



SEAFLY NEWSLETTER

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Well, here we are , all ready to launch our Class into the last decade of the millenium. At any rate , some of us may be. The Editor is still pruning laurel. So, in this decade of glasnost, The Channel Tunnel and the Unified Market, what will we be launching in the 21st century?

Whimsicalities aside, the Editor again extends warm thanks to all his correspondants who make the task so much easier. It is hoped that no one believes that the editorial scissoring implies any sort of literary criticism. Only that, in these days of financial stringency, one must be mindful of the postage. As with laurel, it is easier to hack it down than to nurture a reluctant flowering.

The membership list, contributed by the Hon Treasurer, is included with this issue, uncut. It is actually Tim's record of subscriptions payed by mid-March and bears a passing interest. These 50 are about half of those required to yield the L600 subscription income mentioned by Alan Green. Some famous names appear but equally famous ones are conspicuous for their absence. We have paid up members in Wales , Scotland and Ireland as well as the South of England. Not surprising is that Highcliffe and Starcross show most with 8 members each. Eight boats would be considered a good average entry for a Summer Points Race at Highcliffe.

Good news is the rumour of another new boat apart from Adrian's.

The last edition has prompted a piece from Adrian Tebbut of King's Lynn which will appear in the next edition. Thanks Ade! He comments that his Newsletters have been erratic. Boy! You can say that again. So has mine. Of course their frequency has coincided with the muse which, unlike laurel, is a delicate plant. The responsible members of the Committee are pressing the Editor to conform to a more rigorous routine in future.

So, the next edition is already datelined June, copy deadline therefore in May. Fleet Captains, 100 words on the Club scene, to this address by 21 May.

Have a good sailing season.

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1990 Annual General Meeting

The 1990 AGM will be held at Seasalter SC during the National Championships. The date has been fixed as Wednesday 8th August 1990. A formal notice of the meeting will appear in the June edition of the Newsletter.

New Members

Welcome to the following new members. We hope we shall see you at our sailing events during the coming season.

David Lockwood	C155	Highcliffe
Micheal Winfield - New boat on order		Hornsea, N Humberside
G E Williams	C250	
James Smith	C414	Newburgh SC, Fife.
R H Barnes	C149	Christchurch SC
Mr & Mrs I M Kelsey	C464	

Boat Covers

BAJ Covers & Sails, 46 Park Avenue West, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 2NU, can supply covers in blue coated Terylene for a Seafly at £ 78. One in green duck canvas costs £ 99.
The makers own a Seafly. Telephone 01 393 5539.

1990 National Dinghy Show

We were on show in HALL 2 at Crystal Palace, South London on the 3rd and 4th March 1990. Our new display boards were enhanced, both by new action photographs taken at the Nationals and also by Tim Hoyle's nearly new "Blue Adder", C649. A video set-up, provided by Mike Robinson ensured that our presentation was well up the standard of any of the smaller classes present and attracted a great deal of attention.

The Class is indebted to Tim, Mary and Mark who manned the stand with Trish May. Also to Colin who hauled the boat home at the end of the Show. Personal thanks to all those who helped on the stand, especially Brian Howe and Bob Lomas who lugged stand equipment all the way back to my car.

This is our main marketing effort during the year and members should be aware that the bulk of their subscriptions are spent on it. This year our pitch cost us £81.25 and a very modest ad in Yachts & Yachting, another £35.65. Other expenses this year included new "Seafly" name boards and Logo at £60.80 and 4 large colour prints at £50. Thanks to our treasurer, all this expenditure is found out of the membership income amounting to a mere £600. The Newsletter absorbs much of the rest. It is a good job that all the many helpers do not ask for expenses.

Sweatshirts

What about a crew-neck sweatshirt or a V-neck acrylic sweater? Embroidered with the Seafly logo. Ideal for the coming season. Sizes : Small (34-36); Medium (38); Large (40); X-L (42-44). Colours: White, Navy Blue, Royal Blue, Sky Blue, Lemon, Bottle Green Red, Black, Burgundy.

Sweatshirts: 50/50 cotton/acrylic, L 11.50
Sweaters: 100% acrylic L 12.50

Subscriptions

To the two thirds of the expected membership who have not yet paid; these are now due. Just fill in the simple form at the end of this newsletter and send it with a cheque and sae to Tim. You will make his day. Believe me.

The following have not paid since 1988 and will be assumed to have resigned if their subscription is not received shortly. Please let me know if you do not wish to rejoin.

