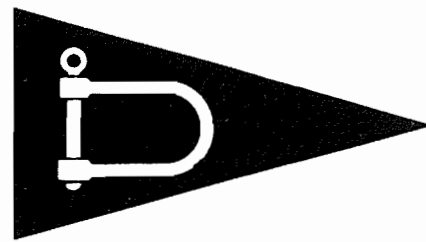


DRAYCOTE WATER SAILING CLUB



MAY 1985

CALENDAR

- May
GP14
Optimist Open
John Siggers Pursuit
Topper Disco
Sailboard Training Day
R.N.L.I. Pursuit
- June
Club Members General Meeting
Sailboard Bar B-Q
Sir Charles Barratt Pursuit Race
Mirror Prize-Giving
Fireball Bar B-Q
- July
BULLETIN COPY DATE
Ladies/Junior Club Championships
- August
Coventry Evening Telegraph Pursuit
Last Summer Evening Sailing
Sailboard Bar B-Q
- September
Cherub/Laser Open
Club Annual General Meeting

Club General Meeting — A
Forum for your views —
Friday 7th June
in the Clubhouse, Draycote
at 8.30 p.m.

CONTACTS

- You have a specific problem:**
Commodore: H.T. Sayers (Cov. 467844)
Re-Commodore: D.C. Armstrong
(L/Spa 29897)
- 1st Commodore (Sail E.H. Willis
(Rugby 815173)
- 2nd Commodore (Admin): R.E.J. Lewis
(Rugby 70354)
- 1st Treasurer: P.J. Clays
(Long Buckby 842471)
- Secretary: J.W.G. Wells (Rugby 811153)

RACING RULES:
The 1985 Edition of the I.Y.R.U. Rules are now available. These came into effect on 1st April 1985. Copies of the Rule Books are available from the Secretary.

BULLETIN

NEXT BULLETIN COPY DATE
7th JULY, 1985.
BE SURE FLEET NEWS IS

FROM THE COMMODORE

Cold and blustery conditions have heralded the start of our 1985 summer season and although we can hopefully look forward to better weather it is a timely reminder that boat and personal gear should always be of a standard capable of withstanding the strongest winds we would expect to sail in. Faulty equipment can spoil your enjoyment and at worst can prejudice your own and others safety.

Since my last report the Club has enjoyed an excellent Dinner Dance at Meriden and a most successful Nathan Pursuit Race, whilst the Club stand at the NEC Dinghy exhibition attracted a wealth of potential members. I am particularly pleased to report these successes as they encompass the Club as a whole and demonstrate that individual involvement is so worthwhile. My thanks go out to you all.

I am delighted to report that our membership for the year ending March 1985 was better than the previous year and I am ever more pleased to report that the flow of renewal subscriptions is very healthy. A strong membership is the best way of keeping our fees at a reasonable level so I trust this trend will continue for the current year.

Members will have noted the landscaping by S.T.W.A. to the west of the Club. This is to provide a picnic area for the general public. The area known as Notts Copse is to be cleared of scrub, converted into an extension to the boat park and this area and the area to the south of it is to be taken into the Club's curtilage. This work is also to be done by S.T.W.A. When the work is complete the Club will vacate the area currently used by the affiliated groups. Club members will be able to take advantage of the picnic area and beach their boats in this area between races. This arrangement and other considerations, was amicably arrived at in negotiations between S.T.W.A. and the Club and will allow S.T.W.A. to meet their obligations and should not disadvantage the Club. Whilst these works are taking place please exercise patience and understanding; any inconvenience should be short term.

Finally may I wish you success for the coming seasons' Open Meetings and Championships and may all your wind shifts be lifts and not backers.

Good Sailing
Harry Sayers.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Club now has its own microwave oven which hopefully will enable rapid preparations of an extended choice of menu on Thursdays and Fridays in addition to the present occasions when food is available. The Ladies room is now provided with two additional showers which should help to reduce any waiting-time in the changing rooms.

The Committee has also put in hand various maintenance and alterations work which should be apparent to all.

Now that the numbers and occasions increase it is absolutely essential that all fleets provide back-up for manning the wet-bar, kitchen and lounge. If you expect and enjoy the facilities the club is able to offer, it is only because others do their bit by turning-up and providing the service they expect others to reciprocate in their turn. This is all part of the Draycote spirit so do help where you can, it is rewarding and you make friends, and get to know people; which is what the club is all about.

