



SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

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NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.....

The big news from SEASALTER is that both the first and second phase of the new clubhouse will be completed in good time for the Nationals thanks to a splendid team effort by an army of volunteer do-it-yourself builders.

Originally it was planned to put up a single story building and add a second later but because so many helpers came forward it was possible to complete the entire project in one operation.

The old clubhouse - affectionately nicknamed "the black hole of Calcutta" - has been completely demolished and the new building erected on the same site.

Upstairs there is a race tower, galley, bar and a large clubroom/lounge where the racing can be watched in comfort. Downstairs there are changing rooms, showers and briefing and storage areas.

"I intend to have everything on top line for the Nationals," says chairman Stan Walton. "We may well have the official opening then and make it a gala week and weekend."

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With three TANKERTON boats moving to SEASALTER it is hoped the club will be able to turn out eight boats. "There'll be a hell of a row if there isn't eight on the line," says Stan. "Anyone who doesn't will find themselves scrubbing floors."

Class captain Brian Howe is hoping for the magic 50 boats. He is also hoping as many entries as possible will stay over for the Regatta Weekend following the Nationals. Brian recommends the Fowley Island long distance race (approximately 12 miles). I'm told some of last year's competitors still haven't finished.....

New members at SEASALTER include Jimmy Furlong with Bob Risebridger as crew, and ex-Seafly helm Terry Smitherman back with the class after a spell sailing a Phantom.

Anyone who hasn't entered for the Nationals or renewed his/her class membership will find application forms attached to the end of the Newsletter together with a list of accommodation in the Seasalter area. Further information can be supplied by contacting Brian Howe on Maidstone 59685 or Ashford, Kent, 25777 (Ext. 4590) during business hours.

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The two day Open at HIGHCLIFFE S.C. was won by former National Champion Dave Black in a boat jointly owned with his crew Bill Rabbets. Dave was on fine form winning two out of the three races. Dick Flower, crewed by son Nick, was a close second with another father and son team, Alistair and John (Dad) MacPherson, in third place.

Fourteen boats entered including Alan Green who travelled from Worthing and Jimmy Furlong from Seasalter. Conditions were testing with winds light Force 1/2. Jimmy disappeared mysteriously after the first race and heavy weather specialist John Slater pulled out after christening his new Flower boat in the first race on the Sunday.

The meeting was held in conjunction with the Contenders and Mirrors and according to club commodore Ted May the weekend proved most successful despite the weather. "There seems to be a lot more life in the class these days," says Ted. "We hope to have half a dozen boats at the Nationals." Although 14 Seaflies is a good turn out, Highcliffe still has a "ghost fleet" of over 30 who sail mainly in the boat park!

The Seafly fleet at STARCROSS is experiencing something of a revival. Several boats have undergone refits following the purchase of a Dick Flower boat (No. 617) by Colin Tucker and Ron Littlejohn. Local champion John Lloyd has been busy tuning up No. 420 and a couple of members have purchased new sails from Michael McNamara - always a sign that they mean business.

Fleet captain Jim Fricker forecasts some very competitive racing from the STARCROSS boats this year. Two or three members are looking for good second hand boats. Please contact Jim at 12, Davies Close, Silverton, Exeter, Devon, for details.

Jim is also hoping for a few visitors to the STARCROSS Open on June 16-17 (Entry form attached to the end of the Newsletter).

Like many fleets this year BLAKENEY S.C. got off to a slow start but over the past few weeks competition has become fierce. There have been several 10-boat turn outs with Brian Blogg (No. 621) up front in his new Flower boat. Like Morris Arthur and Brian Cooper "Bloggy" is favouring the softer Boyce mast and boom and so far the rig looks promising. Roy Perryman, who has also bought a new Flower boat, is still fitting out.

