



Osprey Class Association

2019 AGM Notes

The AGM was held during the National Championship at Mounts Bay Sailing Club.

Date: Monday 5th August 2018; time: 19:50hrs; Venue: The Club Marquee.

Attendees: Peter Frith, Kevin Francis, Ros Downs, David Downs, Arthur Butler, Alastair Raynard, Roger Blake, Viola Scott, Mike Scott, John Shenton, Janet Shenton, Philip Male, Mick Greenland, Russell Wheeler, Mark Mawhinney, Chris Butters, Ken Brown, Robert Shaw, Ian Little, Mike Stace, Deanna Stace, Stuart Maunder, Richard Marshall, Alec Mamwell, Alan Henderson, Oscar Chess, Darren Hamilton, Martin Cooney, Nigel Young, Nick Willis, Alex Willis, Jamie Blake#, Robin George, Jon Batt*, William Crichton, Paul Roberts, Terry Curtis, Peter Greig & Nick Broomhall. (39 members (incl 1 associate member* & 1 Student Member#))

1. Apologies for Absence

Peter Butler, Emma Stevenson, Paul Heather, Jon Osgood, Boris Morrice.

2. Approval of minutes of 2018 AGM Notes

2018 Notes were approved – Proposed by Mike Scott & seconded by Alec Mamwell

3. Matters Arising

- Round the Island Race – very successful event and thanks were given to Oscar Chess for organising it. Oscar Chess is aiming for the next Round the Island Race to be in 2023.
- Nationals Vote – the Vote was only close if the Mounts Bay Nationals weeklong vote (23) was added to the Nationals Week long vote (7) however the Vote for a 4 days National was 31 so the 4 days Nationals vote was carried. The comments that came with the notes were considered probably as useful.
- Ian Proctor Memorial Classic 100-year celebration event including all Proctor boats – Osprey 1166 (Super Nova) won the Concours D'Elegance and Osprey 1291 won the racing event

4. Chairman's Report

Dinghy Show: Thanks, were given to Mick Greenland, who organised the stand and supplied the boat, supported by Ros and David Downs. Kevin, Alan, Janet and John were thanked for manning the Osprey stand and Hartleys stand. Oscar Chess supported by David Downs did a talk on 'The Osprey Tribe conquer the Island again'! This was the last year of the current layout for the show with the Osprey stand being in the large hall. Next year the stand will be in with the other association stands in the West Hall.

This year the Chairman, Peter, had been unable to travel to Opens to sail due to the lack of a boat. The exception being Weymouth where Martin (the Chairman's helmsman) and Peter were kindly lent 1296 for the event.



Turn-outs have been generally a little down this year, which the Chairman hopes will be reversed next year. He would like Clubs, that are running open events, to think of ways of encouraging new and existing members to come to their events. At Poole, they have always been able to give some form of free accommodation, either on boats in the marina or at Poole members' houses. Blithfield allows people to sleep in the sailing club. It is not surprising that these are normally well attended venues. So the Members were asked to put their thinking caps on, buddy up with a family from another end of the country and keep the cost down supporting each other's open meeting.

The Chairman had many 'Thank you's' to make particularly to the hard-working committee who work long hours for all in many roles. This year Alan Henderson has retired from the committee, having given several years of able service to the committee, singlehandedly running the publicity and always giving a balanced argument to a range of discussions.

This year's Nationals required a large amount of input to bring it to fruition. To that end Dave, Ros and Terry steered their way through various meetings, both with the 'Ents' and with Mounts Bay.

The Chairman (on behalf of the Osprey Class Association) wanted to send best wishes to Richard and Mark for Richard's speedy recovery. The Chairman has told Ricahrd that he still needs to beat Martin and he at the Nationals. Richard came closest in 2008, just missing out by 1 point.

5. Treasurer's Report (Financial period 2018)

- Overview

The Treasurer was pleased to report another stable year with the finances. The continued generosity of the membership with annual renewals and the National Championships generating a profit each year has seen the fund grow steadily with a 5 year average increase of £1297; which is good news in providing a sound platform to take the class into the near future and the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead.

