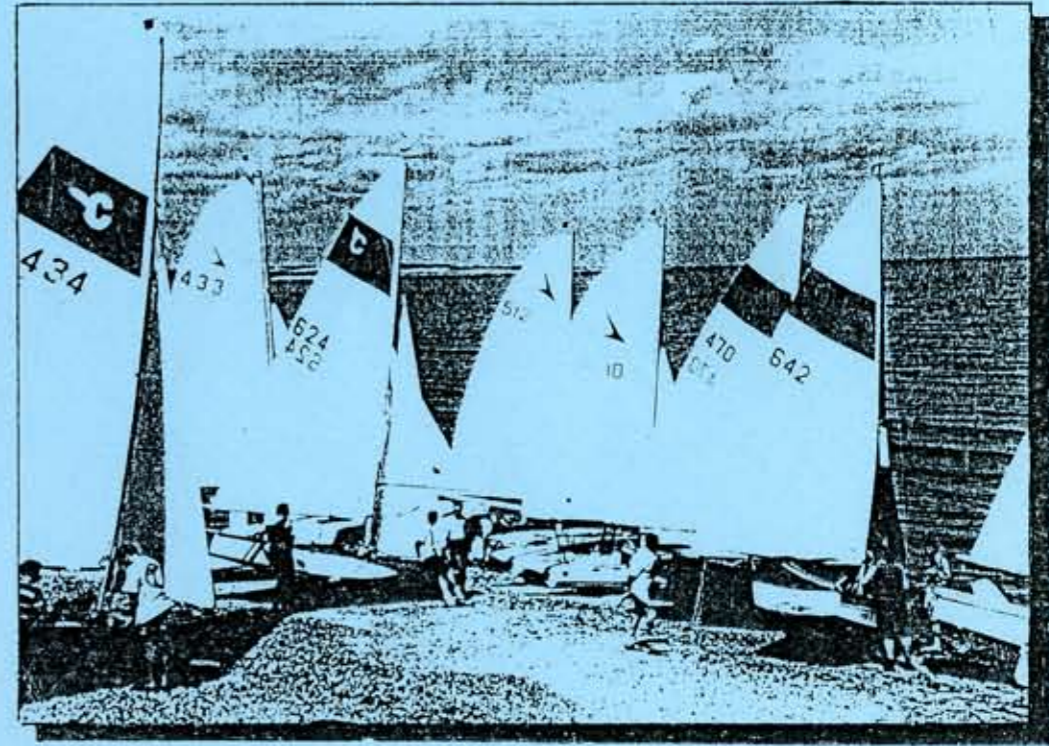


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EDITORIAL

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

With the competition from new high performance dinghies, costing less than the more tradition dinghies such as Enterprises, GPs, Seaflyes etc. and the exciting looking craft with wings, one design interior and lightness, how can the poor old Seafly compete, when a new Seafly will cost round around the £4000 mark. Maybe we shouldn't compete but go and join them, but is that the answer? How long will these new boats last? Will they soon be overtaken by something more 'High Tech'. These and many other question are impossible to answer. But one thing is for sure sailing and dinghy racing will be here for a long time to come.

When you think about it, really it does not matter what you sail as long as you enjoy it, as long as you don't over stress yourself, you feel safe and for dinghy racers the competition is good, that's all you need. You could probably have as much fun in a bath tub with a gunter sail, as long as they are all the same and plenty of them. In Christchurch Harbour there is a local class of boat called a scow. There are about fifty of them that sail regularly, they are slow, with a single gunter sail, stubby bow, two up but I bet they wouldn't change them for anything.

So what is the answer for the Seafly fleet? One way is for each individual to know they have a good seaworthy boat, reasonably exciting, and with a little care and attention competitive. OK, a 17 year old boat can not really compete with one of the new sandwich foam GRP boats. But what a sense of achievement when you do beat the newer boats. Adrian Summers has got his hands on C164, which nearly sank in the Nationals last year, due to the seams coming adrift. With a couple of months of dedicated hard work we will see another OLDIE mixing it with the new boats, may be that is the answer to let the better helms have the older boats and newcomers to have the new boats, but I suppose that is the ideal situation. What do you think? let me hear your views.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. SEAFLY EVENTS