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Morris Arthur's son Eric will be making his Nationals debut at SEASALTER with his lovely sister Hannah as crew. Eric tells me he is desperate for a second hand spinnaker (Telephone: Norwich 49813). New members include Dave Scovell who has moved to a new job in Norwich, with Clare Thurgar. I'm told they are exploring the delights of the Broads by canoe..... BLAKENEY are hoping to enter seven boats in the Nationals including a welcome return to the championship scene of Fleet captain Matt Hambling.

The BLAKENEY Open on July 14-15 will be sailed on the best tides of the year together with the Javelins (9.30 a.m. start on the Saturday and 10.30 a.m. on the Sunday).

The fleet at WORTHING has been hard at it since Easter and competition is hotting up in the points series with Dave Stewart (No. 119) leading at the moment. Alan Green reports that up to 10 out of the 14 Seafliers in the club have been turning out for class racing and about five boats are expected to travel to SEASALTER.

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The current champion, Roger Cooper, now sailing a 505, is hoping to defend his title if he can borrow a boat. Joyce Thurgar, who bought Bob Risbridger's old boat, may also make the trip to Kent.

The WORTHING Open is being held on September 22-23 with racing at 1.30 p.m. on the Saturday and 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on the Sunday (two to count).

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR.....

I had planned great things when I offered to take over the Newsletter from our long suffering editor Harry Clark and secretary Tony Gillingham. I am sorry the result has been so disappointing and you are having to be content with a hastily assembled emergency edition.

Next time I hope to be able to duplicate some photographs, possibly of the Nationals, and introduce some colour.

I am most anxious to give some space to letters be they fair or foul on the class association, the boat or anything which might stimulate interest. Use a nom de plume if you think it's too hot to put your name on. And if you feel like writing an article (around 300 or 400 words) which you think may be useful to members I would be most pleased to hear from you. The message is - have a go, say what you feel, but please keep it clean!

If you have anything you want to get rid of (boats or equipment, not the wife) please give me a ring. And please keep those club reports coming in no matter how little news you have.

VIC BIRTLES - EDITOR

NEWS FROM THE BUILDERS.....

DICK FLOWER reports that his new "Graded Grains" is going well and he was well satisfied with his performance in the Highcliffe Open - one first and a second "by about 20ft."

For the technocrats the boat is rigged with a Proctor 2.6 boom, Proctor Beta mast, and a centre main sheeting arrangement incorporating a wire bridle strop in place of the traditional track. The sails are by Peter Saunders. Dick describes the main as variable flat cut.

"The entry is very flat but we have good control over the depth of the sail," says Dick. "The jib isn't so flat and has lots of drive. It won't go straight to windward yet but we're working on it....."

Dick Flower's address is: Dorset Dinghies
Nea Close,
Highcliffe,
Christchurch, Dorset.
Office: Highcliffe (04252)
77408
Works: Ferndown (0202)
891854

COLIN MAY reports that he is working on "something very special" for the Nationals. It's top secret at the moment. Even the Committee has yet to discuss the project.

Meanwhile Colin has delivered two more GRP cruising boats to the Ullswater Sailing School bringing the number there now to four. Jimmy Wren has also ordered his first GRP boat.

Colin says he still has an assortment of spares including glass chutes and Holt Allen booms all at reasonable prices.

Colin May's address is: C.M. Marine,
36, Fairfield,
Christchurch, Dorset.
Christchurch (02015) 2098

BOATS FOR SALE....

SEAFLY 187 wooden hull, new Proctor mast, spinnaker, certificate, road trailer, trolley, £600. Bargain. Highcliffe 4601.

SEAFLY. Beautiful, Centre main, Proctors, bailers, furling jib, new spinnaker, main, certificate, cover, road trailer. Hastings 752746.

SEAFLY 225, V.G.C., trolley, cover. Truro 78492 (evenings).

DOLPHIN TROPHY RESULTS:::

1. Roger Cooper (WORTHING S.C.) 29 pts
2. Roger Beavis (BLAKENEY S.C.) 25 pts
3. Dick Flower (HIGHCLIFFE S.C.) 22 pts
4. Colin May (HIGHCLIFFE S.C.) 18 pts

'SEAFLY' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

To be sailed under the burgee of the Seasalter Sailing Club
Sunday 19th August to Friday 24th August 1979.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

RACES

All races will be sailed under the current Racing Rules of the I.Y.R.U. R.Y.A. Prescriptions, 'Seafly' Class Rules, and the Sailing Instructions issued by the Seasalter Sailing Club for this event.

