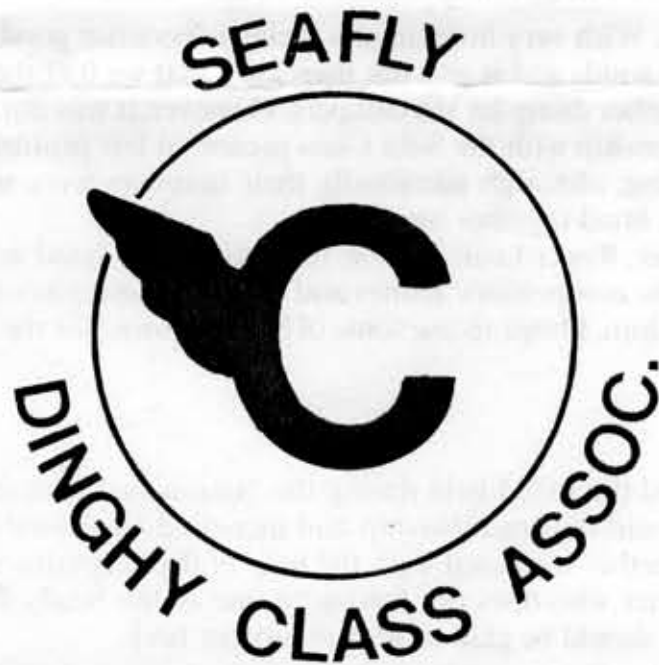


NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

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SEAFLY NEWSLETTER

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1. National Championships

This year's Nationals at Brixham Y.C. were highly successful, even if the strong winds of the last two days prevented nearly half the fleet from racing. The entry of 36 was the best since Plymouth four years ago and proved once again that the West Country venue is one of the most popular because it brings out the Starcross fleet. It is interesting to note, incidentally, that the first two boats were 17 and 20 years old respectively and only three of the first ten were less than five years old. So you don't need a modern boat to do well! The full results will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Brixham Y.C. did us proud. With very little dinghy racing experience good courses were laid well out in Torbay in generally steady winds and it was not their fault that we had the first wet and windy week for months, which made life rather damp for the campers. However, it was not half as bad as at Plymouth in 1980. Sharing the Championship with the Solo Class presented few problems either on the course or during launching and beaching, although admittedly their numbers were very much down this year, and I thought the two classes fitted together very well.

A professional photographer, Roger Lean-Vercoc, took some very good action shots of several boats at the Nationals. He has all the competitors' names and addresses and you may by now have received a proof print of your boat from him. I hope to use some of his best prints for the Seafly stand at the Dinghy Exhibition.

2. Annual General Meeting

About 30 members attended the AGM held during the Nationals. Commenting on the past year the Chairman, David Cotgrove, said that membership had increased to around the hundred mark and he hoped that it could be still further increased with the help of fleet captains spreading the word. If any reader knows of a Seafly owner who does not belong to one of the Seafly fleets and is perhaps not a member of the Association, I should be glad to hear of him (or her).

Subscriptions at present have been barely adequate to meet costs and a proposition by the Committee to increase full membership from £4 to £5 and boat registration and re-registration from £1 to £2 from 1st January, 1985 was carried unanimously.

The new Committee for 1984/85 is:

<i>Chairman</i>	David Cotgrove	Starcross Y.C.
<i>Secretary</i>	Alan Green	Starcross Y.C.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Eddie Spicer	Starcross Y.C.
<i>Newsletter</i>	Ian Mansfield/Barry Thomas	Higheliffe S.C.
<i>Builder</i>	Colin May	Higheliffe S.C.
<i>Member</i>	Jimmy Wren	South Cerney S.C.
<i>Member</i>	Brian Howe	Seasalter S.C.

3. Rules of Measurement and Construction

The revised and updated rules were approved at the AGM with three amendments—to the dimensions of the forward buoyancy tank and thwart in wooden boats, and deletion of the requirement that the rudder shape must fit within a profile. These rules now replace those in the Seafly Handbook, which should no longer be used.