Mr & Mrs P D Anderson	Highcliffe SC.	Paul Kelley	Starcross YC
R Bourke	Dittisham SC.	A McPherson	Highcliffe SC
K Buck	Llandysul SC.	J McPherson	Highcliffe SC
J Fricker	Starcross YC.	M A Patrick	Starcross YC
K A Gray	Associate.	F Percival	Ripon SC
A Heath	Associate.	Mrs K Pring	Starcross YC
T Jeffrey	Tudor SC.	R Risbridger	Seasalter SC

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.

Alan Green

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY:

EVENT	DATE	DETAIL
<u>SEAFLY OPEN MEETINGS 1989</u>		
1/ BLAKENEY	:12+13 May	:
2/ HIGHCLIFFE	:16+17 June	:Dinghy Open 4 races, 3 to count.
3/ STARCROSS	:30 June 01 July	:4 races, 3 to count.
4/ WORTHING	:15+16 Sept	:3 races, 2 to count.
<u>INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS</u>	: OCTOBER	: TO BE ADVISED

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990. SEASALTER SAILING CLUB.

PRACTICE RACE	:05 August	: Brixham Trophy
CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.	1st :06	: Sussex Salver
	2nd :07	: Lucas Cup
	3rd :08	: Chairmans Cup
	4th :09	: Herbert Trophy
	5th :10	: City of Plym. Cup

This year we are back at Seasalter again, sailing over the Oaze, in the Estuary, off the North Kent coast. Jellied eels, spritsail barges, brisk breezes and flat but open water. Testing for the experts; forgiving for the novice. Never mind Torremelinos or Teneriffe, it can be revealed that Whitstable is the up and coming resort for the cognesenti.

The Club promise us Olympic type courses and to add interest, we will be sharing the week with the Swifts, who are all perfect gentlemen (those of them who are not ladies). They will have separate wing marks so that we shall be spared the embarrassment of watching them gybe.

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 expected to be the same as last year at 40 quid. 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 is a chance of an appearance by the "Cyncopaters" and a camel train has already been despatched to Ulan-Bator to bring them back from exile. Some may already be praying that they dont make it. As usual, free camping will be on the plot across the road from the Clubhouse.

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.

Entry forms are available from Alan Green - Tel. Kingsbridge (0548) 852972. List of local accommodation available shortly from the Sailing Secretary, Mr. C. Shuttle, 43 Osprings Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 7LJ - Tel. (0795) 537096.

FOR SALE

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| <u>C 56</u> | Wood. Reasonable but needs attention.
Non-Seafly mast, cover, trailer
Mrs. Winwood - Bridgnorth (07466) 520 | £300 |
| <u>C 176</u> | Wood. Beta mast. Lots fittings. Trolley.
Needs paint.
Bournemouth (0202) 424813. | £325 |
| <u>C 198</u> | Wood. Banks sails. Trailer. Trolley.
Rob Odling - Winchester (0962) 882667. | £700 |
| <u>C 251</u> | Wood. Recently refurbished. Trailer. VGC.
Tel. (0252) 26999. | £550 |
| <u>C 279</u> | Wood. 2 suits Seahorse/Lucas. Cover.
Trolley. Redecked.
Contact F. Basset - (see also C 288 below). | £800 |
| <u>C 288</u> | Wood. Seahorse sails. Trolley. Cover. VVGC.
F. Bassett - Loughborough (0509) 890756 | £550 |
| <u>C 364</u> | Wood. Sound. Combi trailer. Not registered.
Tel. (0276) 64860. | £350 |
| <u>C 365</u> | GRP. 2 suits, spinnaker, trolley. Located in
Devon.
Mrs. E. Griffiths - Redditch (0527) 402644. | OFFERS |

- C 368 All wood. Reasonable, combi trailer. OFFERS
0234 720029 or work 0604 233200.
- C 443 GRP. Spinnaker. Trailer/trolley. Good cond. Not reg. £800
P Guinan. Brecon. 0874-84396
- C 444 GRP, Trolley, Trailer, Cover. Ready to sail ~~£875~~ SOLD
0202 34803
- C 499 GRP. 2 suits on Procter. Race rigged. VGC £950
Bramber combi-trailer available.
Martyn Harvey. Exmouth 0395-263007.
- C 501 GRP. GC. Full equipment. Trolley. Spinnaker. Not reg £775
Northants 0572-87838
- C 523 GRP. '87 Superspar, Banks sails, spinnaker. ~~£1250~~ SOLD
Mahogany cbrd/rudder in Rondar. Cvr, Tly.
C Lanham. Starcross. 0626-890477.
- C 622 GRP. 2 suits - Banks/McNamarra, cover, trailer. £1250
Mike Robinson, Malmesbury. 0666 860828
- 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. Phone Bob on 0403 87349.
- WANTED Seafly mast. P Banfield, Romford. 0708 43078

