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This space provides the the Editor with the opportunity to put his personal gloss on recent events in the Seafly world. Paid up Members of the Association may wonder what momentous events could have required more than six months to consider before going to print.

The mundane answer lies in sloth and prevarication. Even the state of the external paintwork on the family home (which stands pretty well where it was as reported in last issue) cannot excuse the lapse. This issue comes to you now, only by the patient persistence of your Secretary, who also writes most of the copy. All this is by way of apology with a promise of a better performance in the coming season.

Talking of better performance, the new rule on pumping the spinnaker may slow some of us down. Techniques learned from wet hours of practice out in Christchurch Bay may now have to be unlearned. There may be some compensation, however in selling advertising space on the boat. In particular, we often expose large plain areas of centreboard which could be made much more rewarding with an amusing logo. Perhaps the newly privatised British Water might find it an appropriate spot.

Good sailing in 1989 where ever it is.

CHAIRMAN: David Hughes.
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Your chairman has spent the winter enjoying the good, the bad and the indifferent influence of the Royal Yachting Association.

The good was the RYA Class Chairman and Secretary's conference at King's Cross - open to anyone, if you want to come next year. This is an excellent forum to meet other classes; learn the latest news and rule changes and have a dig at the Lasers. We have a lot to learn from them, they are well organised. The new rules concern rocking and pumping and roll tacking. Seaflys may not be good at the roll tacks but pumping the spinnaker guy is specifically banned. There is considerable relaxation in the rule on advertising; who wants their name on my sail? Buoy re-rounding is replaced by a 720.

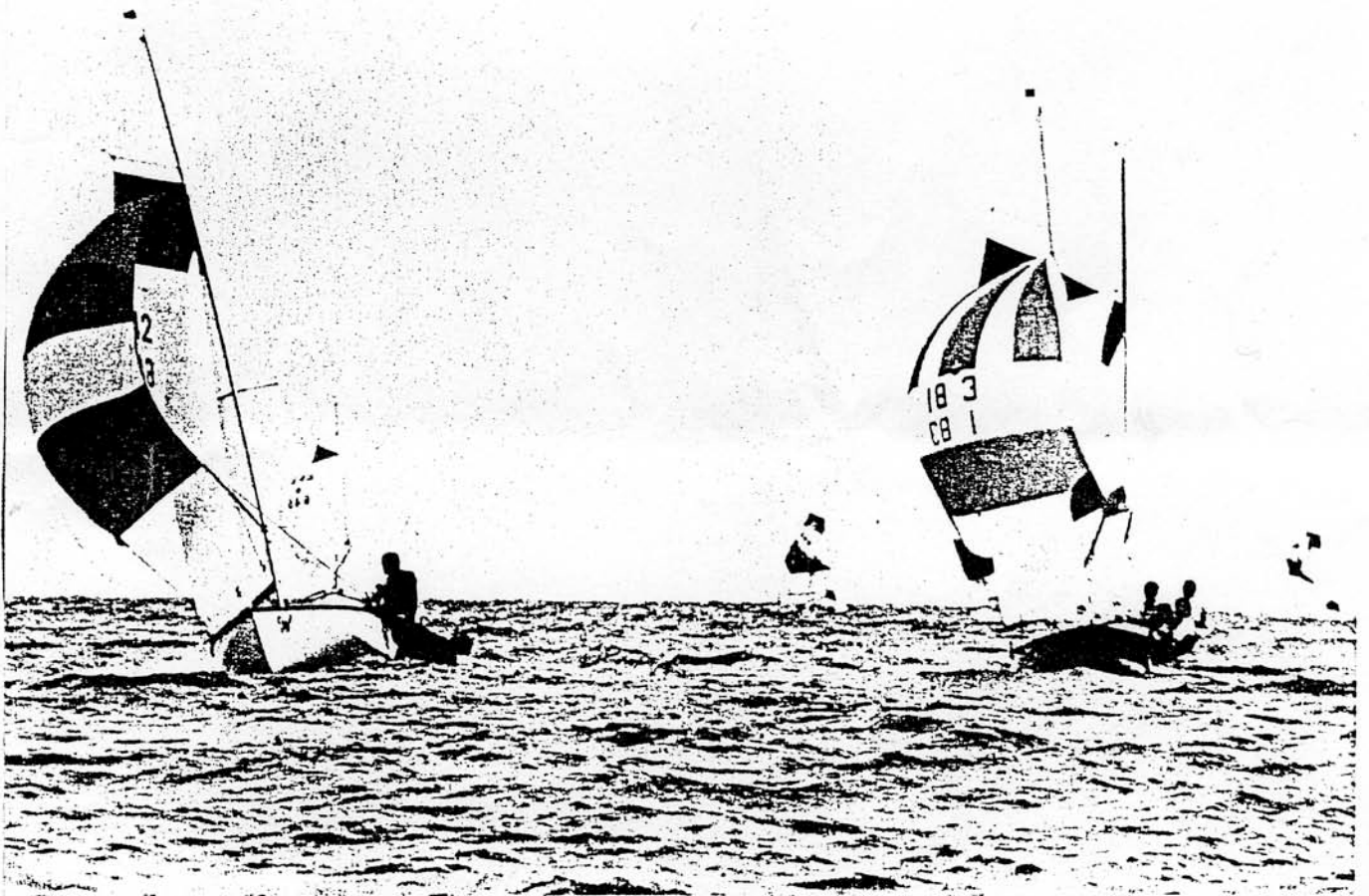
The Bad is our omission from the Dinghy Exhibition at Crystal Palace without a word of explanation to us. I dont think Tim Hoyle would like 649 lowered from the roof of a squash court, as the RYA Development Officer suggests.