			<u>Start</u>	<u>H.W.</u>
Practice Race	Sun.	19th Aug	10.00 Hrs	11.13 Hrs
1st Trophy Race	Mon.	20th Aug	11.00 Hrs	12.08 Hrs
2nd Trophy Race	Tues.	21st Aug	12.00 Hrs	12.54 Hrs
3rd Trophy Race	Wed.	22nd Aug	12.30 Hrs	13.32 Hrs
4th Trophy Race	Thurs.	23rd Aug	13.00 Hrs	14.05 Hrs
5th Trophy Race	Fri.	24th Aug	13.30 Hrs	14.37 Hrs

Venue

The Seasalter Sailing Club is located on the N.E. Kent coast near Whitstable.

Entries

Entry Fee £14.00.

Entries MUST be on the official form together with entry fee and must be received by Seasalter Sailing Club by the first post on Monday, 12th August 1979. Entries should be addressed to:

The Rear Commodore (Sailing),
Seasalter Sailing Club,
c/- 181 Wincheap,
Canterbury, Kent.

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Registration

Sailing Instructions, courses and list of entries will be issued on arrival, against production of a valid Registration Certificate for boat and sails, evidence of Third Party Insurance to a minimum of £50,000 and 'Seafly' Association Membership Card. All boats will be subject to further measurement during the Championships at the discretion of the Race Committee. All boats must sail under their own registered sail number. Only under extreme circumstances will consent be given to use a sail of a different number. Consent must be obtained in writing from the Race Committee.

Briefing

Briefing will take place at Seasalter Sailing Club on Sunday August 19th at 09.00 hours.

Prizes

Prizes will be given by the Seasalter Sailing Club at least for the winning helm and crew in each individual points race and for the first eight helms and crews in the Championship Series. This is subject to a minimum entry of 40 boats. Additional prizes may be given in accordance with entries.

Trophies

Trophies will be presented to the first helmsman in each race of the Series in the Seafly class. These trophies will be held for one year.

Membership

The Seasalter Sailing Club invites all competitors, their families and friends to be temporary members of the Club during the Championships.

Catering

Refreshments will be available in the Clubhouse. A fully licensed bar will be in operation.

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Entertainment

		<u>Hrs.</u>
Saturday	: Get together in the Clubhouse	20.00
Sunday	: Commodore Reception	20.00
Monday	: Social Evening	20.00
Tuesday	: Social Evening (Details later)	20.00
Wednesday	: A.G.M. Seafly 7.30 p.m.	19.30
Thursday	: Free night. Clubhouse and Bar open	
Friday	: Prize Presentation and Buffet Dance (in Canterbury)	

SEAFLY NATIONALS ENTRY FORM

SEASALTER August 19-24

NAME BOAT NUMBER.....
ADDRESS BOAT NAME
..... COLOUR OF HULL
..... DECKS
TEL: NO: CLUB

CREW'S NAME

CREW'S ADDRESS

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ENTRY FEE £14.00. Cheques or postal orders, together with the entry form, should be made payable and addressed to:-

The Rear Commodore (Sailing),
Seasalter Sailing Club,
c/o 181, Wincheap,
Canterbury, Kent.

SEAFLY DINGHY GLASS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please return to Treasurer/Secretary

T.Gillingham,
30 Sandling Lane,
Penenden Heath,
Maidstone, Kent.

Telephone : Maidstone 671856

I enclose my subscription for 1979:

Full Membership £2.00

Associate Membership £1.00

NAME..... BOAT NO.
ADDRESS..... BOAT NAME.....
..... CLUB.....

Cheques or Postal Orders payable to:-

SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

DON'T DELAY PAY TODAY