The Sir Charles Barratt Memorial Pursuit Race takes place on Saturday 15th June. There will be a Bar B-Q in the early evening after the race so that families can stay on and join in the celebrations of 16 years sailing at Draycote Water.

Suggestions, complaints or even bouquets are always welcome.

Bob Lewis
Rear Commodore (Admin.)

SAILING COMMITTEE REPORT

In this edition of the bulletin, we have reprinted the Summer Sailing Programme, as the starting times shown in the last edition were incorrect. We apologise for this error and hope that we have not caused too much inconvenience to the Fleets concerned.

We are also publishing the 1985 Portsmouth Numbers which have changed slightly again.

will be participating in future events, division one boards only are allowed and they will start between the Enterprise/O.K. start and the Wayfarer start at plus twenty minutes. As it is our intention to ensure that the sailboard fleet becomes fully integrated into Club activities, it is expected that this will be a permanent arrangement, but the sailing committee will review the situation at the end of the year, in the light of the experience gained.

Following on from our sailing programme, we are also publishing, in this edition, the summer OOD list. The names of the principle members of each OOD team are shown, but I would remind all OOD's that further team members are required, to run the wet bar and generally assist with catering throughout the day.

On the subject of OOD duties, may I remind OOD's at the beginning of the season that children under 14 years of age, are not allowed in dories or the committee boats. In addition only trained rescue boat drivers should be used to man extra rescue boats, when conditions call for more than those already manned by the professional team. A list of qualified drivers will be posted in the OOD box, to enable OOD's to ensure that volunteer rescue boat drivers are suitably trained.

Our programme to install two way communication between the OOD team and the rescue boats has now been completed.

The radio in the OOD box is now two-channel, so that either the committee boat can be contacted, or any of the rescue boat men. This will enable the OOD team to direct rescue boats to wherever they are needed, allowing us to take advantage of the better viewing conditions from the OOD box. Anyone on OOD duty, who is not fully aware of how to use this improved facility, should ask George True to explain how to operate it, before the water is opened for sailing.

Although, as I write, the winds are still creating 'Black Shape' weather, I trust that when you

THE 1985 NATHAN SILVER SALVERS PURSUIT RACE

The 1985 Nathan Pursuit Race held on 23rd March, proved to be another successful event for Draycote. The race attracted its usual good entry in terms of the number of classes participating and the number of world and national champions competing. The International 14 of James Hartley and Ian Tillot from Itchenor S.C. was sailed superbly to finish in first place with a handsome lead from the International Moth of Roger Angell from Olton Mere S.C. For the second year in succession Stephen Irish crewed by Richard Bailey in the 420 finished in 3rd place — congratulations for again being the best placed Draycote boat.

Although we were unable to secure major sponsorship this year we were again supported by Centre Marine, Courage Breweries, Rudgard Catering Services, Severn Sailboats and Robin Webb Spars and Sails. The Club is extremely grateful for their continued support.

The co-operation and assistance given by the large team of individuals and the Fleet Captains were again up to their usual high standard which ensured that the day went smoothly. We were also fortunate in gaining good coverage by both television and the yachting and local press.

Since this is the last year I shall be organising the Nathan, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in any way over the last five years. A special mention of thanks must go to John Wells and Shirley Hope for the extra work put in by them in producing the horrifying amount of paperwork required at their busiest time of year. Also thanks to Sylvia Spencer for all her extra work.

Phillipa J. Cook,
Chief Organiser, Nathan Race Committee.

The Draycote Water results were as follows:-

| Place | Name(s) | Class |
|-------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 23 | Ian Walters | Europe |
| 26 | Nigel Snedker | Europe |
| 27 | Bob and Mandy Suggitt | Lark |
| 28 | Stephen Cooper & John Costard | Cherub |
| 29 | David and Carl Eales | Lark |
| 33 | Peter Wood and Graham Collett | 505 |
| 34 | Stuart Turner and Steve Buckley | Fireball |
| 36 | Andy Bond | Laser |

TRAINING NEWS

The RYA National Dinghy Sailing Scheme

In 1983 the RYA produced an updated version of their well-known certificate scheme for dinghy sailors. The new version caters much more for the needs of inland sailors such as ourselves, without neglecting the vital seamanship skills needed for coastal sailing.