The indifference is the lack of interest of that same Development Officer in the arguments of your Chairman and Secretary in trying to find a place for the Seafly in the Crystal Palace. I am sure we need the publicity of the Show - we cannot afford to be out of the public eye.

And so we must gain it on the water. Support your Clubs and Seafly Open Meetings. It is in the latter that you have a chance to introduce our boat to other sailors. Look for the rising stars. The GP 14, Enterprise and 420 sailors and all those with other inferior two man boats, might be lured to the man's world of the Seafly.

Alright, ladies, I know you like it in a man's world!

I look forward to seeing you all and some new faces on the water in 1989.



SECRETARY: Alan Green.

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1988 National Championships

Good racing was enjoyed at Brixham last year, being sailed in company with the Tasar National Fleet. The report on the week will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM at Brixham YC during the National Championships was attended by about 20 members. The Chairman, David Hughes, welcomed the 'Regulars' to the Nationals and the newcomers - John Bishop, Highcliffe, Mike Patrick, Starcross and Brian Robinson, Worthing. He commended the travellers from Highcliffe who were doing their best to encourage other Seafly fleets and attract new blood.

The Secretary reported an increased membership but he was disappointed by the lower entry than expected at Brixham and concerned about future venue for the Nationals, with some of the traditional fleets in decline. The Treasurer presented the accounts showing a small surplus but he warned that subscriptions would have to go up substantially in future years if money was to be spent on promoting the class. He also regretfully felt it was time to stand down after five years in office.

The proposition by the Committee to increase subscriptions and boat registration fees, from 1st January 1989, was carried unanimously.

The Committee for 1988/89 is as follows:-

Chairman	David Hughes	Highcliffe S.C.
Secretary	Alan Green	Starcross Y.C.
Treasurer	Tim Hoyle	Highcliffe S.c.
Newsletter Editor	Ian Mansfield	"
Newsletter Printing and Distribution	David Cotgrove	Starcross Y.C.
Builder	Colin May	Highcliffe S.C
Member	Brian Howe	Bowl Valley S.C.
"	Mike Robinson	South Cerney S.C.
"	Mike Hartnell	Worthing Y.C.
"	Bob Risbridger	Seasalter S.C.

The Treasurer's address is 'The Coppice', 26 Elphinstone Road, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 5LL. Tel: Highcliffe 77795.

Sweatshirts

So far I have received three orders and can accept more if they are sent to me shortly.

Sizes: Small (34-36"), Medium (38"), Large (40"), Extra Large (42-44"). Colours: White, Grey, Navy Blue, Royal Blue, Sky Blue, Lemon, Bottle Green, Red, Black and Burgundy. All have an embroidered Seafly logo, paid for by the Association.

Crew-neck Sweatshirts, 50% acrylic, 50% cotton, are 11 pounds each.

V-neck 100% acrylic are 12 pounds.

These prices depend on a total order for at least 12 but I can obtain them at slightly higher prices for a smaller order. Orders to me as soon as possible please.

New Members

Welcome to the following new members of the Association. We hope you enjoy sailing your Seaflyes and that we will see some of you at Open Meetings and the National Championships next year.