17-18 July	Seasalter SC Open Meeting	First race Sat at xxxx 3 races, 2 to count.
22-27 Aug.	Starcross YC National Championships	
25-26 Sept	Worthing YC Open Meeting (shared with Miracle Class)	First start Sat at xxxx 4 races, 3 to count.
	Inland Championships Spinnaker SC	First race Sat

2. National Championships (22-27 August) Starcross

Starcross is a new venue for the Nationals and it promises to be an excellent Seafly Week. Car and boat parking are free, launching is always easy and the sailing conditions are excellent. On top of all this the club is situated in a beautiful setting on the River Exe at Powderham Point, a mile upstream from Starcross. Besides the sailing a full social programme is planned; details were published in the Spring Newsletter and may be repeated at the end of this report if we have room.

The Tourist Information Centre at The Lawns, Dawlish, Devon, can supply information about accommodation. Camping has been arranged Crofton Farm (AA 4 star) at £8 per night for two persons per car and tent, or caravan; Telephone 0626 890358 or 866990 for a colour brochure. Contact at Starcross YC is David Cotgrove on 0626 867010.

Please note that the AGM is being held early in the week on Monday, 23 August, so that a resolution to be on Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets can be debated and, if passed, put into immediate effect. Details were in the Spring Newsletter. The AGM agenda will be posted to paid-up members not later than 9th August.

The Entry fee is £65. A form was enclosed with the Spring Newsletter and should be sent in as soon as possible. This is an ideal venue to try out the Nationals if you have never entered before and you don't have to be an expert to compete. Everyone, from beginners to hot-shots, will be made very welcome by fellow competitors and the host club. I can promise you a great week - why not send in your entry NOW?

SECRETARY'S REPORT

3. The National Dinghy Show

My letter to Yachts & Yachting protesting at being given an unacceptable outside pitch at Sailboat '93 by the R.Y.A. led to a considerable number of letters to the magazine. Nearly all of them supported my contention that the show seems to be becoming too commercialised and dominated by the big classes with plenty of money and clout, to the detriment of small fry like us who are gradually being squeezed out.

I hope that the R.Y.A. have taken due note of the feelings of many exhibitors and that next year we and the other small classes will be allocated space inside the show and not relegated to the tennis courts.

4. New Members

Welcome to the following new members:-

Stuart Tucker	C293	Eastney Cruising Association
Keith Thornbury	C245	Newcastle YC, Co Down, N.I.
Sue Turner	C320	Starcross YC

5. Subscriptions

Although the majority of members have paid their dues for 1993, the following subscriptions are still awaited:

P Banfield	C May	J Readings	P Taylor
P Edmett	D McFayden	B Robinson	B Thomas
S Eley	A McPherson	I Stockdale	D Whittles
Philip Jones	I Phillips	W Symmonds	T.R.N. Main

Please send a cheque for £10, payable to the Seafly Dinghy Class Association, to the Treasurer, Tim Hoyle, "The Coppice", 26 Elphinstone Road, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 5LL - save me having to send you a reminder later on. If you do not intend to renew your membership please let me know.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

6. Second-hand Boats

I learned recently that many of the boats on the second-hand list had in fact been sold. Consequently the current list, published on page nnn is now rather thin. To attract new members we need to have a good number of boats on offer, particularly in GRP. If you have a boat for sale, or know of one, please let me have the details. I get a steady stream of requests for the list from prospective members and it is a good way to sell a boat.

7. Portsmouth Yardstick

According to the R.Y.A.'s Booklet the Seafly's Recorded Number remains at 114 for 1993. Don't forget to encourage your club to return the annual returns for handicapping. The R.Y.A. have threatened to delete classes that show no returns.

8. Seafly Car Window Stickers

Available from me at £1 each.

Good Sailing - Alan Green

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SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF 1993 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Seafly Dinghy Class Association will be held as usual during the National Championships on Monday, 23rd August 1993, at 14:00hrs at Starcross Yacht Club, Powderham Point, Starcross, Near Exeter, Devon.