WINTER FLIES

The end of September does not necessarily mean hibernation for our rare but occasionally hardy breed. A few may be found on reservoirs and some on more open waters. Three from Highcliffe migrated the few short miles East to the Solent to sail the Lymington Town Sailing Club's Open Winter Series. Although they seemed to be consistent in taking line honours in the medium handicap fleet whenever they appeared, they were shamed in the final analysis to have been beaten by a Wayfarer who had sailed the proper course in every race. The Mansfields and the Taylors were second and third overall but Rob York just missed a pot.

The Taylors also displayed "Sioux" in the boat parks at both the Pompey Perisher and the Hoo Freezer but with the breeze gusting over 40 knots wisely decided to watch others wrecking their boats from the relative comfort of the bar. Bob Lomas, from Worthing, had pressed Rob Odling to helm his boat at the Perisher and, since it wasn't his boat, Rob thought he would give it a go. They went well for a leg but were then upset by one of the marks and eventually went home, considerably drenched. Bob has given a good account of his researches into the seabed off Spithead from which following extracts are gleaned. It seems there were less rescue boats about than the day the "Mary Rose" went down.

The Bloody Mary

The premier event of the winter for Seaflys was undoubtedly the 17th Bloody Mary Pursuit Race, held at Queen Mary Reservoir, Staines on the 6th January. Every year sees a record entry for the Bloody Mary and this year, apart from the 5 Seaflys, there were there were 495 other boats rigging hopefully on the park before the race. It seemed doubtful if we could all launch in time.

We did and the race was sailed in ideal weather with 12 to 15 knots of breeze at a temperature not less than 12 degrees. This year there weren't even any tears to freeze.

The secret of sailing in this sort of fleet is keep out of trouble. At some marks, a solid raft of up to 50 boats were all calling for water simultaneously. It was magnificent but hardly regular dinghy racing. Getting it nearly right were the Robinsons and the Mansfields from Highcliffe at 201st and 203rd respectively. One small mistake making a difference of 100 places the Taylors must have made one and Mark and Mike Appleby in C392 from Crawley Mariners about one and a half.

David and Christine Hughes, on the other hand, seemed to have it well sorted and finished an extremely well placed 134th out of 436 accredited finishers. If there had been one more Seafly on the day, to make 6 entered, they would have got the Class prize.

The Pompey Perisher.

Portsmouth Hard was crowded, wet and windy but it had nothing on the harbour entrance which was full of car ferries and waves as big as houses slopping large portions of Solent down the back of

