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The coffee's hot, the Scotch is strong, the hour is late, so here we go again for another edition. This one is the special bumper for the Championships. You will find the entry form attached. Those Seafly sailors who have never been to a Championship and are intimidated by the word, it is not all hard, steely eyed competition. There is a bit of that, for the boy racers, but not too much. If your interest is more for a relaxing week in a warm family atmosphere, then this is the event for you. Otherwise, just the crie de coeur of all Editors; for some material to edit.
See you on the water.

CHAIRMAN: David Hughes.
"Lynmore", Highwood, Ringwood. 0425-470464

Quite enough will be said about the forthcoming National Championships in this issue so I will not mention it. (I mentioned it once, but I think I got away with it).

It is most encouraging to notice the numbers of new members joining the Association and I would like to extend a warm welcome to them on behalf of us all. We look forward to the chance of meeting them during the course of the season.

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SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF 1987 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Seafly Dinghy Class Association will be held as usual during the Seafly National Championships on Wednesday 12th August 1987 at 20.00hrs at Highcliffe Sailing Club, Mudeford Quay, Christchurch, Dorset.

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 Meeting under Rule 8 of the constitution. They must therefore reach the Secretary, not later than 15th July 1987, 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 will be sent to paid-up members prior to the Annual General Meeting.

1987 National Championships

They are being held this year at Highcliffe Sailing Club, near Christchurch.

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Get your entry to Highcliffe without delay! The special offer only lasts to the end of June.

This year the Committee will be checking the black bands on all masts and booms. Bands must be permanently painted in a strongly contrasting colour. The width and position of the bands are defined in rules 14 and 15 of the "Rules of Measurement and Construction" in the Handbook.

Corrector weights will also be checked.

R Y A Dinhy Show. SAILBOAT '87

A lot of interest was shown in the Seafly stand with 646, Ron Cockwell's immaculate new boat. At least two new members were recruited and I also received a considerable number of inquiries about the boat. It was good to see so many old friends and I am very grateful to those who helped to man the stand.

Bill Copeland from Hertford County Y.C. was wearing an attractive sweatshirt displaying an embroidered seafly badge. I have ordered some and they will be modelled at Open Meetings. If you like them, I'll take orders. About 10-50p.

Portsmouth Yardstick.

The poor response from clubs to the RYA's annual end of season questionnaire on handicap recommendations has resulted in the Yardstick being restored to 113. Only Blakeney, Seasalter and Newcastle in Ireland sent in returns last year.

BE POSITIVE.

'We all prefer - a PY of 114.'

New Members

The following new members are welcome:-

Jon Hales	C242	Denham S.C.
Frank Percival	C6	Ripon S.C.
Frank Elsom	C450	Hertford Y.C.)SAILBOAT
Patrick and Linda Anderson	C473	Highcliffe S.C.) 87
Roger Bourke	C66	Dittisham S.C.

Apologies to Michael Patrick who shares C395 at Starcross and Ian McCarrol sailing C172 at Thornton Steward S.C. for getting it wrong last time.

Seafly Handbook

The Handbook has at last been published. All paid-up members for 1986/87 should receive a copy.

The origins of this, the 3rd edition, go back to the early 80s when Peter Gray undertook to re-write and update the Rules of Measurement & Construction. I inherited the draft in January 1984 and with Peter Scovell's help, produced a final version which was adopted at the 1984 AGM.

Now the rules of Measurement & Construction, corrected to date, are the main feature of the new Handbook, with the Seafly Constitution, a list of past Trophy winners and an article on boat tuning.

My typescript has been photocopied to minimise cost. Anyone spotting any mistakes, my apologies.

Weighing of Boats

At the 1985 Nationals at Worthing two of the boats weighed were allowed to remove correctors.

The Rules state that this can only be done if the boat has been stored in dry conditions for 14 days.

The current owners of both agreed to have them re-weighed and I am pleased to report that both proved to be within the class rules without correctors.

Letters to the Editor

The Editor, (still searching for the windward mark) has seen a dearth of letters since the last issue. I guess every one is just too engrossed in sailing their boats or building them. The following were especially welcome and are quoted in full.

Seaflys in Winter 3. Draycote Invitation Pursuit.

We left Ringwood at 0700 Saturday 21st March, bound for Draycote. After a slight detour we eventually arrived having had a fair wind for the whole trip. The Club's organisation was excellent and 130 boats were being unloaded and rigged with ease.

The wind was light, occasionally gusting F2. At around midday the slower boats began the half mile trip from the Clubhouse to the start area. Our start was nearly an hour away so we were in no rush but by the time we did drift along, it was clear that the Race Officer had called a postponement.

