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It is regretted that this edition is late to come to press. Members will note that the Secretary requires resolutions for the AGM to be lodged with him by the 13th July. By the time you are reading this, time will be short.

Any one got a resolution?

Gremlins in the machine have combined with dangerously low stocks of the Editor's normal well-spring of inspiration. The household economy being operated on a strictly monetarist, cash limited basis, it had been found that the inspiration budget had been unilaterally switched to exterior whitewash. The number of restarts have, according to mood, caused a deal of rewriting in this piece.

Recently, whilst perched under the eaves, on the top of a gently swaying ladder, moodily picking cobwebs out of the paint brush, we prayed for some copy as a distraction. The Secretary's report is always impeccably solid stuff but the remaining network of reporters, spies and informers had failed to disclose much of any substance.

However the prayer was answered. The account of Kingsley Singer's weekend in Poole is welcome as much for it's enthusiasm as for the fact that it is a bit which it out of the mainstream of Seafly reporting. It is the enthusiasm of the regular sailors of the boat which is the critical factor in any class. Without it, the debate on strategy for the promotion of the Class is sterile.

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The year is half over, you will have replaced your failed gear with new, ready for Club racing and Open Meetings. We have been delighted to welcome the new boats to the Fleet bringing Tim Hoyle of Highcliffe and Eric Sale of Seasalter to the front. The reconstruction by Adrian Summers, has been completed in his normal thorough style and is also seen to be pretty fast.

The Open Meeting at Highcliffe brought perfect sailing weather enjoyed by all who came. We look forward to seeing you all at the other Meetings and especially at Brixham. For those who haven't been to a Championship; it is an event enjoyed by all abilities of sailor. There is no one who should feel that he shouldn't be there. Those who have been before will need no persuasion. Brixham Nationals are a must. See you there.

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1988 National Championships

As members are already aware the National Championships are being held at Brixham YC from 7th to 12th August and there will be a full social programme, the highlights of which are the Commodore's reception on Sunday and a Prizegiving and Buffet in the Clubhouse on Friday.

The A.G.M. of the Association will be on Wednesday. Since we were at Brixham in 1984 the clubhouse has been extended and there is now more room for supporters and social events. We are sharing the week with the Tasar Class, which expects to have about the same number of entries as ourselves. Being a faster boat with a PY of 108 they will be starting first.

Torbay is a very popular holiday area, so book up soon if you have not already done so. Camping has been arranged at Upton Manor Farm, near St. Mary's Bay. More information in the diary section of this edition.

The dinghy park at Freshwater car park is just beyond the club. Owing to restricted space arrangements have been made for cars to park at Furzeham Green nearby.

CHECKS ON BOATS

The Committee has decided that at the Nationals the following checks will be carried out on all boats before the first championship race takes place:-

a) Black bands on mast and boom will be checked for correct position and to ensure that they are permanently painted or applied by waterproof marker. Tape will not be accepted. (Rules 14 & 15).

b) All boat measurement certificates must be endorsed with a 1988 buoyancy certificate (Rule 7.8.4.)

c) Correctors will be checked on those boats which should have them (Rule 7.7).

Sailboat '88

As usual we were very busy on the Seafly stand at the Dinghy Show at the Crystal Palace, with considerable interest being shown in Tim Hoyle's brand new Seafly C649. Our elevation to Hall 2 was, I think, a good thing as we were among the smaller and similar classes and not lost among the sophisticated hot rods which attract all the attention in Hall 1.

My thanks to all who helped to man the stand, and to Tim Hoyle and members of Highcliffe SC who assisted with transport.

Dolphin Trophy

The Committee has considered the points system for the "Travellers' Trophy" for Open Meetings. Last season I reverted to the formula devised many years ago. which gives an advantage to those who attend large meetings and credit to those who travel.

It was decided to review the scoring at the end of the season.

Sweatshirts

I have had only two enquiries this year for the sweatshirts which were so successful last year.

Sizes available are:-

Small (34-36"), Medium (38"), Large (40") and XL (42-44").

Colours are:-

White, Grey, Navy Blue, Lemon, Bottle Green, Red, Sky Blue, Royal Blue, Black, Burgundy.

All have an embroidered Seafly logo. paid for by the Association.

Crew Neck Sweatshirts, 50% acrylic 50% cotton are 11 pound each.

V Neck 100% acrylic Sweaters are 12 pound each.

These prices are dependant on a total order for at least 12 but I can obtain them at slightly higher prices for a smaller order.

Orders to me as soon as possible please so that I can get them in time for the Nationals.

Subscriptions.