It is hoped to publish the new rules in a new issue of the Handbook to be prepared next year. In the meantime copies of the rules can be obtained from me.

4. Seafly Copyright

The offer by Colin May to sell the copyright to the Association, without the moulds, and the interest shown by John Salter in purchasing it from Colin May, were outlined to the AGM. Members felt that there was a need to promote and market the Seafly, which John Salter had said he intended to do through his business, Slaters Marine. However the question of John Slater purchasing the rights is of course a matter between him and Colin May.

There was not much enthusiasm for the Association purchasing the rights without the moulds, but there was some support for a donation of £10 per member if satisfactory arrangements could be made and more funds were required.

5. Postscript

On a personal note I shall be out of the country between 24th September and 15th November "Down Under", where I am hoping to meet Peter and Daphne Fullagar of Canberra Y.C. whom some of you will remember attended the Nationals at Plymouth in 1975.

For Sale—Scafly Mast in good condition but without Halyards—Proctor Beta Plus—£75. Peter Scovell, Worthing 41662.

Wanted—GRP Scafly in good condition, with measurement certificate—P. Coyle, Newton Abbot (0626) 65634.

Found—at Nationals at Brixham— one Buoyancy Jacket. Telephone Carol Lanham, Starcross (0626) 890477.

For Sale—Scafly No. 473 in GRP, fully equipped for racing and complete with cover £550. Telephone Stan Stubbs, Highcliffe 3310.

Available Now—for the home finishing enthusiast Scafly (No. 646?) hull only in white with "Go-Faster" stripes as seen at the National Championships on 645, but without the dent in the bow. £525 VAT inclusive. Alternatively phone Colin May on Christchurch 476145 for a quotation for finishing in the latest fashion similar to 642 and 645.

Scafly 101—Original Moores boat, completely rebuilt with new decks and additional stiffening. Good sound hull has been lightened to achieve minimum weight.

Rig includes Proctor 'F' mast, new boom and spinnaker pole and new McNamara sails. Fitted with new glass sheathed centreboard and rudder blade in Rondar stock, and all new ball bearing fittings throughout.

Combi trailer/trolley and cover included.

Only one week's use at National Championships since its relaunch.

£1,275 *Contact:* Nigel Summers, Christchurch 483624.

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

From the Editors:

Oh dear! do we really have to think of some more prose for the masses queuing to buy this much sought after periodical? It is difficult to imagine quite why it is so popular—after all, there is no £1 million pound Bingo Game, no page 3 exposure, no moronic cartoons and precious little in the way of sport, just a few lousy adverts! There's no accounting for taste. However, let us acquaint you, faithful reader, with the contents of this current issue:

Notes from the Secretary

Open Meeting report from Seasalter

The National Championships Report

Boats for Sale

Because the same old stalwarts contribute each time we publish the format becomes a little familiar. It would be great to have more input on some of the controversial subjects like the advantages and disadvantages of lower shrouds, spinnaker twinning lines or details of your new spinnaker pole arrangements, so let us have some correspondence on your pet subjects.

It was good to see such a large entry for the Championships raced in Torbay this year, courtesy of Brixham Yacht Club and our thanks go to the Flag Officers and Race Committee together with all their helpers for providing such an excellent venue and entertaining week. Hill Head Camp (known as Stalag XV to the inmates) was enjoyed by many Scafly sailors and their families in our own little reserved patch and interlopers were swiftly dealt with. The Escape Committee performed well in getting helms and crews to the start each day and back without the guards knowledge!

The Seasalter Open was also enjoyed by all who attended and our thanks also go to Stan Walton and his helpers for an excellent weekend. Although it was a windy Sunday, the only casualty was Eric Sales' transome which fell out—two weeks before the Nationals! Sorry—forgot about the stolen bench on their new balcony—perhaps Eric needed the wood for his transom?

