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This, rather slim and pallid, edition has been hastily assembled to cover the Agenda for the AGM as required by the Constitution. It rather reflects your editor's performance at the Starcross Open, which was undistinguished. This may have been accounted for by the strenuous celebration at the wedding the day before of John McPherson's eldest daughter. The McPhersons have been a mainstay of the Seafly Class for many years and a Fleet wedding is a rare event.

We extend our very best wishes to Fiona and Antony.

The sad news has been of Peter Jones of Highcliffe, who sailed at the Starcross Open but since then has been gravely ill. We are encouraged to hear that he is now recovering in St Marys Hospital in Portsmouth and we hope he continues to improve. Our thought also go to Peter and to Sandy and the boys.

Needless to say your Secretary has not been idle and his notes, which follow should be read by all Championship competitors at least.

Firm news of one new Seafly appears elsewhere in this issue and the rumour of another strengthens daily. She was cracked out of the mould this week but but her appearance at the Nationals is still problematical.

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1987 National Championships

Entry forms for the Highcliffe Nationals were sent out with the last Newsletter. You should have had your entry in by 6th July, or else incur a 10 pound penalty for late entry. However, I have been given to understand that the penalty will be waived if there is good reason for being late. Highcliffe provides excellent facilities ashore and the sailing is probably the best on the Seafly circuit.

Class membership cards, boat and sail measurement certificates will be required for inspection. The Committee will be checking mast and boom bands for position and durability and corrector weights.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at Highcliffe S.C. on Wednesday, 12th August, at 20.00 hrs. The agenda is enclosed with this Newsletter. Please bring it with you to the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can use the proxy form to nominate another member, or the Chairman, to cast your vote.

Sweatshirts

Crew-necked sweatshirts with the Seafly logo, based on the car sticker design, are now available to order from the Secretary. They are supplied by Taylors Embroidery at Andover and are made of 50% Cotton and 50% Acrylic.

Price `10.50.

SIZES AVAILABLE	Small	(34"-36")
	Medium	(38")
	Large	(40")
	Extra Large	(42"-44")

COLOURS AVAILABLE	White, Red, Grey, Black, Navy, Blue, Sky Blue, Lemon, Royal Blue, Bottle Green, Burgundy
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LOGO COLOURS	Suggested colour	WHITE,
	except on Grey and Lemon	- BLACK
	White	- RED.

Please send your order to the Secretary, stating size and colour required. Enclose cheque for the full amount, payable to the Seafly Dinghy Class Association.

SAIL MEASUREMENT FORM

Following last years AGM, when the decision was taken to delete the foot and luff measurements of the mainsail, the notes on the back of the sail Measurement form have been revised to include the positions of the bands on the mast and boom.

Marinecall

The new Marine call service provided by British Telecom gives a good synopsis, inshore forecast and outlook for each of 15 areas round the coast.

The snag is the cost, which runs at 25p/minute at the cheap rate. The whole forecast for each area can take over 2 minutes. At a minimum of 60-65p it is rather expensive compared with the the old Marineline Stations situated all round the coast. Admittedly the new service is better, but for the average dinghy sailor who only wants to know what sort of wind to expect during the next few hours, it is costly.

Cruising Seafly

The committee has discussed the possibility of producing a Seafly with an alternative cockpit layout more suitable for the owner who prefers to cruise and perhaps also of interest to sailing schools. The idea is to lower the side buoyancy tanks so as to provide inboard seating as in the Albacore.

Additional Rules would be required to ensure that such a boat would remain in class for racing.

The object of the exercise is to encourage a wider ownership and extend the sales of new boats.

This will be discussed at the AGM.

HIGHCLIFFE DINGHY OPEN

Although Highcliffe are hosting the Nationals this year and would not, therefore have a regular Open Meeting devoted to Seaflys, never-the-less the Club decided to reintroduce a general Open for dinghies to complement the very successful Cat Open now held annually in September. This year the Dinghy Open was held in June and attracted good fleets of 505s and OKs among others. It might have made a good opportunity for the estuary and pond Seafly Sailors to get some sea time in. Regretfully your Editor failed to publicise the Event and so the Seafly Fleet was confined to local boats.

In the event a battle developed between the Mansfields in The Admiral and the Wild Boys and it was decided on the very narrowest of margins. In spite of having to be hauled bodily back into his boat by the scruff of his neck by his delicate lady crew at one stage, Ian Mansfield won the tie breaker from Marcus with a 1,1,2,2 against a 1,1,2,3.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY:

EVENT	DATE	TIMES
OPEN MEETINGS 1987-		
SEASALTER SC	: 19th/20th September	
SOUTH CERNEY SC	: 4th October	
ROUND SHEPPEY	: 30th August. Details from Alan Green	
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1987, HIGHCLIFFE SAILING CLUB.	: 9th/14th August 1987.	
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1988, BRIXHAM YACHT CLUB.	: August 1988.	

FOR SALE:

Most inquiries received by the Secretary are for GRP boats. The following have been on the market over the past months. Some may have already gone.

