

SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

1976 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Seafly Dinghy Class Association will be held as usual during the National Championships on Wednesday, 11th August, 1976 at 19.15 hours, at Worthing Yacht Club, Marine Walk, Eirene Road, Worthing, West Sussex.

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 Annual General Meeting. They must therefore reach Peter Scovell at 26, Chestnut Grove, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 7LH, not later than 14th July, otherwise they cannot be considered. Members may appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf, but this must be carried out in writing.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

There are I am sure several members who have overlooked the payment of their subscriptions for this year. The class must have funds to meet essential expenses - such as the production of this Newsletter and its postage - so if YOU have not yet paid please send your sub (£2) to the Class Treasurer (form below). Why not do it NOW - before you forget!

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RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Please return to the Treasurer:-

D.Hawes,
The Sheillings,
Heath Ridge Green,
Cobham, Surrey.

Class Secretary:-

P.E.Scovell,
26 Chestnut Grove,
South Croydon,
Surrey, CR2 7LH.

I enclose my Subscription for 1976:

Full membership £2.00. Associate membership £1.00.

NAME.....BOAT NO.....

Address.....BOAT NAME.....

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Cheques or Postal Orders should be made payable to 'Seafly Dinghy Class Association'.

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MIDSUMMER NEWSLETTER - JUNE 1976

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EDITORIAL

Not a lot of news has reached me so far this year. I hope this means that all is well with the Class and not that the membership is becoming apathetic.

The two Open Meetings held early in May were not as well attended as last year; perhaps this was due to the rather heavy weather at the time. The turnout at South Cerney was disappointing after the big effort in 1975 and I hope it will not discourage the club; certainly David Tarrant and his boys laid on some excellent sailing conditions, even if it was a little boisterous. However, at Tankerton Bay in June eleven visitors made the trip.

One subject that concerns all of us who compete in handicap events is the Portsmouth Number, which as we all know is 93. Most of us are convinced that the majority are not competitive at this rating; indeed the average helmsman is at a clear disadvantage. Several clubs have over the years repeatedly recommended to the R.Y.A. that the number should be 94, based on hard experience against other classes such as the Scorpion. It seems therefore somewhat surprising, to say the least, that for 1976 the Seafly appears among the short list of only 15 centreboard boats with primary yardsticks, especially when one reads in the definitions that 'Primary Yardstick Numbers are Yardstick Numbers well attested by many clubs!' Moreover primary yardsticks should be used as they stand and it is not therefore open to clubs to use any other rating.

Every club which is affiliated to the R.Y.A. has an opportunity at the end of the sailing season to recommend changes to Portsmouth handicaps and therefore if you feel that 94, or any other rating, is more appropriate please urge your sailing secretary to make the necessary recommendation. If enough clubs do this the R.Y.A. must surely take notice and act accordingly.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is the formal announcement of the Association's Annual General Meeting to be held during Seafly Week on Wednesday, 11 August.

Finally, on a personal note, I must announce my 'retirement' from the editorship at the end of this year. Other commitments at my own club will, I'm afraid, preclude me from travelling around as much as I have been able to do in the past and I shall not have the necessary time to devote to the production of the Newsletter. I am a firm believer that this magazine is the best way of keeping the membership in touch and this is essential to the wellbeing of the class. It has been a pleasure to serve the class in this way for the last few years and I hope that someone will come forward to carry on from where I must leave off and keep the class alive and kicking. Any Offers!?

Alan Green

RUTLAND S.C.

Tony Fielden, who sails C296 and had a considerable hand in forming both the South Cerney and Blakeney fleets is now doing his best to get the Seafly Class established at Rutland which sails on Empingham Reservoir, near Stamford. He has a number of people who are interested and already one boat has been sold as a result of his efforts.

What he particularly needs to promote the Seafly are some good action pictures to make a publicity poster and he would also be delighted to hear from anyone in the area. His address is: C/O Cast Developments Limited, Vale Quarry Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.

OPEN MEETINGS - OVERALL RESULTS

SOUTH CERNEY S.C.