Eventually the Mirrors and Cadets were sent off but from the direction of the first mark, a threatening black cloud loomed. This brought altogether brisker conditions with the boats skimming across the reservoir in flurries of snow. We started to get a few problems, first with the bailers, then with the quadrant levers so we decided to return to the pits for an instant retune.

Where were the back-up crew? The supply of Procter fittings? We did our best with a hammer and made it back to the start line with 5 minutes to spare. Our race was eventually sailed in light and variable winds with boats within 10 yards on the same heading but opposite tacks. The later starters were left to strive for a respectable position at the end. After 200 minutes we eventually crossed the line 78th. However the fleet of 138 did contain some very good helmsmen.

The race was won in a Topper and a Mirror was second.

It was a most enjoyable day and we would like to thank the Association for our invitation and the Draycote Sailing Club for a superbly organised event.

Ron Cockwell and Colin May
Seafly 646

Boat Names

Through the medium of your columns I wish to protest at the disgustingly suggestive nature of the names which some owners give to their small boats. I went to the seaside recently with my young son and I had to tie a handkerchief over his eyes all day so that he could not read them.

"Disgusted" Tunbridge Wells.

CLUBS

HIGHCLIFFE.

The April sun tempted some good turnouts for the early season Spring Series with a total of some 9 boats entered. However there are a lot of fair weather sailors at Highcliffe and we should double that number in the Summer.

The Mansfields, benefiting from winter practice, took the Series but they did not have it all their own way. The Hughes are still going fast and sharpening their tactics in Fireflies on a pond; The Odling's new bottom shows good potential and the Taylors are starting to learn to make Sioux go. The "Wild Boys" are showing good form. Alasdair has been guesting as crew for a number of helmsmen.

There are strong rumours that there may be another new boat being built in time for the Nationals.

STARCROSS

The cold winter and blazing Easter caught many of the Fleet by surprise. Those who were not confused found Paul Kelley, in his newly aquired 101 duelling with Ken Bartlett in 404 with Carol Lanham also in contention. While these three have been battling it out at the front, not far behind, Tim Legood has been edging forward and John Lloyd has put in an occasional guest appearance to demonstrate that his 420 still has pace.

John Rowe and Charlie Sandy are now sailing 627 and are re evaluating their belief in the Seafly's famous stability. They are certainly improving the power of their freestyle stroke.

On a good day more than 12 Seaflys can be seen churning the waters of the Exe with more boats likely to appear as the weather continues to warm up. Recent additions to the fleet include 633, bought from Jimmy Wren and 110 "Yellow Peril" from Paul Taylor at Highcliffe.

Alan Brookes is so busy working to complete his new boat for our Open that we haven't seen him yet. Jim Fricker is looking for inspiration.

We all look forward to seeing you all at our Open Meeting on the Glorious 4th of July.

Dave Cotgrove.

SEASALTER.

The Class at Seasalter may lack numbers but certainly not enthusiasm, with 100 percent of the fleet starting the races.

Clive's 384 is resplendant in a new suit from McNamarra and sports a new deck. Jimmy Furlong and Eric Sale have also bought new sails but the Howes have managed to beat both of them in a blow using their old suit. However 'Howzat's light weather performance needs a bit of polish and so all four should cut quite a dash at the Nationals.

Brian Howe

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY:

EVENT	DATE	TIMES
OPEN MEETINGS 1987-		
STARCROSS YC	: 4th/5th July	
WORTHING YC	: 25th July	: Sat 1400H
	26th July	: Sun 1100H 1430H
SEASALTER SC	: 19th/20th September	
SOUTH CERNEY SC	: 4th October	
ROUND SHEPPEY	: 30th August	
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1987, HIGHCLIFFE SAILING CLUB.	: 9th/14th August 1987.	
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1988, BRIXHAM YACHT CLUB.	: August 1988.	

FOR SALE:

The following boats 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.

SEAFLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1987
PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The 1987 Seafly National Championships will be sailed under the burgee of the Highcliffe Sailing Club, in Christchurch Bay between the 9th and the 14th of August.

All racing will be governed by the current I Y R U Rules, R Y A Prescriptions, the Seafly Class Dingy Association Rules and the Sailing Instructions to be issued by the Highcliffe Sailing Club.

Highcliffe Sailing Club is located at Mudeford Quay, near Christchurch in Dorset.

ENTRIES

The entry fee will be 35 pounds which includes all social events for the boat crews for those events which are held at the Club. There will be a small extra charge made for families and friends. Entries should be on the official form (copy attached to the News Letter) and should be accompanied by the entry fee. These should be received at Highcliffe Sailing Club by Monday 6th July 1978.

Late entries will be accepted after this on payment of 45 pounds which includes the late entry surcharge.