Finally Ian and I would like to thank those of you who retained confidence and voted us back as editors of this publication despite the clamours from people wanting to take over.

We hope you enjoy this issue—next issue will include reports from the Round Sheppey Race, Worthing and South Cerney Open Meetings.

Race winners and overall prizewinners for 1st to 10th may be gleaned from the overall results sheet. Eric Arthur from Blakeney finally emulated his father and with Tom Reynolds made a popular 1984 Champion. Runners up and Third respectively both crews from Highcliff were the Nigels Summers and Burt, and Colin May with Peter Keynes. The Canberra Trophy team prize went to Highcliff. The first Veteran Helmsman was Peter Jones of Highcliff at 8th overall. The first Lady Helmswoman was Carol Lanham of Starcross at 9th overall and the first Lady Crew was Louise Mansfield of Highcliff at 13th overall.

Good sailing!

IAN MANSFIELD

1984 NATIONAL BRIXHAM Y.C., TORBAY

The 'Devon' Nationals were staged this year for the first time in Torbay. Brixham Yacht Club cohosted the Solos with us and we all shared Torbay with National 12's out of Paignton. Every sort of weather was laid on to test the fleets. At times Torbay sparkled with a Mediterranean clarity, then a boat only 20 yards away would be lost in the spray from the driving rain and hail. Almost the only constant factor was the persistence of the gulls on the cliffs above the dinghy park.

A total of 37 boats were entered from six clubs. It was disappointing not to see a boat from South Cerney and a provisional entry from Papercourt Sailing Club failed to materialise. While it was evident that there were more of one type of weather than another for some helmsmen most enjoyed the racing and the management of the week by Brixham Y.C.

The Practice Race day on Sunday was bright and hot with a light southerly breeze blowing into the Bay, round Berry Head (berrynice!). The fancied crews were making themselves inconspicuous perhaps mindful of the old superstition about the Practice Race. The '83 Champion did not sail and Eric Arthur retired with gear failure. Others were perhaps tempted by the new trophy donated by Brixham Yacht Club and form watchers were startled to see a strong early lead from Marcus Melanaphy. This faded however and the last leg which turned into a fetch resulted in a straight test of speed between Adrian Summers in 404, Ian Mansfield in 642, David Hughes in 638 and Nigel Summers in his beautiful restored 101. All tacked to lay the line at about the same time and at the end the Mansfields took the gun from Adrian Summers with David and Christine Hughes edging in front of Adrian's brother Nigel.

On Monday the first race of the series, for the Sussex Salver, was again sailed in a light and variable breeze. Colin May launched the very newest boat, 645, this day for the first time, Eric Arthur in 279 from Blakeney showed early from the line. Throughout the race he was closely pursued by Nigel Summers, Colin May and Adrian Summers, but at the end the guns were taken by Eric, Nigel and Colin in that order. Last year's Champion Alisdair McPherson recovered from a bad start to pull up to 5th. In the evening those of the fleet camped at Hillhead enthralled the assembled crowds by a demonstration of their prowess at handling canvas. The 16 foot square tent of an interloper to the Seafly enclosure was relocated, all standing, over an obstacle course including parked cars and a gate only 10 feet wide. This, in a new world record time, Guinness Superlatures please note, although it has to be admitted that the feat was accomplished without a drop of the porter in sight. The unfortunate owners of the tent are reported to still be recovering slowly.

The start of the Lucas Cup on Tuesday gave the fleet ample opportunity to study the approaches to Torbay as the Race Officer gave a light westerly breeze three hours to settle down. Most of the fleet stuck it out and at the start Eric was there again pulling out a substantial early lead. However, as squalls of rain and hail obscured the Bay the chance of an upset became evident with David Scovell from Worthing in 392 coming in from a flyer closing the leaders. A freshening breeze on the line saw the closest finishing of the week with dramatic place changing in the final 100 yards. Eric Arthur just held his lead from Alisdair McPherson and Nigel Summers just beating David Scovell into fourth place with Ian Mansfield, Adrian Summers and Colin May behind. So close was the finishing and so anxious Adrian's crew Nick, that, as Adrian tacked on the line, Nick missed his toestrap and executed a most graceful backward pike with half twist right into the path of a flotilla of Solos intent on braining him. As Adrian wrestled singlehanded with his Seafly, Colin saved the day by scooping up Nick as he finished.