- C 95 All wood. Trailer. Trolley. Mike Hartnell, Worthing. 0903-33625 £400
- C 11 All wood. Trailer. Trolley. Mike Hartnell. £250 to 300
- C 621 All wood. Combi. Mike Hartnell £1250 ono.
- C 499
All GRP, Zygal hull. 2 suits Lucas sails plus spinnaker. Procter spars. Bramber combi trailer/trolley. Hardly used. Dartmouth. S Reynolds, 08043-2736. To be agreed.
- C 396
All wood. Half tank. Lucas sails. Alloy mast. Combi trolley/trailer and cover. A Close. Wheathampstead. 058 283 2874 £525.
- C 207 Wood. Half tank. Trailer. Trolley. Cover. R Howard. Findon 2141. £425.
- C 477 Saunders sails. Banks cover. Full racing equipment. Dick Flower. 0590 683262. £650.
- C201 All wood, 2 suits sails, spinnaker, chute. E.Kent. 01-874 8388.
- C391 Well maintained, garage stored, Banks sails, spinnaker, trolley, cover. Worthing (0903) 389951.

OPEN MEETINGS.

BLAKENEY OPEN MEETING

Seaflys gathered at Blakeney in June. There were the three local boats of Mac Hambling, Frank Bassett and the redoubtable Bloggie. the rest of the Fleet were made up of visitors from Worthing and Highcliffe, namely, Mike Hartnell and Paul Taylor respectively.

Blakeney is a delightful and unspoilt Norfolk village set in National Trust property. As a result the sailing club have been unable to build a clubhouse on the shore and so sailors can be seen hopping about in the car park in their underpants, struggling to don wet suits. However the village itself has a good selection of water holes which were sampled by the visitors on Saturday night.

Racing is held in the sheltered tidal waters behind Blakeney Point.

Two races were run on Saturday in light to moderate North-Easterly breezes. Mike Hartnell won the first race easily with the rest of the field in a bunch behind.

Race two, with the tide ebbing strongly, favoured the locals and Brian Blogg took honours.

The visitors returned to their hotel to spend a pleasant evening. Mac Hambling and his crew called by to organise a tour of Blakeney to assess the keeping qualities of Ruddles Bitter in various establishments.

(Taylor is an artist in many respects - Ed.)

The first race on Sunday was sailed in very light conditions and Mike Hartnell was first followed by Brian Blogg. The wind increased for the second race, but although the tide was now ebbing, at the finish, the order was the same.

Overall Result:-

- 1st 621 Mike Hartnell
- 2nd 623 Brian Blogg
- 3rd 624 Paul Taylor
- 4th 620/205 Frank Bassett/Mac Hambling.

On behalf of the visitors ,our thanks to Blakeney Sailing Club for a most enjoyable weekend.

Paul Taylor

STARCROSS OPEN -- 4th/5th July

Maybe it was the superb weather that weekend that attracted so many entries, because superb it certainly was. Perhaps it was our convivial club that drew them like moths to a candle? But to Starcross they came on 4th July to give the largest entry at an open meeting for many years. A total of 32 boats were rigged that weekend for what turned out to be a very pleasant weekends yachting. Not spectacular like last year when a force 0 became a force 7 in seconds and everyone fell in (well almost everyone), but truly British weather at its best. The usual stalwarts were there from Worthing and Highcliffe and a grand turn out from South Cerney. Reinforced by the Starcross fleet the starts were reminiscent of the Nationals.

Defending their last years title were Richard Garry and Phil Rowe with the same borrowed boat. They hadn't sailed it since last years meeting and showed they were still very fast in the practice race until an unfortunate "coming together" caused them to retire. Even the best make mistakes! Another favourite had to be Paul Kelly in C101 unbeatable so far this year at Starcross, whilst a black horse was Alan Brook in his brand new boat, launched for the first time twenty minutes before the start of the first points race with Babyham still wet on its deck.

In the event the weekend turned out to be a needle match between Paul Kelley and Richard Garry, the two of them giving an exciting demonstration of tactical sailing. In the first race Richard led Paul across the line with Starcross's Ken Bartlett third. The first visitor was David Tarrant in fourth place, and in fifth place Alan Brook in his new boat. Also going well was Marcus Melanaphy from Highcliffe.

Saturday evening saw a folk group at the club who entertained the locals and visitors alike and with a perfect balmy evening what more could anyone want except perhaps a shade more wind tomorrow.

And on Sunday we got a little more wind - not a lot - but nevertheless another ideal day. This time Paul Kelly responded to the challenge and led Richard Garry through the line with Ken Bartlett stuck at No. 3 (where he was to remain all weekend). Alan Brook was starting to get used to his new boat and finished fourth with Highcliffe sailor, Marcus Melanaphy, fifth. Keeness is an understatement of the third race, with all at stake for the two leaders with equal points and with many private duals throughout the fleet. The race officer was forced to make two general recalls as the fleet pushed over the line helped by a falling tide. However, the third effort was successful and it was once again Paul Kelly, superbly crewed by young Sarah Pearce, who led Richard Garry and Phil Rowe to the line. Content with his notch in life was once again Ken Bartlett in third place crewed by his wife, Marie. They sailed extremely well but never quite got to grips with the leaders. Fourth was visitor from South Cerney Sailing Club, David Tarrant, and fifth Alan Brook.

Without doubt it was a most popular win overall for Starcross sailor, Paul Kelly, but praise must also be given for the battle put up by Richard Garry who had to be content with second. Third place went to Ken Bartlett and the first visitor was David Tarrant from South Cerney in fourth place. Fifth overall was Alan Brook in his new boat, which will obviously go much faster in the future, and sixth was Marcus Melanaphy from Highcliffe S.C.