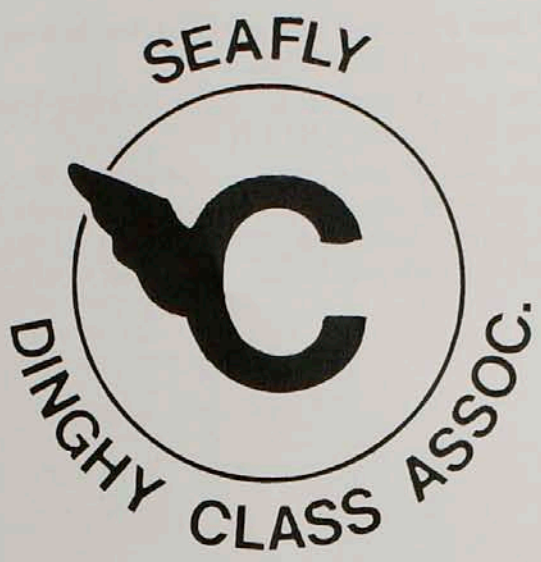


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SEAFLY NEWSLETTER

CAMPING FACILITIES

A LIMITED AMOUNT OF CAMPING WILL BE AVAILABLE ADJACENT TO THE CLUB
IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE A TENT PITCH PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP WITH
THE ENTRY FORM.

ESTIMATED COST PER TENT £20.00 FOR THE WEEK TO BE COLLECTED ON
ARRIVAL.

NUMBERS TO BE LIMITED TO 20 TENTS.
ONLY 2 TENTS PER BOAT INITIALLY.

PLEASE RESERVE..... SPACES.

NAME..... BOAT No.....

ADDRESS.....

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ENQUIRIES TO Mr. PETER BAILEY. TELEPHONE No. WORTHING 33625

ENTRY FORM

1985 SEAFLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TO BE HELD AT WORTHING YACHT CLUB, EIRENE ROAD, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
SUNDAY AUGUST 18th TO FRIDAY AUGUST 23rd 1985.

SAIL No..... BOAT NAME.....

HULL COLOUR.....

HELMSMAN Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....

ADDRESS

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TELEPHONE No.

CREW Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms.....

CLUB.....

1/ I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE CURRENT RACING RULES OF THE IYRU/RYA
PRESCRIPTIONS, SEAFLY CLASS RULES AND WORTHING YACHT CLUB RULES
AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

2/ AT THE TIME OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS I WILL POSSESS A VALID CLASS
REGISTRATION WITH CURRENT BOUYANCY ENDORSEMENT, SAIL MEASUREMENT
CERTIFICATE, INSURANCE AGAINST THIRD PARTY RISK,

AND A CURRENT CLASS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP CARD.

THESE MAY BE REQUIRED FOR INSPECTION AT ANYTIME DURING THE
CHAMPIONSHIPS.

I ENCLOSE A REMITTANCE OF £35.00

CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO WORTHING YACHT CLUB.

DATE..... SIGNED.....

PLEASE RETURN WITH REMITTANCE TO:-

MRS. J. JONES, REAR COMMODORE,
WORTHING YACHT CLUB,
56, MELROSE AVENUE,
WORTHING,
WEST SUSSEX.

5. National Championships Questionnaire

I have so far received 31 completed questionnaires, nearly all from members who attend the Nationals, and would like to thank those who took the trouble to fill them in.

Most of those who have replied seem generally content with the present format of a week-long event, with a practice race and five daily championship races, sharing with another class to keep entry fees in the £30-40 range. A two to one majority favours prizes/keepsakes for everyone, most prefer the July-August school holiday period and are prepared to travel at least 100 miles. Almost everyone prefers the sea, but alternative suggestions are Poole Harbour, Draycote Water, Rutland Water, Bala Lake and possibly a 3-day Inland Championships to attract those more used to such conditions.

Nearly everyone agrees that the venue should cater for the family with social activities geared accordingly, and there is considerable demand for camping and caravan facilities. For the final Friday evening there is a two to one preference for a buffet rather than a dinner, but opinion on a disco or band is equally divided, with a small proportion opting for neither. Quite a few would be happy to pay a nominal charge to attend just the prizegiving and disco or dance and most feel that there should be a reduction for children. Finally, it is unanimously agreed that the A.G.M. should be held at the Nationals.

One or two members who have not attended the Nationals gave as their reason inexperience and apprehension at being 'Tail-end Charlie'. To them I would say that we all have to start somewhere and it is surprising when one looks back at past results to see where some of today's leading lights have come from. There are many at the back of the fleet who enjoy themselves fighting out personal battles on the water with others of like ability.

6. Seafly Handbook

With the revised Rules of Measurement and Construction agreed at the 1984 A.G.M., the way is nearly clear to republish the Seafly Handbook. At this year's A.G.M. the Committee will be putting forward some minor amendments to tidy up the Constitution, Class Racing Rules and Procedures for obtaining a Class Certificate, which can then be incorporated in the new Handbook.

In the meantime copies of the revised Rules of Measurement and Construction are available from me at the price of 50p to cover the cost of photocopying. I also have one or two sets of plans available at £1 a set.