Wednesday was a crucial day for the fleet leaders and in a consistent and moderate south westerly, Eric Arthur consolidated his position with his third first from Nigel Summers, who held off Alisdair McPherson to third. Dave Scovell and Colin May worked their way through the fleet from the middle orders to finish 4th and 5th.

For most of the fleet the remaining two days yielded the sort of bruising weather designed to test heroes. As the breeze freshened from a brisk force 5 until on Friday the Committee boat was recording gusts of over 35 knots. In these conditions many sought the comfort of the Yacht Club bar whilst even the fleet leaders took time to go swimming in the Bay. Thursday saw no special surprises with the heavyweights and athletes showing to the front. Eric assured himself of the 1984 Championship by taking an early lead from

Nigel Summers and hanging on to it to the finish. Adrian Summers just could not find enough to outweigh the bulk and heavy weather expertise of Colin May, but he did beat Dave Scovell into 5th.

Having already completed a week in Javelins, Eric and his crew Tom Reynolds with the Championships in hand, elected to join the throng at the bar on the Friday. This was the day to decide the order of the remaining prizes and Nigel Summers with Nigel Burt took the race and second overall from Colin May with Peter Keynes. Third in this race was Alan Brooks from Starcross sailing 183 who added this result to a consistent week. Dave Scovell reversed the result of Thursday's tussle with Adrian Summers to take fourth for the day and overall.

SEAFly OPEN—Seasalter S.C. 14th–15th July, 1984

The Seafly Open this year was combined with a Dinghy Open, with a total entry of twenty-five boats, made up from eleven Seaflys eight Lasers and six general Handicap. One race was held on the Saturday and two on the Sunday, in very contrasting conditions. The Saturday race was under almost windless best use of the little zephyrs, resulting in a good win for David Scovell, second Adrian Summers and third Peter Jones.

The first race on the Sunday was postponed while the Race Officer—Stan Walton, very wisely waited for the wind to drop to force 5, before starting the race. The race was really spectacular Seafly stuff with exhilarating planing on the reaches, and was won by Adrian Summers second was David Scovell and third Peter Jones. The wind for the final race increased if anything, and at times gusted to force 6. Once again Adrian Summers showed us how to keep a boat upright and having tremendous speed offwind led the fleet home, followed by Peter Jones and Ian Mansfield third. Unfortunately David Scovell had to retire from the last race after being hit by the boom. Although initially dazed, I am pleased to say he was alright afterwards.

Overall the results—best two from three races were as follows:

- 1st 404—Adrian Summers crewed by Nick Carter
- 2nd 392—David Scovell crewed by David Williams
- 3rd 624—Peter Jones crewed by Jim Imrie

The Hilda Rusdell Cup, for the first Seasalter S.C. Seafly in the Open was:

Brian Howe crewed by Julia Howe

Seasalter very much appreciated the number of Seaflys prepared to travel in most cases, very long distances, particularly with their National Championships at Brixham, Devon, only two weeks away. It was also good to see some new faces in the Seafly fleet, namely Craig Harris crewed by Nigel Webb in Seafly No. 40 from South Cerney, and Alan Cox crewed by Lisa Cox in No. 415 from Seasalter.

A disco/buffet social was arranged in the clubhouse on the Saturday evening and a good weekend was enjoyed by all.