The route through the scheme is shown in the block diagram below.



The old RYA Elementary Certificate has been replaced by the National Dinghy Sailing Certificate which gives a sound grounding in basic skills. Thereafter, the improver may branch off into seamanship or racing skills, according to his or her inclination, though the keen all-rounder will probably do both.

As a recognised RYA Training Establishment, DWSC can offer all these courses, if there is sufficient demand, and also organises Instructor Courses for candidates who have worked their way through the scheme.

CLUB BOATS

New members may be unaware that the club owns a total of nine boats which are available for members' use in certain circumstances.

OPTIMISTS

The club has five Optimist dinghies which

are used for junior training courses. Three of these, numbered, 1, 2 and 3, and stored on the shore to the left of the jetty, are available for junior members to hire at 40p per hour, this charge being just sufficient, in a good season, to cover the boat insurance. Hiring is done through the office, and the receipt is handed to the boatman, who will issue spars and sails.

ADULT DINGHIES

We have two Wayfarers, one Kestrel and one G.P. These form the backbone of our beginners' training courses, since many new members choose to train before buying a boat. The boats are numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the hulls, and are stored down the slip to the east of the clubhouse.

When not in use for training courses, the G.P. and Kestrel are available for hire by experienced club members and by beginners who have completed a training course.

The hire charge this season is £1.00 per person per session, with a minimum charge of £2.00 per boat. An evening is one session; Saturday has two: 1pm to 4pm and 4pm to close of sailing; Sunday is divided into three sessions, 10am to 1pm, 1pm to 4pm and 4pm until close of sailing.

Hiring Arrangements

Members book at the office and draw sail bags from the training store by arrangement with the stewardess, who has the key. The hirer is responsible for checking that the sail bag contains all the listed contents before returning it to the store, and for reporting any deficiencies or damage to the office. It is his responsibility to put the boat away efficiently, ensuring that the cover is firmly tied on and that the boat is tied down between the stakes.

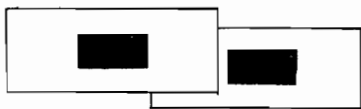
This system can only work so long as hirers act responsibly and treat club boats as carefully as if they were their own. No-one is available to supervise or check the boats, so the continuance of the present arrangements is dependent upon the level of responsibility shown by the hirers.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH CLUB TRAINING?

It has been suggested to the Training Committee that there are a number of skilful experienced sailors who would like to assist with training, but who do not wish to acquire formal qualifications. The committee welcomes the suggestion and proposes to keep a register of any such volunteers, with notes of their particular interests and availability.

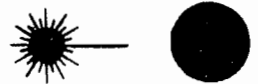
If you would like to be included on the register please phone me (Rugby 3553) or drop a note in at the office.

Joyce Deane
Training Officer.



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FLEET NEWS

ENTERPRISES

Four a year, they said, that's all, just four newsletters a year they said, well this is number two and we have only just finished our Christmas Cake. The problem is to catch the copy date this has to be written well in advance, in fact today is the second of April. But I am sure we all had a marvellous time at the Fitting out supper even though I haven't been yet! Wednesday night sailing has started for those of you who can reach the club by 7 o'clock, and don't mind missing Coronation Street.

Your committee met back in march and delegated work to one another. Amongst the subjects, under discussion was the re-vitalised approach to 'Southport 85', so don't plan anything for September 7-8, we are all going to Lancashire. A hundred of the country's most competitive sailing clubs will be competing in the 24-hour endurance race, the big dinghy event of the year. The team that Draycote sends normally includes about 10 championship class sailors and 30 back up team including race managers, bosuns, knocker uppers, lap counters, timers, cooks, psychiatrists, beer tasters and spectators, lifts can be arranged, watch for the date of the meeting and come along.

Whilst on the subject of premier events the Nathan was sailed last month and due to lack of Formula One helms to accompany Tony Prior, number five reserve was called (that's me) which is a good enough reason for an inclusion in this review. Tony didn't win, nor me!