REGISTRATION

Sailing Instructions, courses and lists of entries will be issued on arrival at The Club, against production of valid Class Registration Certificates, Measurement Forms and Class Association Membership Cards.

All boats will be subject to measurement checks during the Championships.

A boat must sail under her own Class Registered Number.

Consent will only be given to use a sail of a different number in extraordinary circumstances such as loss or damage. Such consent must be obtained from the Principal Race Officer in writing, before racing commences.

INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of every helmsman to ensure that they have adequate and valid insurance cover against third party liability for a minimum of 500 000 pounds.

MEMBERSHIP

Highcliffe Sailing Club invites all competitors, their families and friends to be temporary members of the Club for the duration of the Championships.

DINGHY/CAR PARKING

Dinghies will be parked on the Harbour side of Mudeford Quay as directed by a Club Member on arrival.

Car parking is under the control of Christchurch Borough Council. Weekly tickets at a reduced rate can be obtained from the ticket machines located on the Quay.

RACING TIMETABLE

			START	1ST HW
Sunday	9th	PRACTICE RACE	10.30	10.08
Monday	10th	1. SUSSEX SALVER	10.30	10.38
Tuesday	11th	2. LUCAS CUP	11.00	11.45
Wednesday	12th	3. CHAIRMAN'S CUP	11.00	13.50
Thursday	13th	4. HERBERT TROPHY	11.30	13.58
Friday	14th	5. CITY OF PLYMOUTH CUP	12.00	15.00

TROPHIES & PRIZES

The Perpetual Challenge Trophies will be awarded for the above races plus "The Amazing Crew" Trophy and the Canberra Trophy.

In addition HSC will award:-

Keepsake trophies to the winning helmsman and crew in each Championship Race.

Prizes to the first 8 crews overall.

A Veteran's Trophy.

A "First Lady" Trophy.

All is subject to a minimum entry of 30 boats at 6th July but additional prizes may be given according to entries.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

EVERYDAY		BREAKFAST Try Liz's delicious bacon butties and hot coffee.	from 0730
Saturday	8th	REGISTRATION (bar open)	from 1200
Sunday	9th	CLUB SOCIAL (bar open)	from 1900
Monday	10th	COMMODORE'S RECEPTION Greetings from His Worship, Mayor of Christchurch.	2000
Tuesday	11th	BAR B Q FUN & GAMES and your old favourites:- "THE SEAFLY SYNCOPATORS"	1900
Wednesday	12th	SEAFLY CLASS DINGHY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	2000
Thursday	13th	FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT WITH BOURNEMOUTH'S BEST LIVE BAND	2000
Friday	14th	BUFFET GRAND PRIZE GIVING	1930 2100

CAMPING AND CARAVANS

Visitors to previous championship weeks at Highcliffe may recall that we have camped on the Council Recreation Ground by the Harbour. Sadly, this cannot be recommended this year on account of the cost and the limited facilities available.

However, Colin May has located a better alternative at Bransgore, which is a small village just inland from Christchurch. It is a quiet and secluded location bordered by farms and is just on the very edge of the New Forest. It is 5 miles from the Clubhouse and Colin has timed the journey at 10 minutes at a steady pace!

As well as plenty of space for tents, the site can accommodate up to 60 caravans. The amenities are new with shower blocks, laundry etc. Dogs are welcome so long as they are kept on a lead.

A car, caravan and occupants are about 4-75 to 5-75 a night. A large tent is about 4 pounds, a small one about 2-50.

Details from:-

Mrs Frampton, Harrow Wood Farm Caravan Park, Poplar Lane,
Bransgore, Dorset. 0425 72487

Or give Colin a ring on 0202 476145.

HIGHCLIFFE SAILING CLUB

(Founded 1962)



'Sea Vixen'
Mudford Quay
Christchurch Dorset
BH23 4AB

ENTRY FORM

"SEAFLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. 1987.
SUNDAY 9TH TO FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST.

To:- The Championship Secretary (Seafly),
Highcliffe Sailing Club,
Mudford Quay,
Christchurch. BH23 4AB.

Please enter my "Seafly" for the National Championships

CLASS NUMBER..... BOAT NAME.....

HULL COLOUR..... CLUB.....

HELMSAN'S NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

CREW'S NAME

ADDRESS.....

I agree to be bound by the current I Y R Rules, the R Y A Prescriptions, the S C D A Rules and the Highcliffe Sailing Club Rules and Sailing Instructions.

I will produce, on demand: a valid Class Registration Certificate and Measurement Forms.

I enclose entry fee of 35 pounds.

I enclose LATE ENTRY FEE 45 pounds (after 6 July)

DATE SIGNED

If relations or friends will be accompanying you, please list names below:-