Membership subscriptions for 1988 are now well overdue. Those wishing to retain all the rights and privileges of Membership, send your money now with the form which you will find still attached to the back of the last News Letter. What do you mean, you lit the boiler with it?

6 pounds.

Eddie Spicer, Johnlands, Dogwood, Bow, Crediton, Devon. EX17 6HG.

Fleet Captains!

"The Management" technique, in case you were unaware of it, involves a heavy list or lean. The accent should be on the heavy with lugubrious references to broken legs etc.

The following have not replied to personal letters and if their contribution to running the Association is not received by the end of July, they will be assumed to have resigned:-

M J Everard - Island SC

D M Jones - Dinghy Cruising Assoc.

J Maltby - Starcross YC

:J Readings - Cheltenham

:R Richardson - Starcross YC

:P Scovell - Worthing YC

:J R Twigg - Starcross YC.

New Members.

So far one new member has joined this year and I welcome him to the Association. He is Geoffrey MacDonald of Exmouth Sailing Club with boat number 289.

Invitation Events.

Adrian Summers, the current National Champion, entered the Top Dog Trophy sailed in Toppers at Walton-on-Thames SC on 26 March and came a creditable 10th. Well done Adrian.

Future events notified to me are listed in the Diary section.

Alan Green

SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF THE 1988 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual General Meeting of the Seafly Dinghy Class Association will be held as usual during the National Championships on Wednesday, 10th August 1988, at 2000H at Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang, Brixham, Devon.

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 at the above address not later than 13th July 1988, otherwise they cannot be considered.

Members who cannot attend may appoint a proxy, who maybe 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.

Alan Green, Secretary.

A POOLE ODESSEY

The 'Police Athletic Association' National Dinghy Championships in 1988 took place at Poole Harbour on 15th and 16th June and were hosted by Poole Yacht Club.

From 1985 Seafly 482 was the sole seafly at these championships but this year, because of transport difficulties, it looked as if the Seafly would be absent from the fray. Gladly not so, for a telephone call to David Hughes at Highwood resulted in the immediate offer of the use of "Mercury" (C 638) for the two day event. Offer readily accepted, the Seafly was once again recognised at the event as the class sailed by those 'Ulstermen' and the subject of some curiosity by the others taking part in their first championships.

The event was organised into four races over the two days with a long course set between Poole Yacht Club and Brownsea Island. The weather, like the setting, was superb with a warm sun shining from a clear blue sky. The winds, while light and variable each morning, came up force between 2-3 each afternoon and the sight of sunburnt skin was much in evidence. Over 60 dinghys took part and the classes represented were as varied as the accents of the competitors. With this number of dinghys things tended to become rather crowded on the start line with a lot of calling and not a little bumping taking place.

However, mindful that "Mercury" was borrowed and the season was yet young, "Mercury" was held back clear of the melee and did not gain the early advantage of clear wind. The racing was very competitive with a number of present and ex British champions taking part and with line honours going to an Albacore followed by a Fireball.

Our placings were a 48th, 43rd, 40th and 42nd which reflected as much on our lack of experience of sailing regularly at events of this calibre, as it did on the effect of our combined crew weight of 27 stones when winds were light and variable. Excuses, yes, but then there is always next year to look forward to and maybe even following Peter Wilkins and the late Will Hawthorne's footsteps to the Seafly Nationals.

Kingsly Singer
Newcastle, County Down.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

A bit thin in this issue except that Blakeney mustered one boat, sailed by Eric Arthur, to match against Adrian at their Open. Four Clubs each sent a representative to the otherwise very successful Highcliffe Open. These were:

Brian and Val Howe in 644 "How About" ex "Wild Boys".

Eric and 'Neeta Sales in Eric's brand spanking new boat from Seasalter.

Dave and Liz Tarrant from South Cerney. Fortunately Highcliffe is just down the road from South Cerney so, when Dave arrived to find he had left his rudder at home, he could simply pop back and get it.

Finally but most significantly, Alan Brook, from Starcross, without Paul Kelly came and took the weekend from Adrian.

The season at Highcliffe started early but the extraordinary variability in the weather has meant that the fleet has expanded and contracted in inverse proportion to the wind strength. We have seen 12 boats on the water at one time.

Tim Hoyle is going very fast and won the Spring Points Series from Ian Mansfield, Adrian Summers being late to complete the restoration on his boat.

The Bay has become very shallow this year and masts have suffered for those rolling over by our number 2 mark, the most seaward. A couple have been broken, including the Mansfield's and Colin May, sailing with Kieron in Barry Thomas's boat was lucky to only put a bow in theirs.