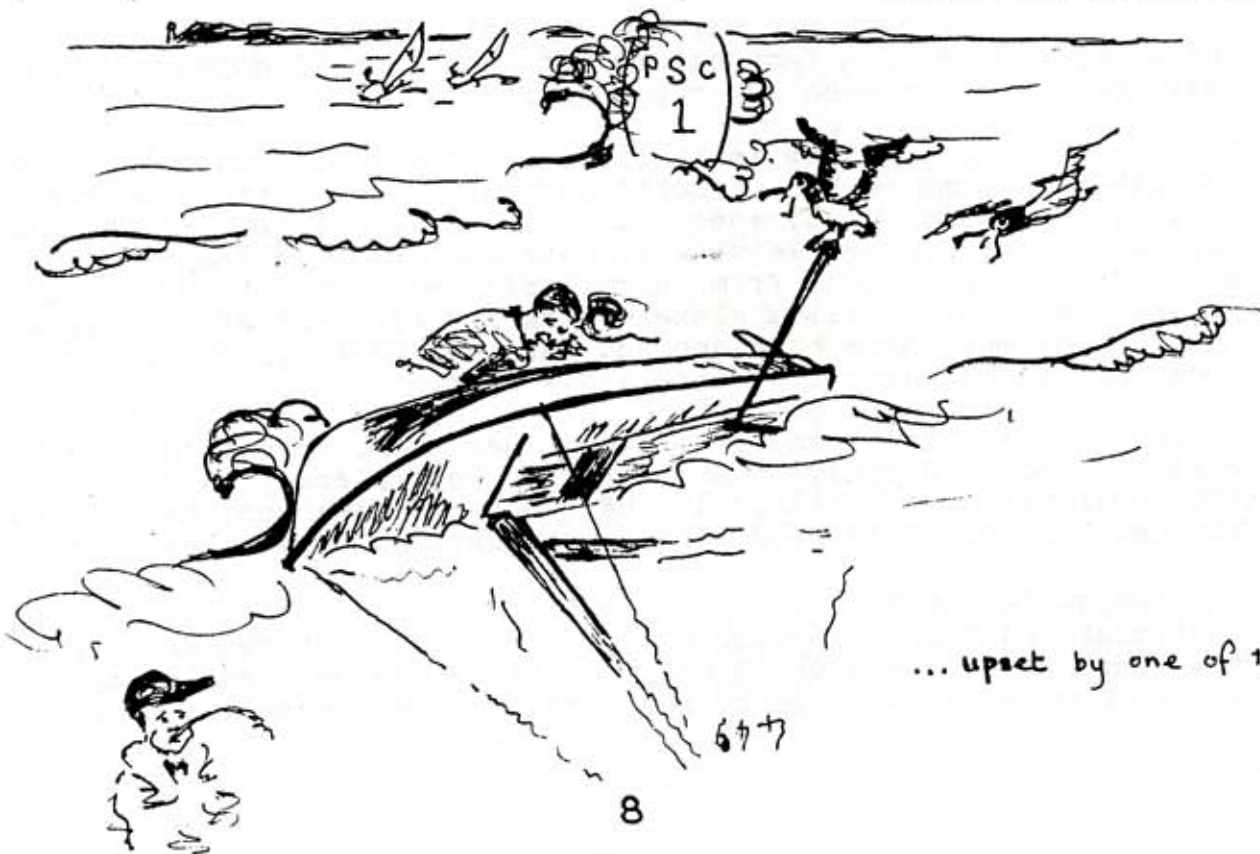
the neck. Bearing off to make the start, we were soon planing in good style, arriving so that Rob could make a perfectly timed start.

Surrounded by Lasers, the new Needlespars were working well but we still struggled to compensate for a badly cut jib. As we closed the weather mark, the strength of the tide became apparent and, with both the fast and slow fleets converging on it at once, things got very busy indeed. It was time to duck and manoeuvre. There was more ducking than weaving and our first such manoeuvre had the Writer out of the boat, to be instantly hauled back by the Skipper.

Rob was now struggling with a strange boat in the extreme conditions and before long the unusually long tiller extension, fitted to facilitate single handed sailing, jammed in the deck and over we went in true Seafly fashion, right upside down. When I bought "Big Orange", life lines under the gunwhales were recommended and we were truly glad of them on this occasion. I had struck my head in the capsize and then swallowed a great deal of Solent so that righting the boat and sailing it back to Old Portsmouth was hard work.

It was quite an experience and I learned some invaluable lessons. I shall now fit a bouyancy pad in the head of the mainsail. Loss of efficiency will be marginal and more than compensated by not being automatically relegated to the back of the fleet after an inversion. Anyway, I would like to take on the Solent again and put together a team race between Seaflys and Wayfarers to Wight and back or even round the Island. What about it.

Bob Lomas. Worthing



Although Seaflys may often be observed proceeding in a wild froth of boiling white foam, this piece is different and is an account by Brian and Val Howe of their experience last year on a Canadian river with their daughter, Julia.

WHITE WATER

When the spring snows melt, Canadian rivers, run some twenty feet above summer levels and that is when Canadians like to ride them on rubber rafts. A weekend camping packages includes one day on a raft and the other canoeing, windsurfing and relaxing which may include the consumption of strong liquors.

Our party included Julia and friends from Ottawa University with Valerie and I as mature students. Our kit included wetsuits, lifejackets, paddles and crash helmets, the need for which became evident later. There were nine rafts each with an experienced guide. The rafts, about 18 feet long had inflated sidewalls with a thin rubber bottom. A toestraps was reserved for the guide to ensure that he didn't fall out.

After a briefing on rescue techniques we meet our guide, Scott, and we embark on the river in company with the other rafts. At first we moved sedately with the stream, paddling gently and with one leg over the side for comfort.