Roger Bagley	295	Severn S.C.
T. Main	634	"
Brian Robinson	96	Worthing Y.C
George Rogers	110	Starcross Y.C.
Fred Turner	320	Cape S.C.
Richard Bruford	459	Starcross Y.C.
T. Jeffery	44	Tudor S.C., Portsmouth.
Barry Goodwin	410	South Woodham Ferrers
George Mees	Crew 410	South Woodham Ferrers
Mike Robinson	412	Highcliffe S C
Adrian Tebutt	58	Kings Lynn
Mark Appleby	392	Crawley Mariners S C

1989 National Dinghy Show

This takes place at Crystal Palace on 4th and 5th March 1989.

However, I am very sorry to report that the RYA have not been able to allocate us a suitable stand this year. Apparently space in Halls 1 and 2, the only areas which will accommodate a Seafly, is over-subscribed. We were offered one of the squash courts, in which it is not possible to display a boat, or a pitch outside the main entrance. Neither of these is acceptable. In spite of the strongest representations to the RYA, they regret that, unless another class drops out, there is nothing that they can do.

This is a bitter blow to the Association as this is our main chance to show the Seafly to the general sailing public and generate a wider interest in the boat. It is also a disappointment to those of us who enjoy the annual off-season get together. The Class has been represented at every Dinghy Show

since 1970 and this year we had planned to use our new display stands obtained by Tim Hoyle who had also agreed to show his boat again.

If by some miracle the situation changes, I will let the Fleet Captains know. Members can ring me for the latest information.

1989 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1989 Nationals will be hosted by Worthing Y C from 31 July to 4 August.

Worthing were in some doubt whether they could accomadate our Nationals as well as their annual Sailing Week. However, they have compromised by planning to hold both events simultaneously but with separate courses. We are promised Olympic courses with committee-boat starts.

An expected combined entry of 50 to 60 boats will be well within the resources of the Club and save them considerable effort. There is an excellent clubhouse with good facilities. They run a very efficient safety service with experienced crews and are equipped with fast inflatable rescue boats. The beach and launching are not as formidable as some would have you believe.

Dolphin Trophy

After the Worthing Y.C. Open Meeting, Colin May leads the field with 39 Points, closely followed by Alan Brook with 34 and Ron Cockwell with 32.

Portsmouth Yardstick

I have been advised by the RYA that only one club made a return for the Seafly and this was not one of the main "fleet" Clubs. It is likely that our recorded number will remain at 114 for the time being.

Unless clubs, particularly those with Seafly fleets, make returns when asked by the RYA at the end of each season, we will be in danger of having our Recorded number dropped from the annual RYA Portsmouth Yardsick booklet. This would mean that clubs would not know what handicap to give the boat.

Subscriptions

Its pay-up time again. A mere 7 pounds gives you full membership and all the facilities of the Association. Turn now to the last page of this News Letter.

Alan Green

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY:

EVENT	DATE	TIME/CONTACT
<u>INVITATION RACES</u>		
<u>SEAFLY OPEN MEETINGS 1989</u>		
1/ STARCROSS	: 27/28 May	: 4 races, 3 to count.
2/ HIGHCLIFFE	: 10/11 June	: Combined with HSC Dinghy Open.
3/ BLAKENEY	: 8/9 July	: Jubilee weekend Combined with Javelins
	8 July	0930
	9 July	1030
4/ SEASALTER	: 16 September	: 1st race
	17 Sept	2nd/3rd race.
5/ SOUTH CERNEY	: 1 October	: Inland Championship (to be confirmed)

"SAILBOAT 89" : March 1989
Crystal Palace Sports Centre

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1989

WORTHING YACHT CLUB. : 31st July - 4th August 1989.

SU 30th: PRACTICE: BRIXHAM YC TROPHY :
MO 31st: 1st CHP : SUSSEX SALVER :
TU 1st : 2nd CHP : LUCAS CUP :
WE 2nd : 3rd CHP : CHAIRMANS CUP :
TH 3rd : 4th CHP : HERBERT TROPHY :
FR 4th : 5th CHP : CITY OF PLYMOUTH : Prizegiving

Accommodation at the Championships

The scouts are now out around the Worthing area, vetting the landladies and surveying grassy areas which are suitably adjacent to convivial establishments of refreshment for thirsty sailors. Watch this space.