One of the ideas raised at the recent meeting, to try to encourage the back of the fleet sailors was the organising of occasional novice races for spot prizes. If you have never won a prize and can raise three boats to race together during the normal race, see me and I will do the rest. Another idea yet to be organised is for training events where the more experienced helms would crew for the novices, so if you are interested make noises in the right direction and see what can be done.

GOSSIP. (Any truth is purely accidental.) Mark Harrison has bought a real yacht, with beds, heads and things. Look out House of Lords, Craggy got married, Lardy Andrews got a new car. Tony Prior is exporting Ents to Hong Kong. Dave Toone exported himself to Liberia (is that a spanish airline). Brian Cooper has a new crew just like mine. Val is still getting married in November and is going to tell Simon soon.

Dave Jones.

GP NEWS

No doubt by the time this bulletin appears the weather and the water will have warmed up and enticed the more reluctant sailors out to join those who will sail no matter what.

Toby have a couple of informal talks earlier this year in an effort to show some of us what to do to our boats to get them to go faster. Thank you Toby I hope I get it right this year! If any of you who missed these talks would like any help Toby and, indeed, any of the good helms will always be more than happy to advise although it's not a good idea to ask them just as they are about to launch as they are usually late and won't seem very helpful.

Many of you may notice that your names appear on the duty list this year. Unfortunately it is a condition of membership which is never mentioned whilst you are being parted from your membership fees! It may be that you cannot manage a particular date. If that is so would you please arrange to 'swap' with another member and remember to ring the chief OD and let him know who his new assistants are. The smooth running of the racing and the galley rely on everyone's co-operation and if you have managed to escape the Summer Series remember there will be the October 5th and 6th Open Meetings to OD and the Winter Series to be sorted yet!! (Each helm is expected to bring their crew and/or spouse/friend).

An early reminder of the Christmas Cabaret — Saturday December 7th. Any offers to perform will be considered.

By the way, I have noticed that many of the fleet don't race. Is this because you only want to potter about now and then or maybe you are unsure of how to "take the plunge". If the latter is the case do please contact me. Many of us started racing on either Wednesday evenings or Saturday afternoons when there aren't too many boats to get in the way of! Don't forget your fleet captain is always ready to help.

R. Hudson
GP11874 Calypso
Tel: L/Spa. 39624



BOARDTALK

Saturday March 23rd, Nathan Pursuit Race at Draycote, where were all the Sailboarders? Many were at Redditch sailing club, Sailboard Open Meeting, representing the Draycote Sailboard fleet exceptionally well. Draycote members came 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in various divisions and yours truly took it upon himself to bring up the rear — we should be well pleased with our better sailors representing the club so well. If you wish to improve the standard of your sailing, I strongly recommend joining some club racing, days and times as published in March Windbag.

I'm sure we would like to thank David Harban for arranging a windy weekend for us all on March 30th/31st, can he please do it again! The Gower weekend proved a successful trip — more details in the Windbag. Every fleet member has been given one OD duty during the summer season, please, please, sign in the wet bar as soon as possible and be sure to turn up on the day in question. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fun Day and Barbecue on Saturday June 8th and here's to fresh winds and warm water.

Roy Butler
The Friendly Fleet
K567 — Hinckley 212671

MERLIN MUSINGS

It is very difficult to sit down and write about things that haven't happened and that sums up the Fleets' performance over the winter season. Of course with the exception of the stalwart Maidment brothers who have been showing the hat, sorry, flag all winter. However over the last week or two there seems to have been a bit of movement in the boat park and hopefully they won't be alone much longer.

In the Nathan Pursuit Race the M.R.O.A. was represented by Dan Alsop and Chris Haworth, two of the top Merlin helms. Dan managed to finish 16th and got in the prizes. Brian Cave kindly let me helm his boat and after many trials and tribulations we didn't come last so there!!! We have presented a trophy for the Handicap fleet to race for through the summer in the 2 o'clock race so I hope this will give some of you a bit of incentive to get out there and have a go. Come on in the water's fine!!

Roly Bailey
3023 Cry Havoc!
Leamington Spa 25809

REMINDER

1985-86 Subscriptions, Boat Fees and renewal of Insurances for those in the Club Scheme, were due on **1st April, 1985**. The Sailboard Fleet reached the permitted maximum of 160 members in 1984-85. If those who have not renewed do not do so immediately they must not be surprised or disappointed if their option is given to one of many now wishing to join this Fleet.

