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Christine and I were invited to represent the Association in the Datchet Silver Salver at the end of March. This is a pursuit race for champions but as Colin May and Adrian Summers were boatless, we went in their stead. A very serious affair.. Just how serious may be judged from the fact that before the start of this arduous 3 hour race, not a single competitor could be found in the very inviting bar. More serious still was Christine's insistence that your Chairman should not be the one to compromise the good name of the Association by patronising such an obviously disreputable establishment.

Fortunately Draycote enjoys easier launching than the slightly larger Queen Mary Reservoir and so access to the water could be achieved without the benefit of refreshment. Once launched there is little more to the story with the fleet of national and international champions passing too quickly to notice the more subtle points of technique. Conditions apparantly favoured the Moths who took first and second followed by the Merlin and the Fireball. We ended up leading the second half of the fleet.

As usual, the Blakeney Open Meeting signals the start of our travelling season. A detailed report by a visiting boat appears elsewhere in this issue and I am sure we will have good numbers doing the rounds this year.

You will be aware that we have lost our usual venue for the Inland Championships which has been at South Cerney in past years. Your Secretary and I had canvassed a number of alternatives without success until negotiations late last night whilst in bed with the Vice Commodore of Spinnaker Sailing Club at last bore fruit. Not only that but it was also agreed that we could hold the Inlands on a Saturday in November on a date to be fixed after further negotiations. Spinnaker Lake is near Ringwood in West Hampshire and should be an excellent venue with the lightest and flukiest airs so beloved by inland sailors and a central location for all Seafly clubs.

David Hughes

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Those of you that have been following the saga of the editor's laurel will be relieved to learn of the completion of the project.

A crew has been secured for the Open Meetings - so we will see you on the water.

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1990 Annual General Meeting

The 1990 AGM will be held at Seasalter Sailing Club, Faversham Road, Seasalter, Whitstable, Kent at 2000H on Wednesday 8th August 1990.

Nominations for Committee Members and resolutions for consideration must be received by the Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the meeting under Rule 8 of the Constitution. They must therefore reach the Secretary, Alan Green at the address detailed above, not later than 11 July 1990, otherwise they cannot be considered.

Members who cannot attend may appoint a proxy, who may be the Chairman, to vote on their behalf. This must be in writing. An Agenda and proxy form will be sent to paid up Members prior to the AGM.

New Members

Welcome to the following having joined since the last issue, hoping to see you at Open Events

John Iffla	C622	Starcross YC
Michael Burt	C499	Starcross YC
R C Glanville	C 27	Starcross YC
A R Healey	C317	Winchester

Other members, old and new, may be identified in the Treasurers Membership List, an updated issue of which appears in this Newsletter.

Subscriptions

Still a few due. Just fill in the simple form you will find at the end of the last newsletter and send it with a cheque and sae to Tim. You will make his day. Believe me.

Inland Championships

Because it was considered that we did not come up to scratch on numbers at South Cerney last year, they have declined to host us in 1990. The Committee is looking for another venue. Burghfield, near Reading and Spinnaker, near Ringwood are being considered.

Totnes to Torbay Dinghy Race.

The Torbay Yachting Association has advised me that this race is being revived this year on Saturday, 14th July. It is an exciting passage race of about 28 miles down the river Dart from Totnes to Dartmouth and along the spectacular south Devon coast, past Berry Head and Brixham to Torquay. Lots of trophies to be won, including one for the first team of 3 boats home.

The entry fee is £5 and further details can be obtained from:-
J Lawton, 16 St Georges Crescent, Babbacombe, Torquay, Devon.
TQ1 3QU