Nominations for Committee Members and Resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting must be received by the Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the Meeting, under Rule 8 of the Constitution. Therefore they must reach the Secretary: Alan Green, "South Cones", 10 Higher warren Road, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 1LG, not later than 26th July 1993, otherwise they cannot be considered.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Place	Date		No of Races	Start
Highcliffe	10/11	July	4 races, 3 to count	14:00
Seasalter	17/18	July	3 races, 2 to count	N/K
Nationals Starcross	22-27	Aug	1 practice, 5 races, 4 to count.	N/K
Worthing	25/26	Sept	4 races, 3 to count	N/K
Chew Valley Lake SC	Sun 24	Oct	Visitors Day, Handicap & Pursuit	11:00
Inland Champs Spinnaker	20	Nov	Races, 2 to count	11:00
Charity Pursuit	21	Nov	Charity Pursuit Race	12:00

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OPEN MEETING REPORTS

STARCROSS YC. OPEN MEETING - 29th/30th May

As the Nationals are due to be held at Starcross later in the year, the Starcross Open Meeting was moved to an earlier date than is normal and it was hoped that the earlier date would not effect the entries from both outside and within the club.

On the Saturday the late May weekend dawned grey and cold with forecast of gales, only three visitors ventured West to Devon and were joined by most of the Starcross regulars, making a total of twelve entries for the first race on Saturday. First round the windward mark was Alan Brook followed by Rory Barnes (Christchurch) and Ken Bartlett, all powering downwind, first with spinnakers and then a fast two sail plane. the strong conditions soon split the fleet and the next beat saw a string of boats separated by a good half mile. On the second lap Alan Brook maintained his lead but Rory Barnes was passed by the Bartlett duo, closely pursued by Tim Hoyle (Highcliffe). A massive gap opened up to fifth place Simon Greenslade who was hounded by Richard Garry, now making up for a poor start. Obviously the strong conditions suited the Brook/Kelly pairing as by the next round their lead had again increased with the rest of the fleet falling further behind. Positions remained much the same for the remainder of the race despite exciting racing in the mid-field.

The day quickly deteriorated and the afternoon race was held in increasing wind and driving rain. The Race Officer was able to set an Olympic course but the estuary quickly became lumpy as the tide ebbed. Once again Alan Brook held the lead from the start followed by Ken Bartlett, with Richard Garry in borrowed 622 holding third place till the finish.

Could the weather get worse? The answer was YES! By the morning the forecast for the area was 8 increasing to 9 and the rain continued to lash the estuary. By 10:30 only a few crews had ventured to the club but nevertheless the Race Officer, Andy Woolner decided to set a short course. Four local boats took to the water with Richard Garry giving an impressive display of three sail Seafly sailing and leading from start to finish. Alan Brook played a careful and safe game to finish second with Simon Greenslade third. Last home, but nevertheless a creditable

OPEN MEETING REPORTS

fourth was Ken & Marie after a couple of swims.

Launch time saw various crews calculating points to see if the afternoon race was really necessary as although the rain had stopped and a weak sun shone, the winds had increased yet again. Eventually five boats braved the elements on a short Olympic course. Alan Brook led the first leg, but went the wrong way as Richard Garry was to be seen bearing away and desperately trying to get his spinnaker down. The conditions were now extreme and everyone had their share of drama with all positions changing rapidly. Eventually it was Richard Garry who was, with a steady Simon Greenslade second and Ken Bartlett third. The two remaining boats of Alan Brook and Paul Taylor retired. When the final calculations were done, the results showed Alan Brook ahead of Richard Garry by one point, followed by Ken Bartlett in third place Simon Greenslade was fourth.

Starcross in May gave a good demonstration of how bad weather can be for an open meeting. However, at least we have got rid of our share of bad weather so obviously all is set fair for our Nationals in August.

Dave Cotgrove

STARCROSS OPEN RESULTS

Boat No	Helm	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Final Pnts	Final Pos
648	Alan Brook	Paul Kelly	1	1	2	Ret	3.5	1
622	Richard Garry	Phil Rowe	5	3	1	1	4.5	2
647	Ken Bartlett	Marie Bartlett	2	2	4	3	7	3
523	Simon Greenslade	Paul	4	5	3	2	9	4
649	Tim Hoyle	Mike Robinson	3	4	DNS	DNS	19	5
652	Paul Taylor	Lee Brook	7	8	DNS	Ret	21	6
492	Rory Barnes	Bryony Barnes	6	6	DNS	DNS	24	7
617	Colin Tucker	Ron Littlejohn	9	7	DNS	DNS	28	8
430	Carol Lanham	Dorothy Herbert	8	9	DNS	DNS	29	9
639	Rosa LeGood	?	10	Ret	DNS	DNS	33	10
639?	N Norman	Norman (son)	11	Ret	DNS	DNS	34	11

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There are still a number of T-shirts available from the Nationals at Rock, only medium I am afraid.