Unfortunately, the field by the Club which was used during the last Championship at Worthing, is no longer available. It is expected, however that the very beautiful site out at Steyning will still be open. For the time being, for further information on this or other accomadation in sunny Worthing, contact the Class Captain, Dave Stewart on 0903-761891 or Mike Hartnell on 0903-33625.

FOR SALE:

- C 183 Wood OFFERS
G Coleridge, Exeter. 0647-52585
- C 198 Wood OFFERS
Rob Odling, Winchester. 0962-882667
- C 388 All wood. Lucas sails. Stored 7 years. OFFERS
R Bridge. Ongar. 0277-364877.
- C 425 All wood. Lucas & McNamarras. Cover OFFERS
R Williams, Clevedon. 0272 872777.
- C 444 GRP, Trolley, Trailer, Cover. Ready to sail £ 875
0202 34803
- C 459 Wood. 2 suits sails, trailer, cover. VGC £ 600
S. Wood. Bracknell 0344 487730.
- C 470 Wood. Bare hull and deck - storm damaged OFFERS
Colin May, Christchurch. 0202-476145
- C 506 All wood. 2 suits of sails, Gamma mast, Rondar £ 850
stock etc. Trailer and trolley.
Bob Risbridger. Sittingbourne. 0795-77032.
- C 633 All GRP. 2 suits of sails by McNamarra and Banks, £ 2200
Rockall spinnaker. Laminated c/b, cover, Rapide ONO
combi trailer.
J Harvey. Exeter. 0392-832075
- Suit of Sails Banks. 1st '87 Nationals. Open Meeting £ 375
winners. (1988 RRP 550.)
Colin May. 0202-476145.

WANTED

Suit of second hand sails in reasonable condition for club racing.
J.R. Hoyles. Gainsborough. 0427-610285

OPEN MEETINGS.

HIGHCLIFFE DINGHY OPEN

This event attracted over 90 dinghies of 7 classes which included a total of 14 Seaflys with visitors from Seasalter, Starcross, South Cerney and Bewl Valley. Other fleets included 505s, Europes, Lasers I and II and OKs. With all these fleets, John McPherson, the Race Officer, was right to anticipate trouble in giving seven true windward starts.

On Saturday, the first race started on time in a breeze gusting to 5 from the NE which favoured the heavier crews. Seaflys being fifth in the sequence were able to observe how the earlier starters were doing. The first to capsize was the National Champion, Adrian Summers, but a stylish recovery enabled him to hold second place to Alan Brook. Colin May was third. For the second race the legs were shortened to try and beat the ebb. However, nature prevailed and the effects were noticeable as marks had to be re-rounded. First across the line was Adrian closely followed by David Hughes and Alan Brook.

Sunday was sunnier but as boats left the Run the wind died completely.

One and a half hours were to pass before the Committee boat came into sight through the haze. In the struggle between the North Easterly and the sea breeze the latter eventually dominated. However, it was shifty and setting the spinnaker on the reaches was marginal as was the ability to distinguish the no.3 mark from the outer distance mark on the first lap.

The duel between 477 and 648 increased to a climax on the line with Alan taking the honours. Eric Sales has managed some on the water tuning and came a close third in his newly completed boat. Between races, Marcus appeared in a catamaran, wielding a camera and, in due course, a number of posed photos should appear.

For the concluding race the Open was open and Keiron whipped his helmsman into action. The outcome of the previous day's protest being unknown to Adrian Summers caused him to throw close cover on Alan Brooks. Tension showed as all fleets were seen to edging over the line on the starts.

With a freshening breeze and flat sea, the reaches became more interesting. Colin May, crewed by Keiron Thomas was first to the windward mark and stayed in front. Behind him there was some interesting scenes with 2nd and 3rd places being closely fought by Ron Cockwell, Tim Hoyle and David Hughes. The final race finishing positions were Colin, Ron and David.

The overall positions for the weekend were:-

- 1st: Alan Brook from Starcross.
- 2nd: Adrian Summers and Norman Hack from Highcliffe.
- 3rd: Colin May and Keiron Thomas from Highcliffe.

TIM HOYLE.

