	A.Green	Worthing Y.C.
379	C.Andrews	" "
390	G.J.Russell	S.Cerney S.C.
392	P.E.Scovell	Worthing Y.C.
396	A.Close	Stewartby Water Sports
401	L.D.Lanham	Starcross Y.C.
422	C.May	Highcliffe S.C.
423	P.T.Gray	Chew Valley Lake S.C.
434	R.G.Risbridger	Tankerton Bay S.C.
444	G.Thomas	Highcliffe S.C.
460	Brian Howe	Seasalter S.C.
461	T.Smitherman	Tankerton Bay S.C.
463	J.A.Furlong	Seasalter S.C.
464	W.J.Prescott	" "
470	J.Everett	Worthing Y.C.

To thank Laurie Lanham for all the time and effort he has given to getting this year's Championships off to a successful start is hard to express in words. Another 50 entries would be a far better way to say 'thank you' on behalf of the Class Association.