7. Subscriptions

At the time of writing (early May), only about half the membership had paid their 1985 subscription—£5 full and £2 associate. It costs quite a lot to run the Association and to issue four Newsletters a year, so come on you who have forgotten to pay up. Please send your sub. TODAY to the Treasurer, Eddie Spicer, at West Yelland, North Tawton, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 2AB. Otherwise you will not be able to compete on this year's Open Meetings and Nationals and may even find yourself deleted from the Newsletter circulation list.

SEAFLY DINGHY CLASS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF 1985 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Seafly Dinghy Class Association will be held as usual during the National Championships on Wednesday, 21st August 1985, at 20.00 hrs 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 under Rule 8 of the Constitution. They must therefore reach Alan Green at 'South Cones', 10 Higher Warren Road, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 1LG, not later than 24th July 1985, 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.

2. 1985 National Championships

I have received the following invitation to the National Championships at Worthing Yacht Club from the Commodore, Robin Mugridge:

"The National Championships are being held at Worthing Y.C. from 18th-23rd August and the Commodore, Robin Mugridge, has issued a cordial invitation to the Seafly Class for Seafly Week. For those of you who may not be familiar with the club, there is an excellent clubhouse with well-equipped changing room, bar and galley where breakfast and lunch will be available during the week. The club has considerable experience of organising important events and has very good rescue facilities. The racing can be followed from the comfort of the clubroom and the club has arranged evening social activities, so that families can join in the fun. From past experience, I know that Worthing Y.C. will give us a very good week." Robin Mugridge has, incidentally, joined the Association and is planning to compete in a borrowed boat.

Details of the Nationals and an entry form may, if not enclosed with this Newsletter, be obtained from Mrs J. Jones, Rear Commodore W.Y.C., 56 Melrose Avenue, Worthing, West Sussex. The entry fee is £35. Car parking adjacent to the clubhouse is free and boats are berthed in a locked compound.

Camping facilities will also be available at the club at an approximate cost of £20 per tent for the week, to be paid on arrival to the campsite and not to Worthing Y.C. please. Further details from Peter Bailey on Worthing (0903) 33625. Numbers are limited to 20 tents, so book early. Information about other holiday accommodation can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre, Chapel Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1HQ. Last year certain measurements were checked on a selected number of boats. This year some checks will also be carried out, with particular emphasis on weight.

3. R.Y.A. National Dinghy Show 1985

We had our usual pitch at the Crystal Palace for the weekend of 16th-17th March. Although by an unfortunate oversight we were omitted from the plan printed in the official programme, for which I have received apologies from the R.Y.A., business was fairly brisk. Several quite serious approaches were received from prospective Seafly owners. Among the many members who visited the stand, the main topics of conversation were Ian Mansfield's immaculately finished boat 'The Admiral', which really was an eye-catcher, and the very happy coincidence of Brian and Julia Howe's appearance on the front cover of the Dinghy Show issue of Yachts and Yachting in 'Wow!' This picture, and a large photograph of Ian and Louise Mansfield in 'The Admiral', which now graces the Seafly stand, were both taken at last year's Nationals in Torbay by Roger Lean-Vercoe, who is one of the top professional sailing photographers. The Association must be very grateful to Ian for lending his boat and to those members who gave up their time at the Show to man the stand.

Shortly after the Dinghy Show, I heard from Kingsley Singer of Newcastle Y.C., Co. Down, that they were hoping to have a Seafly on their club stand at the Belfast Boat Show in April.

4. Seafly Wanted

At the time of the Dinghy Show the accompanying publicity brought at least half a dozen enquiries for second-hand boats. Unfortunately there seems to be a dearth of boats on the market and I would make an urgent plea for anyone who has, or knows of, a Seafly for sale to let me have details. One suPch enquirer, Tony Longworth of the Glenridding Sailing School on Lake Ullswater, described the Seafly as "the finest boat for tuition ever designed". Praise indeed! His phone number is Pooley Bridge (08536) 601 if anyone has a boat for sale.

I feel that it is a great pity that such enquiries cannot be answered more satisfactorily as we are losing prospective members. It is also regrettable that we do not seem to be able to reach the many owners who are not in the established fleets and may not have heard of the Association. A brief note appealing for these 'lost' members in Pit Stop in Yachts and Yachting has produced a deafening silence.

The club and the fleet are now poised to welcome visitors to the Open Meeting on 22nd and 23rd June. Last year Mike Hartnell from Worthing showed how little local knowledge counts in Christchurch Bay. For all you dozens of visitors from Starcross, South Cerney, Worthing and Seasalter (to name but a few), you may rest assured that the rescue services are fully operational and we may even tame "The Run" for you. We won't make any promises about the weather, but we can guarantee a warm welcome and good competition.