Marcus has been a regular visitor at Highcliffe in recent weeks with a dramatic improvement to his condition. In fact his progress on crutches now may be as fast as some would like to see. He was out in the Bay over the Open weekend and took some good photographs.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY:

EVENT : DATE : TIME/CONTACT

INVITATION RACES

ROYAL SOVEREIGN LIGHT TOWER : 3 July
EASTBOURNE SC.

SEAFLY OPEN MEETINGS 1988

1/ BLAKENEY : 4/5 June
2/ HIGHCLIFFE : 18/19 June
3/ SEASALTER : 16 July : 1200H
17 July
4/ WORTHING : 10 September : 1100 & 1330
11 September : 1100 & 1400
5/ SOUTH CERNEY : 2 October

STARCROSS YC have an OPEN on 23/24 July. This will be "unofficial" not counting for the Dolphin Trophy. It is hoped that it will not draw competitors from Seasalter which is the week before.

"SAILBOAT 89" : March 1988
Crystal Palace Sports Centre

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1988

BRIXHAM YACHT CLUB. : 7th - 12th August 1988.
OVERGANG, BRIXHAM,
DEVON. TQ5 8AR.

SU 7th : PRACTICE: BRIXHAM YC TROPHY : 1445H: Commodore's Reception.
MO 8th : 1st CHP : SUSSEX SALVER : 1115H:
TU 9th : 2nd CHP : LUCAS CUP : 1115H: Mayor's Reception.
WE 10th: 3rd CHP : CHAIRMANS CUP : 1115H: AGM-Clubhouse 2000
TH 11th: 4th CHP : HERBERT TROPHY : 1115H:
FR 12th: 5th CHP : CITY OF PLYMOUTH : 1115H: Prizegiving/Bufferet Club House.

Accomadation at the Champiomships

Camping: Upton Manor Farm Campsite,
St Mary's Rd, Brixham, Devon. TQ5 9QH.

If you want a place send 5 pounds deposit immediatly and mention you are a Seafly. A section of the field is reserved for us.

Otherwise: The Tourist Information Office,
Old Market House, The Quay, Brixham.

FOR SALE:

Many inquiries are received by the Secretary for all GRP boats.

C 284 Wood, 2 suits-McNamara+Rockall. Procter F. Trolley. £400 ono
Separately - Brand new suit of McNamaras, worn twice only £400.
Clive Nicholls. 0634 360362.

C 388 All wood. Lucas sails. Stored 7 years. OFFERS
R Bridge. Ongar. 0277-364877.

C 425 All wood. Lucas & McNamarras. Cover OFFERS
R Williams, Clevedon. 0272 872777.

C 410 Offers. J.Ovington. Sittingbourne, 0795 521419.

C 459 Wood. 2 suits sails, trailer, cover. Recently varnished &
in good condition. 600 pound. S. Wood. Bracknell 0344 487730.

Gear from Seafly 507 'Whow' which was lost in last October's
hurricane:-

Rondar Rudder Stock with aliminium Tiller (as new)	30 pound.
C.M. Marine lightweight Rudder Blade (2.25 lbs)	30 pounds.
McNamara Sails, Main & Jib 1984 VGC.	40 pounds.
Spinnaker, Radial red & White VGC	25 pounds.
Main & Jib 1980	25 pounds.

Brian Howe, Maidstone (0622) 59685.

OPEN MEETINGS.

Reports have been promised for this section, but they have not materialised as yet. However, enthusiastic and indefatigable in his quest for copy, the Editor will continue to pursue his correspondants and they will appear in later issues.

In the meantime, Fleet Captains may like to play the following game. Simply fill in the blanks and send it in to qualify for super prizes:-

BLAKENEY)	
HIGHCLIFFE)	
SEASALTER)	Simply strike out those which
WORTHING.)	do not apply.
STARCROSS)	
SOUTH CERNEY.)	

A fleet of , including visitors assembled by the side at early on for the Open Meeting of the season.

However, a gentle breeze sprang up just before the start of the first race and this stiffened during the morning, to give a moderate afternoon.

In spite of a determined pursuit, could make little impression on him and was left to contest 2nd place with the and in hot pursuit.

As the breeze freshened, also won the 2nd

But was made to work for his 3rd place by

Then started to show at this stage

position himself on the right side of a flaw in the breeze to slot in between and on the line.

OVERALL:

POS :NO. :	HELM/CREW	:	CLUB
1st:			
2nd:			
3rd:			
4th:			
5th:			
6th:			

Complete the following slogan in not more than six words:-

"WE SAIL SEAFLYS BECAUSE