BRIAN HOWE

Results of Seafly 1984 overleaf

SEAFLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—1984

Held at Brixham Yacht Club 29th July to 3rd August

Overall Position	Boat No.	Helm	Club	Practice Race Brixham YC Torquay	Race 1 Sussex Salver	Race 2 Lucas Cup	Race 3 Chairman's Cup	Race 4 Herbert Trophy	Race 5 City of Plymouth Cup	Overall Points
1	279	E. Arthur	Blakeney SC	Ret.	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	36 DNS	3
2	101	N. Summers	Highcliffe SC	4	2	3	2	2	3/4	6 3/4
3	645	C. May	Highcliffe SC	DNS	3	7	5	3	2	13
4	392	D. Scovell	Worthing YC	11	6	4	4	5	4	17
5	404	A. Summers	Highcliffe SC	2	4	6	7	4	5	19
6	183	A. Brook	Starcross YC	7	7	11	34 Ret.	9	3	30
7	636	A. McPherson	Highcliffe SC	DNS	5	2	3	36 DNS	22 Ret.	32
8	624	P. Jones	Highcliffe SC	6	9	12	6	14	6	33
9	523	C. Lanham	Starcross YC	5	11	33 Ret.	8	6	8	33
10	617	C. Tucker	Starcross YC	18	10	18	11	7	7	35
11	623	V. Birtles	Blakeney SC	DNS	16	13	12	8	9	42
12	434	P. Bailey	Worthing YC	9	8	14	13	12	10	43
13	642	I. Mansfield	Highcliffe SC	1	13	5	15	10	15	43
14	638	D. Hughes	Highcliffe SC	3	14	9	18	11	12	46
15	250	D. Cotgrove	Starcross YC	28	18	15	10	21 Ret.	13	56
16	451	J. Rowe	Starcross YC	10	20	8	21	24 Disq.	11	60
17	621	M. Harnell	Worthing YC	13	22	17	9	13	22 Ret.	61
18	420	J. Lloyd	Starcross YC	DNS	15	10	14	36 DNS	36 DNS	75
19	507	B. Howe	Seasalter SC	Ret.	23	24	22	15	17	77
20	176	R. Cockwell	Highcliffe SC	19	28	23	24	16	16	79
21	470	E. Sales	Seasalter SC	22	24	16	25	36 DNS	14	79
22	69	T. Hoyle	Highcliffe SC	Ret.	25	22	27	17	22 Ret.	86
23	376	A. Green	Starcross YC	15	18	19	17	36 DNS	36 DNS	90
24	640	B. Thomas	Highcliffe SC	21	12	33	23	36 DNS	36 DNS	104
25	96	R. Ditch	Worthing YC	24	26	25	34	36 DNS	22 Ret.	107
26	644	M. Melanaphy	Highcliffe SC	8	35 Ret.	36 Disq.	16	36 DNS	22 Ret.	109
27	639	T. Legood	Starcross YC	12	19	36 DNS	19	36 DNS	36 DNS	110
28	627	G. Turner	Starcross YC	26	29	21	26	36 DNS	36 DNS	113
29	119	D. Stewart	Worthing YC	16	21	36 DNS	20	21 Ret.	36 DNS	121
30	229	A. Garry	Starcross YC	20	35 Ret.	36 DNS	29	36 DNS	36 DNS	122
31	430	L. Lanham	Starcross YC	33	30	20	36 DNS	36 DNS	36 DNS	126
32	473	S. Stubbs	Highcliffe SC	17	27	27	36 DNS	36 DNS	36 DNS	127
33	472	T. Newstead	Starcross YC	25	31	26	34 Ret.	36 DNS	36 DNS	128
34	643	W. Beeson	Starcross YC	29	36 DNS	28	28	36 DNS	36 DNS	133
35	231	A. Izzard	Fishers Green SC	27	32	29	36 DNS	36 DNS	36 DNS	142
36	492	P. Scovell	Worthing YC	14	36 DNS	36 DNS	34 Ret.	36 DNS	36 DNS	

Entries: Highcliffe SC 12
 Starcross YC 12
 Worthing YC 6
 Seasalter SC 2
 Blakeney SC 2
 Fishers Green SC 1
 Canberra Trophy
 Highcliffe SC