SEASALTER DINGHY OPEN 1988

Nine Seaflys gathered for 3rd Open of the sailing season. Jo Cockwell was dressed in a rather stylish pair of blue Jeans ready to avidly partake in the weekends activities. Helen Mansfield, with her long, flowing, golden locks was just as keen as Jo. Simon sporting his new haircut appeared with his 1940's style short back and sides. Keiron, his usual energetic self was keen

The Secretary assures me that he sent in a report of this Open and so there is no doubt that he did so. However, a diligent search of all the files reveals only the above, rather whimsical little piece, most mysteriously recorded on the backside of the disc. It seems to be the preface to a report to have been rendered in a somewhat purple, "Teen Fashion" journalistic style. There is no doubt that everyone enjoyed the weekend and that Seasalter's organisation on the water and their hospitality in the Club were up to the usual high standard.

The Editor can only apologise for his carelessness.

WORTHING OPEN

This event over the weekend of 10 and 11 of September attracted 14 Seaflies tempted out by the balmy, late summer weather. The fleet were treated to bright sun and moderate on shore breezes.

The first race was taken by Alan Brooks from Starcross with Highcliffe's Tim Hoyle making a strong challenge. They were followed by the Mansfields and then the rest of the fleet.

Colin did not let the carpet tape slow him down for the second race on Sunday, hitting the front soon after the start with the Mansfields second and Alan also in strong contention. That was the order at the finish leaving the result of the weekend very much dependant on the last race.

This time it was the Mansfields who leapt to the front leaving Colin to threaten their transom. With Alan buried in the pack it seemed to be a match between these two. It was the Mansfield's race coming on to the last beat and they broke left to cover the fleet from the previously favoured, seaward side of the layline. Alan, with nothing to loose took the right, and within 200 yards of the line was seen to be right. Ron Cockwell, taking advantage of the Mansfield's consternation and to add insult to injury, poked his bow fitting in front of them at the finish.

The overall result was a win for Alan Brooks with Colin May and Kieron Thomas second and the Mansfields third. The Cockwells finished fourth after some very exciting racing on the water.

SEAFLIES IN WINTER

SOUTH CERNEY

Although early October is not properly winter, the attendance of visitors at the South Cerney Open is recorded here. It turned out to be another light weather day.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, it is intended that this year that the event is upgraded to the status of an Inland Championship. This is a radical and exciting new move which it is hoped will tempt some of those inland sailors onto the circuit who may be still a little tentative about trying more open water.

CHEW VALLEY LAKE - VISITORS DAY

By late October, winter still hadn't arrived and a glowing calm greeted nearly 100 boats to the lake. Visiting Seaflys included the Highcliffe contingent and the Tarrants from South Cerney.

A little breeze did fill in for the start of the morning, handicap, race and Alan Tarrant again demonstrated his mastery of these conditions. He led the Seaflys and by the end came around 10th in the slow handicap fleet.

For the afternoon pursuit race, a moderate breeze for the Topper's start ran true to form and died with the sun. Among the Seaflys, Alan did not have it all his own way. David and Christine Hughes had evidently been learning some technique in their Fireflys at the Spinnaker Lake, working their way through the fleet to be awarded 5th at the finish.

THE BLOODY MARY

Three Seaflys were to be found, rigging in the park among the 465 entries from 165 Clubs attending the 16th Bloody Mary Pursuit Race on the 7th of January. They were: Ian with Helen Manfield and Paul with Simon Taylor, both of Highcliffe and Mike with Mark Appleby from Crawley Mariners in 392. To anyone who had experienced that bitter day two years ago when the tears froze on the crews cheeks, this was not winter sailing. We had colder days in June.

On the runs, the light westerly breeze was totally commandeered by the huge asymmetrical spinnakers of the International 14s. But even with all their sail and string they couldn't make much impression on the small boats and the overall winner was a lad in a Mirror dinghy. The Seaflys got a bit spread out with "The Admiral" making a moderate showing with 180th at the finish.

THE POMPEY PERISHER

There was a bit more breeze at Portsmouth towards the end of January to make it more like Seafly weather. The Taylors from Highcliffe showed the flag and came in around the middle of the fleet.

SEAFLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. BRIXHAM YACHT CLUB.

Brixham Yacht Club were hosts to both Seaflys and Tasars during the week of 7th to 12th August. 25 boats in each fleet made a brave show in the bright sun and blue water of Tor Bay.

After the brisk conditions which had been experienced by fleets in the preceeding weeks, conditions in the Bay for the Practice Race on the Sunday were a complete turn around. The breeze, for which the Race Officer held the fleets, evaporated completely after the second leg. Only stoical patience secured the Brixham Trophy for Colin May, with a finish after one lap, most of the rest of the fleet having already accepted a tow back to the slip.