1st	D.Tarrant & R.Pugh	C339	South Cerney S.C.
2nd	P.Poyner & I.Leopold	C207	" " "
3rd	A.Horne & S.Wells	C111	" " "

HIGHCLIFFE S.C.

1st	J.Slater	C459	Highcliffe S.C.
2nd	P.Scovell	C492	Worthing Y.C.
3rd	D.Flower	C477	Seasalter S.O.
4th	D.Scovell	C392	Worthing Y.C.
5th	I.Pike	C164	Highcliffe S.C.

TANKERTON BAY S.C.

1st	R.Flower	C477	Seasalter S.C.
2nd	J.Furlong	C470	Tankerton Bay S.C.
3rd	R.Risbridger	C434	" " "
4th	P.Scovell	C492	Worthing Y.C.
5th	A.Green	C376	" "
6th	T.Smitherman	C461	Tankerton Bay S.C.

STARCROSS S.C.

1st	P.Scovell	C492	Worthing Y.C.
2nd	A.Green	C376	" "
3rd	C.Tucker	C250	Starcross S.C.

DOLPHIN TROPHY position to date:-

1st	R.Flower	50 points	{ 3 opens }
2nd	P.Scovell	44 "	{ 3 " }
3rd	A.Green	38 "	{ 4 " }

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3rd - 4th July	Blakeney S.C. Open Meeting
8th -13th Aug.	National Championships, Worthing Y.C.
11th -12th Sept.	Seasalter S.C. Open Meeting

Further news will be sent out with the A.G.M. Agenda.

SEAFLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1976

Seafly Week will be held at Worthing Y.C. from 8th to 13 August. The entry fee is £10 if received by 26 July and includes two tickets for the Prizegiving Dance. Late entries can be accepted after 26 July on payment of a late entry fee of £1. Additional tickets for the Prizegiving Dance can be obtained at 50p each; children under 14 free. A light buffet supper will be available at the Dance at 50p if booked in advance.

There will also be a Mystery Coach Tour of the fine Sussex countryside for wives and families on the evening of the Annual General Meeting. Races will be sailed at 11.00 hrs each day which should leave the afternoons free for other activities. Worthing Y.C. has a magnificent new clubhouse and all competitors, crews and their families are welcome to use the Club's facilities during the week. Light lunches will be available and there is now a bar which will be open at the usual times.

Entry forms and details of accommodation available in Worthing have been sent to all fleet captains. Further entry forms may also be obtained from Alan Green, 5 Cradock Place, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 2QA. Information about accommodation can also be obtained from the Amenities Department, Worthing Corporation, Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing, BN11 1HQ, or from Mrs. Penny Thomson, 9 Weaver's Ring, Angmering, West Sussex (Tel: Rustington 4937).

As Worthing is a popular holiday resort with many attractions it would be advisable to book up as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Last

Last year we had a record entry of 49 boats at Plymouth - lets hope we can make it a round 50 this year!

NEWS FROM THE FLEETS

Blakeney S.C. Mac Hambling reports:-

"For the first time for many years, the Blakeney Club put on two races recently for the Seafly class only. Whilst there have been Open meetings in the past for a definite class of boat, this is the first time there has been class racing and it is particularly encouraging that this was for Seafly only. The first race saw ten boats turn out and although Brian Blogg started approximately ten minutes late, he worked his way right through the fleet to finish first. This was his first race of the season and if this is anything to judge by, we can expect him to show the same excellent form throughout the rest of the season and at the Open meetings, and we are pinning our hopes on him for the Nationals this year. A very welcome addition to the Seafly fleet has been Roy Perryman who purchased number 107 and made an excellent start with it by coming second on the first day and winning on the second day. The second day's racing was rather poorly supported, Roy being the only survivor out of the four boats, the rest capsizing for various reasons due to bad sailing in the case of one particular member! Brian Blogg and Mac Hambling have had the first meeting with the Brancaster Club to make advance arrangements for the Nationals to be held at Brancaster in 1977. For those who have not previously sailed in North Norfolk, please make this a 'must'."

BLAKENEY OPEN MEETING 3 AND 4 JULY. DETAILS FROM BRIAN BLOGG,
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