However, looking ahead we saw our first run of white water. As we approach, Scott orders "white water positions!" - crouched in the raft - both legs inside. "Dig deep you Guys!" is the next command as he lines us up for our very first taste. Fast, wet and exciting, but this initial run did not include any "hydraulics". This is the rafting term used when you nosedive into a hole in the water.

The next thrill is bodysurfing. For this we go ashore and walk upstream above the fall that we had just run. Then you do it again without the raft. If you don't make the shore below, you are thrown a line. If you miss that, the guide has to retrieve you in a special kayak. I must say, we all preferred the rafting with the raft, but it was an excellent confidence builder for the next stage.

We paddled on and as we rounded the next bend, the river narrowed and started to pick up speed. We could already hear the roar of the next fall. The raft picks up speed as we started to make our approach between two large rocks. There are white waves ahead and lots of spray. We are told that this is called "Garvin's Chute" and has a drop of fifteen feet over forty yards. It was the most dangerous and difficult point of the river, with two very large Hydraulics close together.

It was a white knuckle job. At the sight of the drop there were yells of excitement from the whole crew as we dug deep and the bow was sucked into the first hydraulic. Waves and spray were all around us as we all fell forward and then rolled back when the bow popped up. Before we could get the paddles going again, we

were into the second, this time with the raft full of water. We went deep and took an age to surface. When we did, we were straight into the swiftest rapid and touching 100 miles an hour. Suddenly we were through and the water was once again smooth and tranquil.

"Well done you Guys" congratulates Scott. This was for staying in the boat as much as anything else. We tackled a few more sections but none more exciting than "Garvin's Chute".

As we made our way back to camp for a hot tub we reflected on a unique and fantastic experience which we thoroughly enjoyed and would always remember. Anyone who has the opportunity to try this sport should have a go. You won't be disappointed.

Brian, Valerie and Julia Howe.
Ottawa River June 1989
Seafly 644 "Howabout"



SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

Membership List 1990 (as at 17th. March 1990)

Marcus Affleck	116	Nimue	none
Mark Appleby	392		Crawley Mariners YC
Peter Bailey	-		none
P. Banfield	please advise treasurer		
R.H. Barnes	149		Christchurch SC
Mike & Ruth Bethell	47	Swift	Bay of Colwyn SC
Alan Brook	648		Starcross YC
Richard Bruford	459	Cherokee	Starcross YC
Maurice Churchill	621	SlapDash	South Cerney SC
David Cotgrove	506	Knights Mischief	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
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
Peter Jones	645	Just Amazing	Highcliffe SC
I.M. Kelsey	464		
Laurie Lanham	Associate		Starcross YC
Ronald Littlejohn	617	Avocet	Starcross YC
Tony & Kate Longworth	574,337,289,?		Glenridding Sailing Sch.
Bob Lyle	51	Flame	South Cerney SC
G. Mees	please advise treasurer		
Ian Mansfield	642	The Admiral	Highcliffe SC
Colin May	(Builder)		Highcliffe SC
Brian Robinson	96	Pegasus	Worthing YC
Mike Robinson	470		Highcliffe SC
Eric Sales	650	E.a.T.nita	Seasalter SC
Kingsley Singer	482	NoSoSlo	Newcastle YC (Co.Down)
James Smyth	414		Newburgh SC
Adrian Tebbutt	58		Ouse Amateur SC
Fred Turner	320	Sea Scamp	Woodlands Park SC
Graham Uren	369	Still Crazy	none
Gary Williams	250		Highcliffe SC
Michael Winfield	NYA		Hornsea SC

Subscriptions

The subs for the season now being overdue, you are asked to show goodwill to the Association and to Our Tim by sending your money now.

Full membership is 7 pounds. Associate 4.

Send money to the Treasurer using the attached form.

Fleet Captains, give Tim a break. Coax money and completed forms out of the members in your club with honeyed words. Send them all together to Tim and you will earn his undying gratitude.

EVERYONE - PLEASE SEND YOUR SUB TO TIM WITH A STAMPED/ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.

SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....Post Code.....

BOAT - Sail Number.....Name.....

CLUB.....

I enclose a membership fee of 7pounds Full/4pounds Associate for the year commencing 1st January 1990.
(Cheques payable to Seafly Dinghy Class Association)

Signed.....Date.../.../1990.

Please send to the Hon Treasurer:

Tim Hoyle,

"The Coppice", 26 Elphinstone Rd, Highcliffe, Christchurch,
Dorset. BH23 5LL