The first two Championship Races were sailed in moderate South-Westerlies coming off Exmoor to give testing conditions on the approach to the windward mark. By the finish of the second race, the scene was set for the Championship with Adrian Summers, crewed by Norman Hack in the beautifully restored 477, taking the gun both days. The battle was developing behind for second place, with Marcus Melanaphy and Alan Brooks getting a second and a third each. Melanaphy, crewed by Paul Kelley, fresh from the Hornet Nationals, had suffered a serious spinal injury while skiing at Christmas and still needs a walking stick on land.

His exuberance got the better of him on Wednesday as he showed his determination by leading Summers for most of the race, repassing him when challenged on the second reach. However, whilst in front at the end, the Race Officer had judged him over the line at start thus putting Summers in a commanding position with three firsts. Brooks got another second from this race with big Colin May powering through in the freshening conditions to take third.

With two races to go, Summers was set for the Campionship but a major upset was still possible. Melanaphy sailed a faultless race, showing first from the line and working the shifts up the first beat to open an unchallengable lead by the windward mark. He drew along a number of previously unplaced boats at this stage with the family crews of the Hughes, the Bartletts and the Tarrants among them. Working from the middle of the pack, Summers was required to show character, which he did by taking second place from the Hughes.

A South-Westerly, gusting over 25 knots brought a sparkle to Tor Bay for the last race. Those with the bottle, or nothing to loose, set their spinnakers on the reaching legs of the last lap and, in the flat water of the Bay, were rewarded by the most exhilarating sailing possible. For some, this had to be satisfaction enough as by the finish, the order was May, Summers, Brooks, Bartlett and Melanaphy. Although a protest by Melanaphy on May was upheld the overall result was unchanged and the defender, Adrian Summers retained the Championship for another year.

SEAFLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1988

Held at Brixham Y.C. 7 to 12 August

Over- all Posn.	Boat No	Helmsman	Club	Prctce Race Brixham YC Tphy	Race 1 Sussex Salver	Race 2 Lucas Cup	Race 3 Chairmns Cup	Race 4 Herbert Trophy	Race 5 City of Plymth Cup	Overall Point
1	477	A.Summers	Highcliffe SC		$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	3
2	644	M.Melanaphy	"		2	3	27Dsq	$\frac{3}{4}$	4	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
3	648	A.Brook	Starcross YC	5	3	2	2	7	3	10
4	404	K.Bartlett	"	2	4	6	4	4	2	14
5	640	C.May	Highcliffe SC	1	5	4	3	5	27Dsq	17
6	638	D.Hughes	"		7	5	5	3	5	18
7	642	I.Mansfield	"		6	12	6	8	7	27
8	646	R.Cockwell	"	6	13	8	7	9	6	30
9	627	J.Rowe	Starcross YC		11	9	8	6	8	31
10	339	D.Tarrant	Sth Cerney SC	4	9	11	10	14	28DNS	44
11	649	T.Hoyle	Highcliffe SC	3	8	16	9	16	14	47
12	624	P.Taylor	"	7	18	17	13	11	9	50
13	198	R.Odling	"		10	9	11	20	11	51
14	420	J.Lloyd	Starcross YC		14	10	12	15	28DNS	51
15	645	P.Jones	Highcliffe SC		26Ret	7	15	10	28DNS	58
16	650	E.Sales	Seasalter SC		17	14	16	19	17Ret	64
17	643	W.Beeson	Starcross YC		15	20	17	21	12	64
18	626	M.Hartnell	Worthing YC		26Ret	13	14	12	28DNS	65
19	621	J.Bishop	Highcliffe SC		26Ret	15	21	18	13	67
20	451	J.Baker	Starcross YC		16	26Ret	28DNS	17	10	69
21	639	T.LeGood	"		12	27Dsq	20	13	28DNS	72
22	395	M.Patrick	"	8	19	18	19	22	28DNS	78
23	96	B.Robinson	Worthing YC		21	21	25Ret	23	28DNS	90
24	500	P.Bailey	South Cerney SC		20	26Ret	18	26Ret	28DNS	90
25	441	A.Hayford	Worthing YC		26Ret	26Ret	22	24	28DNS	98

Entries Highcliffe SC 11
 Starcross YC 8
 Worthing YC 3
 South Cerney SC 2
 Seasalter SC 1

25

Canberra Trophy Highcliffe SC
Amazing Crew Trophy Norman Hack.