One 'Nationals' mug left (same as those given to helms & crews)
Price - £1.50

If you would like either of these contact the Editor or Treasurer

'93 SEAFLY NATIONALS

DIFFERENT FLEETS

In many classes their Nationals are divided up into different fleets so that the prizes do not go to the same people. In fact one Association does not let you win more than one trophy in a Championship. What I would like to propose for the next Seafly Nationals (any change can not be ratified until the AGM, which could be held as soon as possible at the Nationals, and so come in to effect this year) is to have THREE Fleets, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Gold Fleet: Apply to those who have won an open event or have come in the 'Top Ten' of any Seafly Nationals as a helm.

Silver Fleet: Apply to those who have never won an open event and have only been 11th or lower in any Seafly Nationals as a helm.

Bronze Fleet: Apply to those not in the categories above who have never competed in the Seafly Nationals before as a helm.

If you have any thoughts on the matter let the Editor or the Secretary know as soon as possible. Then the committee can debate it and come up with a proposal acceptable to all, or if you think we are OK as we are then let us have your views.

1992 Members List

NAME	Boat No	BOAT NAME	Type Mem	Club
Keith Anderson	156		full	
Mark Appleby	500		full	Crawley Mariners
Mike Appleby	500		full	Crawley Mariners
Frank Bassett	620	Sea Hound	full	Blakeney SC
Ken Bartlett	575		full	Starcross YC
Rory Barnes	492	Mantis	full	Christchurch SC
Peter Banfield	31	Mischief 3	full	Havering SA
Mike Bethell	47	Swift	full	Dinghy Cruising
Bill Beeson	643	Clappers	full	Starcross YC
Alan Brook	648		full	Starcross YC
Dereck Brant	159	San Michelle	full	RNSA
Stephen Cammell	503	Flycatcher	full	Pingewood SC
Maurice Churchill	621	Slap Dash	full	South Cerney SC
Ron Cockwell	646	Foiled	full	Highcliffe SC
David Cotgrove	506	Knights Mischief	full	Starcross YC
Graeme Curtis	335	One Good Turn	full	Norfolk Schools SA
Phil Edmett	176			
Stephen Eley	400	Nell	full	Highcliffe SC
Robert Evans	509	Mr Shifter	full	Rutland Water SC
David Farr	387		full	Lee-on-Solent
John Foskett	69	Goldcrest	full	Highcliffe SC
Peter Fullager			full	Canberra YC Australia
Richard Garry			Assoc	Starcross YC
Barry Goodwins	410	Opus 1	full	South Woodhams Ferrers
Simon Greenslade	523		full	Starcross YC
Peter Gray			Assoc	Chew Valley Lake
Alan Green			full	Starcross YC
Peter Guinan	443	Soopa Doopa	full	Llanorse SC
Mike Hartnell	441		full	Worthing YC
Mac Hambling	388	Extra Time	full	Blakeney SC
Julian Hoyles	144	Woodle	full	Hoveringham SC
Tim Hoyle	649	Blue Adder	full	Highcliffe SC
Brian Howe	644	Howabout	full	Highcliffe SC
David Hughes	638	Mercury	full	Highcliffe SC
Alan Izzard	231	Chloe Too	full	Fishers Green SC
Philip Jones	419	Dunelm	full	Bowmer SC
T.W. Kingsley Singer	482	NoSoSlo	full	Newcastle YC (Co Down)
Rev Richard A. King	384		full	Dittisham SC
Lauri e Lanham			Assoc	Starcross YC
Carol Lanham	430	Whisper	full	Starcross YC
Kay Leigh			Assoc	Worthing YC