NEWS FROM STARCROSS

As so many other clubs have found, the Spring of 1985 brought no fulfilment of the promise of a new season's sailing. As week after week passed by with cold wet weekends and gale force winds, it's surprising how many original excuses can be conjured up as to why, "I'm not on the water yet". On one uninviting weekend, we reached an all time low when the only person to turn up was the race officer! During the early Spring series, a few Seaflyies did take to the water, but competition was, to say the least, erratic. However, at last the sunshine arrived and so did the Seaflyies—with eleven boats on the water by the end of May and several more soon to follow. Again this season, Starcross sailors are proving that the age of chivalry is not past, by saying "Ladies first" to Carol Lanham, as she and John Baker sail into the distance. So far her mastery of boat and water is unbeatable. The rest of us still fight it out keenly over the remaining places. Alan Brook is still fast, following his good placing at the Nationals last year. John Rowe and Charlie Sandys are wondering what to do with their new mast and are already sporting an artistic black Fablon patch, courtesy of a Wayward Fireball. The old enthusiasm at Starcross seems to warm with the weather and is once again bubbling over. Hope to see you all at our Open Meeting in July.

DAVID COTGROVE

STARCROSS OPEN MEETING

JULY 13/14 1985

Starcross extends a warm welcome to all Seafly sailors to our Open Meeting in July. There will be a series of four races (three to count), first race Saturday at 13.00.

Join us too on Saturday night for a grand barbeque on the riverside and listen to the music of The Storyville Jazz band.

I am advised that those wishing to sleep during Saturday night should try to do so well out of range of the band!

All enquiries or details of accommodation from DAVID COTGROVE—Dawlish 862806.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

ALAN GREEN, 'South Cones', 10 Higher Warren Road, Kingsbridge, Devon, TQ7 1LG (Kingsbridge 2972).

1. Open Meetings—1985

<i>Date</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Times of Races (as notified)</i>
8th-9th June	Blakeney S.C.	Saturday 10.15 (2 races) Sunday 11.15 (1 race)
22nd-23rd June	Highcliffe S.C.	—
13th-14th July	Starcross Y.C.	Saturday 13.00
14th-15th September	Seasalter S.C.	Saturday 11.30 Sunday 12.15
6th October	South Cerney S.C.	—

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Another season in full swing, a great deal of enthusiasm around and open meetings on the way:

Highcliffe 22/23 JUNE

1st race 14.00 SATURDAY (2 from 3 to count)

2nd race 12.00 SUNDAY

Starcross 13/14 JULY

1st race 13.00 SATURDAY (4 races—3 to count)

Please support the Open Meetings—it is getting more difficult for Clubs to put them on when there are often only a couple of visitors. We don't want to lose any venues as we only have four or five.

If accommodation is a problem to anyone for the Highcliffe Open, give me a ring on 0202 826426 and I'm sure we can arrange something. Give me as much notice as you can though please.

For those who haven't paid, subs are well overdue—please send these in also to Eddie Spicer or Alan Green.

BARRY THOMAS

NEWS FROM WORTHING YACHT CLUB

A good start to the season has been achieved with up to 9 boats out on the water and David Scovell is set to wipe the floor with all of them to take the Spring Series, barring catastrophies.

Mike Hartnell still hasn't finished painting his boat and is making sorties onto the briney in No.11, recently purchased jointly by Mike and Peter Baily and put again into sailable order. They hope to do a few more modifications and have her ready for the Nationals.

Peter Baily says he's been too busy sorting out the Nationals to do any sailing yet, so he's hoping for a record turnout as a reward.

NEWS FROM HIGHCLIFFE SAILING CLUB

The long winter layup could not dampen enthusiasm in the Highcliffe Seafly fleet and the first race of the Spring Series at Easter encouraged an entry of six boats. Since then, in spite of the weather, we have seen a total entry in the series of 13, with many just hanging back for the final appearance of some friendly sunshine or the Highcliffe Open, whichever is the sooner.

The generally poor weather, combined with frustrating mechanical failure of the club's rescue boats, have combined to curtail our racing programme so far. A couple of Sundays have been designated two-race days in order to put together a reasonable series. So far the races that have counted have been sailed in light to moderate winds and no one boat has totally dominated the scene. Some brand new sails have already appeared and used to good effect notably by David and Christine Hughes and Adrian Summers.

Because they have been turning out regularly, honours for the series is now balanced between Colin May sailing with John McPherson in John's "Resolution" and Ian and Louise Mansfield in "The Admiral". The balance is weighted in Colin's favour but in the last race both were very clearly shown the way home by Adrian Summers sailing with a radical piece of new gear at the front in the shape of *Norman Hack* as crew.

The fleet leaders cannot afford any complacency however with a number of others showing sufficient boat speed to get to the front. A little more practice may be all that's needed for Marcus and Stan to stay there.

FOR SALE Scafly Proctor Beta Plus mast in good condition but without halyards—£75.
Peter Scovell, Worthing (0903) 42662.

Lucas Spinnaker—white, with red Maltese cross. Offers to Peter Freeborn, 11 Oak Dell,
Pound Hill, Crawley, Sussex, RH10 4TP.

Scafly 222, professionally built wooden boat (west system epoxy). Fast, well-equipped boat
in excellent racing condition. Proctor spars. McNamara sails. All racing gear.
Certificate. Including launching trolley—£800. John Maltby, Stoneshill
Pottery, Stoneshill, Crediton, Devon. Telephone: Crediton 2753.