J.W.G. Wells
Secretary

WATER BOARD TROPHY PURSUIT Sailed 8th April 1985

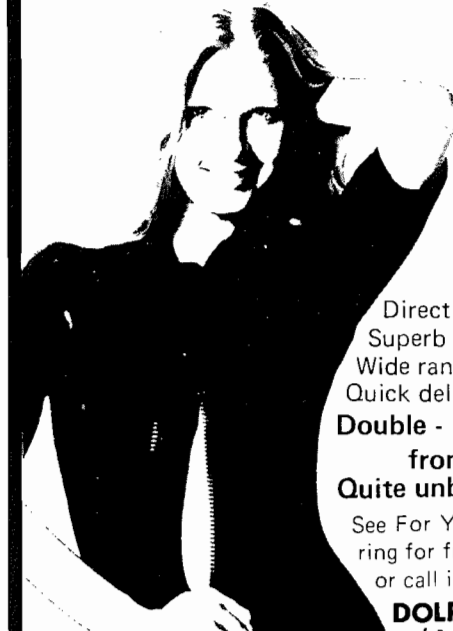
1. S. Irish and R. Bailey — 420
2. D. Eales and C. Eales — Lark
3. P. Wood and G. Collett — 505



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SUMMER SAILING PROGRAMME 1985

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OBTAINABLE FROM SECRETARY'S OFFICE —

SUNDAYS — 6th April to 27th October

| | | |
|------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 11.00 a.m. | 505/Fireball | Flag 8 |
| 11.05 a.m. | Flying 15/Handicap Fleet | Flag J |
| 11.10 a.m. | Finn/Lark/Laser | Flag Z |
| 11.15 a.m. | GP14/Miracle | Flag L |
| 11.20 a.m. | Enterprise/Solo/Europe | Flag E |
| 11.25 a.m. | Topper/Mirror 10/Optimist | Flag A |
| 11.30 a.m. | Sailboards | Flag Q |
| 2.00 p.m. |) | |
| 2.05 p.m. |) | |
| 2.10 p.m. |) | |
| 2.15 p.m. |) As above | |
| 2.20 p.m. |) | |
| 2.25 p.m. |) | |
| 2.30 p.m. |) | |

4.30 p.m. Mass start

Flag 3rd Sub

The course sailed by Optimists may be shortened for that class only, by displaying the signal "S" over "O".

Sailboards racing should display the allocated club number and sign on and off the declaration sheet.

SATURDAYS — 6th April to 26th October

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2.00 p.m. | Mass start | Flag 3rd Sub |
| 2.05 p.m. | Sailboard start | Flag Q |
| 4.00 p.m. | Mass start | Flag 3rd Sub |
| 4.05 p.m. | Sailboard start | Flag Q |

D.W.S.C. Handicap Trophy

The first race on the first Saturday of each month, commencing 6th April and finishing 5th October, will be a handicap event. There will be seven events with five to count and qualify. The scoring will be: 1st boat scores number of starters plus one, 2nd boat scores number of starters, 3rd boat scores number of starters minus one, 4th boat scores number of starters minus 2 etc., retirements, disqualifications, DNS — no points. The start will normally be a mass start as above but if there are a large number of entrants the starts will be:

| | | |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 2.00 p.m. | PYS 123-176 | Numeral 4 |
| 2.05 p.m. | PYS 116-122 | Numeral 3 |
| 2.10 p.m. | PYS 97-115 | Numeral 2 |

Sailboards racing to display appropriate pennant, sail numbers and sign on and off the declaration sheet.

WEDNESDAYS — 24th April to 28th August

| | | |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------|
| 7.15 p.m. | 5.0.5./Fireball | Flag 8 |
| 7.18 p.m. | Flying 15/Handicap Fleet | Flag J |
| 7.21 p.m. | Finn/Lark/Laser | Flag Z |
| 7.24 p.m. | GP14/Miracle | Flag L |
| 7.27 p.m. | Enterprise/Solo/Europe | Flag E |
| 7.30 p.m. | Topper/Mirror 10/Optimist | Flag A |
| 7.33 p.m. | Sailboard | Flag Q |

N.B. Starts are at 3 MINUTE INTERVALS

The Club is open from 6.30 p.m. for general/sailboard sailing.