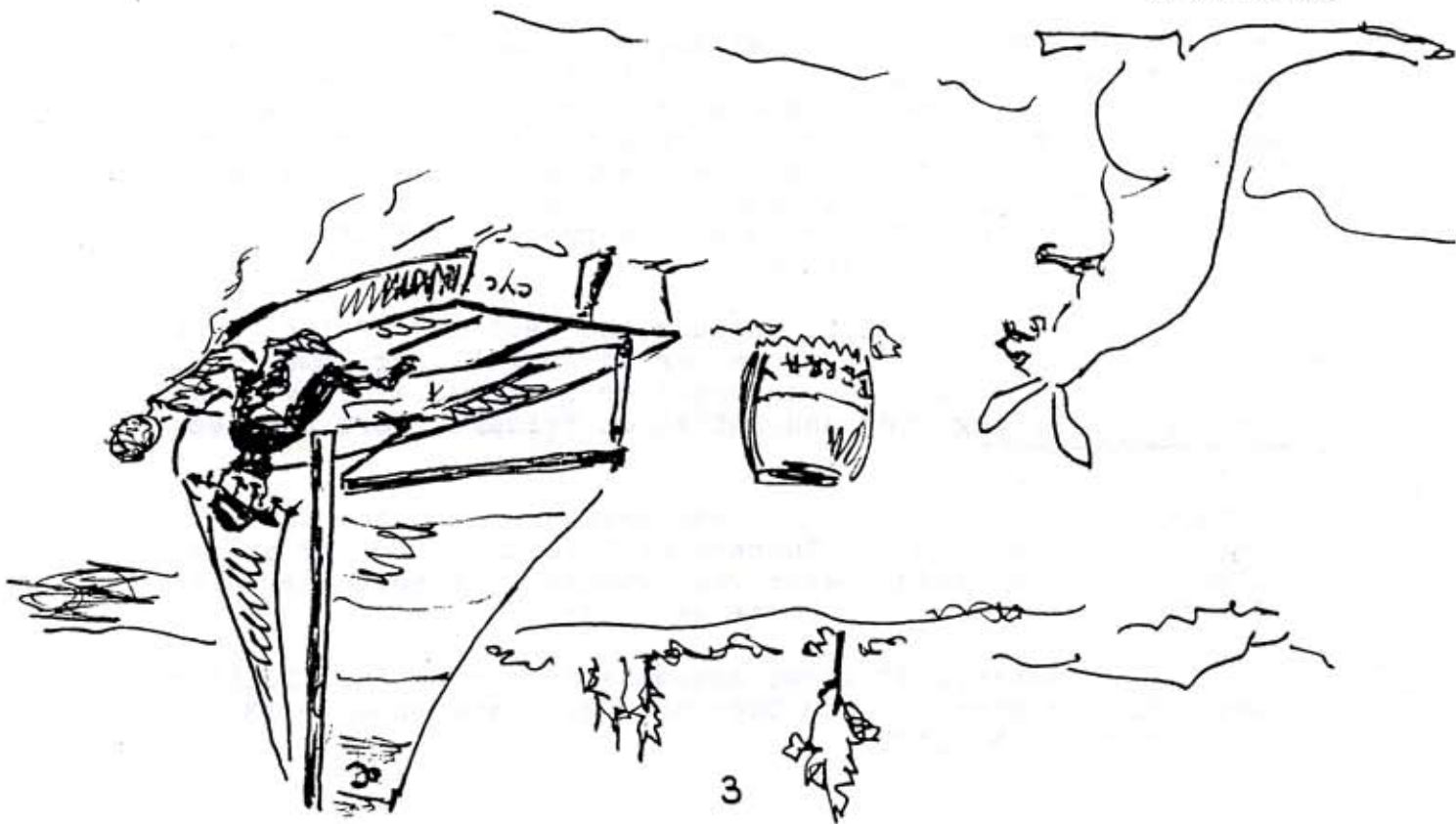
Phone: 0803 329720 at home, or 0803 327287 - office.

A Visitor from Oz

At Easter I had a visit from John Hamon of Canberra YC. John was a founder member of the Club in 1959 when Lake Burley Griffin was created. With another member, he sat down to decide which dinghy to adopt and having evaluated a number of boats then available, they decided on the Seafly. Negotiations with Stan Herbert of South Devon Boatbuilders resulted in the licencing of a number of Australian builders. Quite a fleet was built up as I saw for my self during a trip in 1984.

John's first boat, C76 was the third built by Harold Lang at Sorrento in Victoria in the early 60's. Later he had C217 built and sailed it regularly until retiring to take up golf a couple of years ago. During his stay we visited Starcross to meet some of the Seafly members there and he was delighted to meet Stan Herbert who is now Commodore.