The Treasurer stated that the membership remains very stable with a surge during 2018 topping out at 143 members, mainly due to the impressive turnout for the Nationals. To compare with previous years the membership has totalled 110 members in 2015, 115 members in 2016 and 119 members in 2017.

- Training

It was reported that there were 3 training days in 2018, these being at Carsington, Sheppey and also at the Nationals. The decision to incorporate training into the Nationals was to expose the wider membership to the free benefits offered by the class, and hopefully to improve the event for those that were struggling with aspects of rig set up. There was a slight overspend to budget for the training year which is being addressed in 2019.

- 2018 Nationals

The 2018 National Championships were held from Weymouth Sailing Club and was a big success for the class. There were 47 paid entries with 43 boats eventually taking to the water and enjoying the waters of Weymouth Bay in good Osprey conditions. The work carried out by the committee and several members ensured that a better social programme catered for all and the good turnout resulted in a rebate from the host club of £569 with no problem if 'Class' wish to return in the future for another go.

- Dinghy Show

2018 saw the class represented at Alexandra Palace with Mick Greenland's new Mk V boat on the class stand. The regular group of committee members attended and promoted the class including a guest appearance on stage from Oscar Chess along with David Downs to recount the Round the Island adventure. The cost of the show remains sensible and therefore there are no plans to stop attending this event in the short term provided the support from within the class continues.



- Fixed Assets

The weighing scales purchased for the Mumbles Nationals have now fully depreciated and are still in regular use by the class and available on request to class members. The 2018 Nationals saw the purchase of a small PA system which was hoped would make presenting to the membership easier, the jury is out on whether this is beneficial but will be continued with and therefore has been added to the depreciation section over another 3 year period.

- Membership fees

In line with previous years the Treasurer proposed that the current agreed fees remain in place and encouraged members to set up Standing orders with their bank to ensure continued membership and also to make the Treasurer's life easier each January, the influx of new & returning members at the Nationals whilst welcome is not preferred. A commitment should be made to join up at the start of the year.

'For the Membership Fees to remain the same' was proposed by William Crichton and seconded by Viola Scott

- Examiner of Accounts

The Treasurer thanked Ted Lewis for examining the 2018 accounts and found them worthy of approval.

Ted Lewis has agreed to carry on for another year. This was proposed by Mike Stace & seconded by Richard Marshall

Also see attached signed Balance sheet.

6. Election of Officers & Committee Members



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Position	Nominee	Signature	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	Peter Frith		Nick Willis	R.A. Blane
Treasurer	Kevin Francis			
Secretary (from Jan '20)	Alex Willis			
Committee Member	Mick Greenland		S MAUNDER	Nick Willis
Committee Member	Alastair Raynard		MY	Don
Committee Member	David Downs		Oscar Cross	J. Skelton
Committee Member	Ros Downs		Oscar Cross	Janet Cherton
Committee Member	Terry Curtis			Don
Committee Member	Jonathan Osgood	See Email		MY
Committee Member	Jamie Blake		Janet Cherton	
Committee Member	Ted Lewis (for Tenby)	See Email Wed 24/07/2019 17:53		
Committee Member	Mike Greig			R.A. Blane

The Members were reminded that all Officers had already stood for their full term of 3 years so now had to be re-elected annually and Committee Members must be re-elected every year. The Members were told that the Chairman would be prepared to stand down if somebody wanted to take on the Role. The Treasurer has also informed the Committee that he wishes to stand down after the Nationals at Castle Cove so the Members were asked to consider that too.



All proposed & seconded Officers & Committee Members were accepted.