THURSDAYS — 25th April to 29th August

The Club is open from 6.30 p.m. for general/sailboard sailing. There is no programme of organised dinghy/sailboard racing.

FRIDAY — 26th April to 30th August

The Club is open from 6.30 p.m. for general/sailboard sailing. There is no programme of organised dinghy races. Fleet organised sailboard racing.

SUMMER HOLIDAY WEEKDAY SAILING

On some* Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in July and August this year the reservoir will be open to club sailors. Those wishing to take advantage of such days need to be aware that safety cover will be much more limited than during regular club sessions.

The water will usually be supervised by only one person, manning one safety boat, and permission to sail will be entirely at his discretion. For your own safety, and the supervisor's peace of mind, you are advised to sail within sight and easy reach of the clubhouse, within the area bounded by buoys K,Y,X,H and the club shore.

Pre-teen age children must be under the control of a responsible adult, who should make sure that they are aware of these limits.

A signing on sheet will be placed under the balcony and all sailors must sign it before launching boats or sailboards.

Volunteer spectators who would watch the water from the balcony or OD box would be welcomed. Please make your offer directly to the supervisor.

Remember the OD is a volunteer. Please help him to help you.

*The dates when the water will be open will be posted on the blackboard under the balcony on the weekend before the sailing days.

SPECIAL CLUB EVENTS

| | | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mon. 8th April | Water Board Pursuit Race |) Bank Holiday sailing in |
| Mon. 6th May | John Siggers Pursuit Race |) the Summer follows the |
| Mon 27th May | RNLI Lifeboat Trophy |) normal Sunday programme |
| Sat. 15th June | Sir Charles Barratt Pursuit Race |) except that the 2nd |

| | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat. 26th July | Ladies/Junior Championships |) race is a pursuit. |
| | |) Pursuit Race datum |
| | |) time starts 2.15 p.m. |
| Sun. 25th Aug. | Coventry Evening Telegraph Pursuit | Datum Time 14.15 |

Club Championship Trophy — 1985

The above trophy will be awarded to the helm/crew having the best four pursuit race results in 1985.

SPECIAL NATIONAL EVENTS

Sat. 23rd March Nathan Silver Salver Pursuit Race

OPEN MEETINGS 1985

| Date | Fleet | Duty Fleet |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 9/10 March | Laser/240 | Sailboard |
| 16/17 March | Finn/Europe | 5.0.5./Contender |
| 30/31 March | 5.0.5./Contender | Finn/Europe |
| 14 April | Sailboard | Laser II |
| | Flying Fifteen | Cherub/420/Laser II |

SAILBOARDS

| | |
|------------|---|
| Wednesdays | — General Sailing and Club Sailing |
| Thursdays | — General Sailing |
| Fridays | — General Sailing and self organised racing |
| Saturdays | — General Sailing and Club Racing |
| Sundays | — General Sailing and Club Racing |

REMINDER OF CLUB REGULATION 24 and 26

Adverse weather. A Black Ball or Shape may be hoisted indicating that the conditions are adverse. All helmsmen must report to the O.D. box before going afloat. The O.D. may restrict the sailing area. All helmsmen should consider whether they are capable of sailing in the prevailing conditions. Three Rescue boats must be manned.

The duty officer of the day appointed on the authority of the Committee shall be in charge of all sailing activities and safety precautions on that day. All instructions of the duty officer or his assistant on his behalf, and in particular any person in charge of a rescue craft shall be complied with forthwith.

ADDITIONAL SATURDAY SAILING

At the OOD's discretion, sailing is permissible on those Saturdays when the Club is open for an Open Meeting when sailing would not otherwise be allowed.

ALTERATIONS TO 1985 SAILING PROGRAMME — PURSUIT RACES

With effect from 5th May 1985.