Alan Green



DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY:

EVENT	:	DATE	:	DETAIL
<u>SEAFLY OPEN MEETINGS 1990</u>				
2/ HIGHCLIFFE	:	16 June	:	First start 1500
DINGHY OPEN	:	17 June	:	First start 1000 4 races, 3 to count.
3/ STARCROSS	:	30 June	:	4 races, 3 to count.
	:	01 July	:	
4/ WORTHING	:	15 Sept	:	First start
	:	16 Sept	:	First start 3 races, 2 to count.
BLAKENEY	:	1991	:	
<u>INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS</u>	:	NOVEMBER	:	Possibly Saturday, 25th TO BE ADVISED

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990. SEASALTER SAILING CLUB.

PRACTICE RACE	:	05 August:	Brixham Trophy.	1130H
CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.	1st	:06	: Sussex Salver.	1200H
	2nd	:07	: Lucas Cup.	1240H
	3rd	:08	: Chairmans Cup.	1315H
	4th	:09	: Herbert Trophy.	1345H
	5th	:10	: CoPlymouth Cup.	1430H

Alan Franklin will be our Principal Race Officer, He is promising us Olympic type courses and with Fred Williams on rescue boat we can look forward to a well run week on the water. The Swifts, with whom we are sharing should integrate happily. There is easy launching and recovery from a gentle beach which is invariably sheltered from the prevailing breezes. It will be an excellent venue for your first Nationals and everyone will find good competition whatever their standard.

The entry fee is £40 which will include the facility of the camp site opposite the clubhouse and a varied social programme will include a Get-Together with an entertainer on the Saturday; AGM on Wednesday and Prizegiving and Buffet on Friday. There has been no word yet from the "Cyncoaters".

Random checks will be made on jibs and spinnakers on the Saturday and Sunday, when possible. Numbers will be drawn out of a hat. Competitors should satisfy themselves concerning compliance with local Sailing Instructions on boats and gear.

Entries to and details of local accomadation from the Sailing Secretary: Charlie Shuttle, 43 Ospringe Rd, Faversham. ME13 7LJ
Phone 0795 537096

FOR SALE:

C 8 WOOD. 2 suits. Trailer/trolley. Metal mast. New cover £300
M Palmer. Burghfield SC, Reading.
071 278 4311 (day). 081 794 0378 (night).

C 48 WOOD. Repainted. Good condition. Race rig. Trolley £450
S Greenslade. Exeter. 0392 71270

C 56 WOOD. Reasonable but needs attention. £300
Non-Seafly mast, cover, trailer
Mrs Winwood. Bridgenorth 07466-520

C 167 Wood. Beta mast. Lots fittings. Trolley £325
Needs paint.
Bournemouth. 0202 424813

C 198 Wood. Banks sails. Race rigged. Trailer. Trolley. £700
Rob Odling, Winchester. 0962-882667
0252-26999

C 251 WOOD. Recently refurbished, trailer. VGC. £550
0252-16999

C 279 Wood. 2 suits Seahorse/Lucas. Cover. Trolley £800
Redecked. X-Champ boat. VGC
F Bassett as C 288.

C 288 Wood. Seahorse sails. Trolley. Cover. VVGC £550
F Bassett. Loughborough. 0509 890756.

C 364 WOOD. Sound. Combi trailer. Not registered. £350
Camberly 0276-64860

C 365 GRP. 2 suits, spinnaker, trolley. Located Devon. OFFERS
Mrs E Griffiths. Redditch. 0527-402644

C 396 All wood. Reasonable, combi trailer. £545
0234 720029 or work 0604 233200.

C 443 GRP. Spinnaker. Trailer/trolley. Good cond. Not reg. £800
P Guinan. Brecon. 0874-84396

C 501 GRP. GC. Full equipment. Trolley. Spinnaker. Not reg £775
Northants 0572-87838

TENT

Family tent. 1.2 Trio. Good Danish quality. Beige/Brown. £150
4/5 berth. Camp kitchen. Excellent condition.
Brian Howe, Maidstone. 0622 759685.

SEAFLY BADGES

Bob Lomas has secured a stock of embroidered Seafly badges. Ideal
for the band of your cap or even to cover the hole in your old
blue jeans. 3 quid each. Contact Ian on 0425-277589.