7. Class Boat (1360)

The Chairman stated that many of members should be aware that the Association has agreed a deal with HB for a 'Loan of' a Mark 5 Osprey, & he went into some of the detail of the contract, which will be available shortly after the Nationals. It has had a major refit and modification to make it a sensible, simple Osprey to sail. It has adjustable rig and comes with a trailer, launching trolley and covers etc. HB are going to insure it and the 'Association' controls who uses the Osprey. To ensure that the boat is ready for general use it will initially come to Poole, where the Chairman will check that everything works as it should before it is released to the class for use. (HB - Hartley Boats)

It was very clear from the Members in attendance that they were very supportive of the Class Boat but were interested to know how the Boat would be managed and how it would be used. The Committee Members mentioned that they had some ideas like other classes but until the boat is available the approach could not be finally determined. It was also to be used as a promotion tool, provide demonstrations and give people from other classes an opportunity to have a go. *As an aside there were 2 good examples of this at the 2019 Nationals - Caroline Croft & Jon Gorringe in 1291 from Merlin Rockets & Keith McDonald & Andy Brittain in 1114 from Fireballs - both happy to try the Mk V once it is available.* The boat could be borrowed for a series of races and could be used by non-members but it is likely that they would have to join the Association to use it. It was hoped that the Members would help get the boat around the Country and there was a show of hands demonstrating that there were people willing to move it around to where it was required.

8. Future Nationals venues & timings of the Nationals

- The 2020 Nationals are to be held at Castle Cove on Saturday 25th July to Tuesday 28th July 2020
- The Nationals in 2021 would be Tenby shared with the National 18s & in 2022 back at Porthpean
- It was stated that there had been much discussion in the Committee meetings, and from feedback from the Nationals vote, on when the Nationals should be held. Some of those higher up the Fleet would prefer them to be later as the Opens prior to the Nationals are their preparation and they see the Nationals as the pinnacle of that so later would be better. It was agreed to put this to a vote breaking the Nationals season into 4 chunks: End July, Early Aug, Mid Aug & September, the end of August was missed out because of the Burnham Open meeting.

The voting was as follows:

End July 26 votes, Early August 16 votes, Mid August 8 votes & September 19 votes.

(Each member could vote for each of his preferences).

It was stated the Committee would use this as a guide as tides, school holidays, sharing with another class and other events may preclude going for the preferred times eg Tenby would not be able to host in September because they have the Iron Man etc which is an annual event of some repute, they need Neap tides so that the boats can be parked on the North beach & the Ospreys are sharing the event with the National 18s .

Although not on the AGM agenda there was some discussion on the number of races that should be held at the Nationals and the target times. This caused much discussion. There was a vote on whether to have 10 races or 8 races over the 4 days - 10 races had 13 votes and 8 races had 11 votes. There was also a vote on what the target time should be for 10 races, the proposed target time was 45-50min and this received 14 votes. It should be noted that there were 39 members at the meeting. Alec Mamwell suggested that perhaps there should be 10



Races when the Ospreys are on their own but 8 races when sharing with the aim of reducing time waiting around.

Both this information and the information on the timing of the Nationals now gives the Committee some guidance.

- It is proposed to have an Osprey European Championship commencing 2nd August in Cork next year in parallel with the National 18s having their Nationals to celebrate 300 years of the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

9. Any Other Business

- Small Head Sail (Part of Rule G.4.3)

A request came into the Committee too late for a formal proposal to be put to the 2019 AGM for a change to the Small Head Sail rule however it was proposed that it should be included in Any Other Business to make the members aware this was being considered and a formal proposed rule change would be brought to the 2020 AGM. The current rule for the small head sail is unworkable with the current boats. This caused much discussion including considering a rule change for the large head sail and the cost impact. It was concluded that only the Small Head Sail rule would be reviewed in order to come up with a solution that works including possible discussions with Sailmakers & some experimentation prior to the next AGM.

- Open events – discussed in the Chairman's report & ran out of time to discuss here.
- Non agenda items discussed

- o Training

It was clear the membership wanted the Association to continue with training perhaps making it part of Open Meetings / Nationals rather than having it on a separate day and making more use of technology eg Go Pros / Videoing etc particularly seeing what the top boats do. A returnable fee was also suggested to help those organising to know how many would attend. It was also suggested that there could be some self help with the Top Guys helping those lower down the fleet particularly the Winners of the day perhaps by a talk at the end of that day.

AGM closed at 21:20hrs.