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Tim Le Good			full	Starcross YC
John Lloyd	420		full	Starcross YC
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Robert Lyle	51		full	
Colin May			full	Highcliffe SC
Ian Mansfield	642	The Admiral	full	Highcliffe SC
T.R.N. Main	634	Nimbus	full	Severn SC
Ian Mc Carroll	172	RR'd	full	Thornton Steward SC
Alasdair McPherson	636	Resolution	full	Highcliffe SC
John McPherson	636	Resolution	full	Highcliffe SC
*Steven Mussell	645	Just Amazing	full	Highcliffe SC
Andy Norman	95	Aces Wild	full	Worthing YC
Rob Odling	198	Firebird	full	Highcliffe SC
*Robin Pagett	337		full	Glenridding SS
Roy Perriman	623	Jupiter	full	Blakeney SC
Ivan Phillips	650	Cumfrum brum XI	full	Highcliffe SC
W.J. Prescott			Assoc	
J. Reading	179	Ibis	full	South Cerney SC
Chris Roythorn	493	Cquel	full	Great Moor SC
Judith Roythorn	493	Cquel	full	Great Moor SC
Brian Robinson	96	Pegasus	full	Worthing YC
Mike Robinson	470	Revival	full	Highcliffe SC
Eric Sales			full	Seasalter SC
David Shaw	329	Susan	full	Starcross YC
*Jeffrey Smith	161	Southern Spirit	full	Glenridding SS
Sam Stoye	635	Redstart	full	Highcliffe SC
David Stewart	119		full	Worthing YC
Ian Stockdale	378	Puzzle	full	Highcliffe SC
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Barry Thomas	640	Karamel Too	full	Highcliffe SC
F. Turner	320	Sea Scamp	full	Woodlands Park
Colin Tucker	617	Avocet	full	Starcross YC
John Vailes			full	Christchurch SC
M H Waite	15		full	Sussex YC
D.A. Whittles			full	Keyhaven SC
Mike Winfield	651	Merganser	full	Beaver SC
Andy Woolner	647		full	Starcross YC
Rob York	477	Racing Snake	full	Highcliffe SC

Total of 86 members

* denotes, joined Oct 92

BOAT MART

The following boats have been notified as being for sale. Some of them may already have been sold. If so please let the Secretary know: Tel 0548 852972.

* denotes advertised in Yachts & Yachting.

<u>Sail No</u>	<u>Built</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Price</u>
C 250	1967	Wood, excellent condition, 1986 McNamara sails Trailer & trolley. Contact Gary Williams on Tel 0582 768226	Yes	£750
C 279	1967	Wood, 2 suits sails (Seahorse, Lucas), trolley, cover, re-decked, ex Nat Champ Exc order, F. Bassett, Loughborough Tel 0509 890756.	Yes	£600
C 396*	1972	Wood, reasonable cond, combi-trailer. Tel 0234 720029 or work 0604 233200.	No	£545
C 436	1973	GRP hull, wood decks removed & needs rebuilding. Aluminium mast, boom, rudder stock. Sails, trailer, trolley, cover. Kept in dry, not sailed for 12 years. Delivery possible. Bargain. D Canham, Wellington (Somerset) 0823 663223	No	£100
C635	1983	Wood built by Bob Hoare, excellent condition Proctor spars, Combi-trailer, Low Mileage. Telephone Sam Stoye 0425 279381	Yes	£2,000 ONO
C643	1984	Wood, Bob Hoare built, 2 suits sails, Combi- trailer, good condition, summer sailed only. Bill Beeson, Exeter Tel 0392 873926	Yes	£2,000

BOAT MART (Continued)

<u>Sail No</u>	<u>Built</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Price</u>
C647	1992	Wood, fully epoxeyed, very light & fast, full suit of new McNamara sails, Super Spar M4 mast, trailer, trolley, cover. Andy Woolner, Nr Exeter Tel 0395 33458	Yes	Offers
C 650	1988	'Cumfrumbrum' GRP foam sandwich composite, Top racing record, complete refit 1992 including new spars, ball fittings, foils Combi-trailer, garaged. Ivan Phillips, Bournemouth 0202 424813	Yes	Offers
Ex C58 items:-		Metal mast (Proctor)		£50
		Wooden spinnaker boom + fittings		£10
		Wooden jib stack + fittings		£4
		Cruising mainsail, reefing points		£40
		2 jibs, 1 OK, 1 clapped out		£30 pr
		Spinnaker - serviceable		£40
		Wooden rudder stock, ply blade		£10
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