BLAKENEY

The first start of the Blakeney Open was scheduled for 0800 on 12 May and so the crew of the visiting boat were relieved that low grey clouds driving the rain in from the North Sea were replaced by clearer skies. The local boats which came to the line were those of Mac Hambling and Frank Basset. So as not to wake the seals, no sound signals were made but local knowledge knows to keep a weather eye on the flags. In spite of a late start "Sioux" was challenging for the lead when the race was shortened.

Grey skies and a fresh breeze were the order of the day for Sunday. The visitors were determined for a good result but were baulked on the line by a Solo and with such short races the starts were crucial. We did get it right for the last race and were hauling out an unassailable lead when a viscious gust caught the spinnaker. The wild roll that followed allowed Frank Bassett his opportunity and gave him all 3 races of the weekend. We had to be consoled with second.

Paul Taylor 624

HIGHCLIFFE

Our first race was on 1st April but the joke became apparent later when weather and technical problems caused the next 3 weekends to be cancelled.

We are looking forward to seeing Adrian Summers new boat on the water and it has been promised for the Highcliffe Open Meeting in June. I have spent the winter renovating Eric Sales old boat, 470. She is going well in spite of "mega rake" by accident rather than design and managed to win the first race of her new life.

Colin May built another boat but it has been sold to Mike Winfield in Hull. Good racing/cruising Mike! Is this the start of a new fleet in the North?

An encouraging number of new members have bought Seaflyes with the intention of doing some racing and you could meet them at our Open on the 15/16. We hope to get about half a dozen down to Starcross at the end of the month.

Mike Robinson - Class Captain

SEASALTER

Eric and Anita Sales have been flying the Seafly flag alone this year and are looking foreward to seeing a few more boats in August. Eric will come to the Highcliffe Open which will make it a 100% turnout for Seasalter.

STARCROSS

Spies report Alan Brooks and Ken Bartlett going well so far this season. Andy Woolner, who has re-restored 101 has also had some good results.

WORTHING

Mike Hartnell, Dave Stuart and Andy Norman, among others have been had their boats out already.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Like Bob Lomas, whose article in the Christmas edition has prompted this analysis, I am also a relative newcomer to dinghy sailing. As a teacher in Norfolk I have had access to tuition and sailing experience through the Norfolk Schools Sailing Association. This has included extended experience in many classes and I am the proud owner of C58 as well as a Phantom.

The factors which effect the success of a class include: cost; ease of handling and maintenance; performance and an aggressive marketing campaign.

In my experience the Seafly scores well. It is as stable as a Wayfarer. I have used it to give basic tuition and found it most forgiving to the novice. It has a roomy cockpit which can hold 4 adults. It is comfortable to sit in or out with the wide side decks encouraging the correct position for the beginner, not the case with Leaders and Wayfarers.

We have enough performance to appeal to many sailors although it is not the boat for restricted waters. I have been disappointed with it in the river. In open water with a good breeze my faith was restored. (Blakeney Open 1989). The spinnaker gives it the decisive edge over 2 sail boats.

Cost and ease of maintenance should not be a limiting factor in the success of a class. Plastic or wood construction requires the same amount of attention. If a new Wayfarer costs about 4000 pounds then the Seafly should be able to compete successfully with it.

Why then, is the Seafly not more popular if it has so many positive attributes?

I think the answer lies in marketing the boat. An example of an aggressive marketing campaign is the Laser which enjoys enormous success in spite of many shortcomings of design and construction. I am not suggesting that the Seafly should be marketed in the same way but a more positive image could be fostered.

People buy Wayfarers and Wanderers because they have learned to sail in them. Therefore the Class Association and the Builder should be persuading Sailing Schools to replace their ageing fleets with Seaflyes.

Produce a "new" version like the Leader Turbo which has featured in a review in Yachts and Yachting with an image aimed at the 25-40 age group - "Sporty but Safe!" Exhilaration without risk. Get the class name into the press as often as possible. The Phantom Association has done this with good results.

The Seafly is a good design and should be more popular. Given the right approach it could be.

Adrian Tebutt, Seafly 58, King's Lynn

SEAFY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

Membership List 1990 (as at 18th May 1990)

Marcus Affleck	116 Nimue	none
P.Anderson	473 Misty	none
Mark Appleby	392	Crawley Mariners YC
Roger Bagley	295	Dovey YC/Severn SC
Peter Bailey	-	none
P.Banfield	please advise treasurer	
R.H.Barnes	149	Christchurch SC
Ken Bartlett	404	Starcross YC
Frank Bassett	620 SeaHound	Blakeney SC
	also 279/288	Staunton Harold SC
Bill Beeson	643 Clappers	Starcross YC
Mike & Ruth Bethell	47 Swift	Bay of Colwyn SC
Maggie Braithwaite	Associate	Starcross YC
Derek Brant	159 San Michele	R.N.S.A
Edward Bromwell	413 Exetempore	Starcross YC
Alan Brook	648	Starcross YC
Richard Bruford	459 Cherokee	Starcross YC
Michael Burt	499 Scarlet Runner	Starcross YC
Maurice Churchill	621 SlapDash	South Cerney SC
David Cotgrove	506 Knights Mischief	Starcross YC
Philip Edmett	176/154	Blakeney SC
Tony Feilden	296 Prospero	
Peter Fullagar	not known	Canberra YC, Australia
R.C.Glanville	25	Starcross YC
Barry Goodwins	410 Opuss1	South Woodham Ferrers YC
Alan Green	-	Starcross SC
Simon Greenslade	48 Puffin	Starcross YC
Peter Guinan	443 Soopa Doopa	Llangorse SC
Mac Hambling	388 Extra Time	Blakeney SC
Mike Hartnell	626	Worthing YC
Trisha Hartnell	Associate	Worthing YC
M.C.Harvey	499 Scarlet Runner	Starcross YC
Dave Hayward	367	Avon & Som. Constab. SC
A.R.Healey	317 Morwenna	
Brian Howe	644 Howabout	Highcliffe SC
Tim Hoyle	649 Blue Adder	Highcliffe SC

David Hughes	638 Mercury	Highcliffe SC
Alan Izzard	231 Chloe Too	Fishers Green SC
John Iffla	622 Also Amazing	Starcross SC
Peter Jones	645 Just Amazing	Highcliffe SC
Philip Jones	please advise treasurer	Bowmoor SC
I.M.Kelsey	464	
Carol Lanham	430 Whisper	Starcross YC
Laurie Lanham	Associate	Starcross YC
Tim Legood	639 Waterloo	Starcross YC
Ronald Littlejohn	617 Avocet	Starcross YC
Tony & Kate Longworth	574,337,289,?	Glenridding Sailing Sch.
David Lockwood	155 Chris	Highcliffe SC
Bob Lyle	51 Flame	South Cerney SC
T.R.N.Main	634 Nimbus	Severn SC
Ian Mansfield	642 The Admiral	Highcliffe SC
Colin May	(Builder)	Highcliffe SC
John McCarroll	172 RR'd	Thornton Steward SC
Jim & Jan McClean	434 Black Magic	Worthing YC
John McPherson	636 Resolution	Highcliffe SC
G.Mees	please advise treasurer	
W.J.Prescott	Associate	
Jim Readings	179 Ibis	South Cerney SC
Robert Risbridger	none at present	Seasalter SC
Brian Robinson	96 Pegasus	Worthing YC
Mike Robinson	470 Revival	Highcliffe SC
Eric Sales	650 E.a.T.nita	Seasalter SC
David Shaw	329 Susan	Starcross YC
Kingsley Singer	482 NoSoSlo	Newcastle YC (Co.Down)
James Smyth	414	Newburgh SC
John Speirs	223 Chianti	Starcross YC
Sam Stoyle	635	Highcliffe SC
Wallace Symmonds	480 Jack	Cotswold SC
Adrian Tebbutt	58	Ouse Amateur SC
R.G.Thompson	597 Kittiwake	Blakeney SC
Fred Turner	320 Sea Scamp	Woodlands Park SC
Graham Uren	369 Still Crazy	none
John Walpole	425 Veni Vidi Vici	Starcross YC
Gary Williams	250	Highcliffe SC
Michael Winfield	NYA	Hornsea SC