START PROCEDURE

| | | | | PYN |
|-------|----------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Minus | 31 mins | — 1st Warning Signal | Flag O | 1 Sound |
| Minus | 26 mins | — 1st Preparatory Signal | Flag P | 1 Sound |
| Minus | 21 mins | — FIRST START | Lower Flags | 176 |
| | | (Optimists) | | |
| Minus | 10 mins | — 2nd Warning Signal | Flag 6 | 1 Sound |
| Minus | 5 mins | — 2nd Preparatory Signal | Flag P | 1 Sound |
| DATUM | 0 mins | — SECOND START | Lower Flags | 1 Sound 146 |
| | | (Mirror 10) | | |
| Plus | 7 mins | — Start Topper | | 1 Sound 136 |
| Plus | 8 mins | — Fleetwind | | 1 Sound 134 |
| Plus | 15 mins | — Miracle | | 1 Sound 124 |
| Plus | 16½ mins | — Solo | | 1 Sound 122 |
| Plus | 18 mins | — Europe | | 1 Sound 120 |
| Plus | 18½ mins | — GP14 | | 1 Sound 119 |
| Plus | 19 mins | — Enterprise/OK | | 1 Sound 118 |
| Plus | 20 mins | — Sailboards | | 1 Sound 117 |
| Plus | 20½ mins | — Wayfarer | | 1 Sound 116 |
| Plus | 21 mins | — Cherub/420 | | 1 Sound 115 |
| Plus | 22 mins | — Laser | | 1 Sound 114 |
| Plus | 22½ mins | — Lark | | 1 Sound 113 |
| Plus | 23½ mins | — Finn | | 1 Sound 112 |
| Plus | 25 mins | — Flying Fifteen | | 1 Sound 110 |
| Plus | 25½ mins | — Kestrel/Merlin/Laser II | | 1 Sound 109 |
| Plus | 28 mins | — Fireball/Contender | | 1 Sound 105 |
| Plus | 29½ mins | — 470 | | 1 Sound 103 |
| Plus | 33½ mins | — 505 | | 1 Sound 97 |

ONE SOUND SIGNAL to be made for each START, a second sound signal may follow indicating early starters.

100 MINUTE PERIOD RUNS FROM SECOND (MIRROR 10) START

Finishing Procedure

The end of the race will be at the first mark reached by the leading boat after 100 minutes has elapsed.

N.B. If the leading boat is likely to reach a mark just before 100 minutes elapses and the race would be unreasonably prolonged by continuing to the next mark, the OOD may finish the race early. Immediately the leading boat has finished other "take out" finish lines may be established and the remaining boats finished at these points.

OFFICERS OF THE DAY MAY-OCTOBER 1985

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| Wednesday 1st | Mirror/M.R. | | | | | | |
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| Thursday 2nd | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
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| Sunday 5th | Miracle/420 | | | | | | |
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| T. Willis | M. Cottle | | | | | | |
| Monday 6th | FF/Laser II | | | | | | |
| John Siggers Pursuit | | | | | | | |
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| P. Ginns | V. Needham | | | | | | |
| V. Saunders | | | | | | | |
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| Friday 10th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
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| Saturday 11th | Laser/Kestrel | | | | | | |
| J. Beaumont | J. Leybourne | | | | | | |
| A.R. Fisk | M.P. Harris | | | | | | |
| Sunday 12th | Mirror/MR | | | | | | |
| P. Sleeman | J. Wilkin | | | | | | |
| J. Chard | D. Woodcock | | | | | | |
| A. Davies | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 15th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| M. Robinson | Dr. N. Howarth | | | | | | |
| A. Wong | J.C. Marshall | | | | | | |
| Thursday 16th | Lark/Cherub | | | | | | |
| J. Pybus | | | | | | | |
| Friday 17th | Solo | | | | | | |
| D. Shave | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 18th | Enterprise | | | | | | |
| D. Toone | B. Bragg | | | | | | |
| A. Cooper | D. Slack | | | | | | |
| Sunday 19th | Fireball | | | | | | |
| J. Badham | P. Guggenheim | | | | | | |
| D. Griffiss | C. Rettie | | | | | | |
| A. Leeks | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 22nd | Lark/Cherub | | | | | | |
| A. Cooper | R. Hewins | | | | | | |
| A. Brown | M. Martin | | | | | | |
| Sunday 26th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| J. Cook | C.P. Davies | | | | | | |
| A.E. Palluret | J.A. Black | | | | | | |
| Monday 27th | Topper/Wayf | | | | | | |
| A.N.L.I. Pursuit | | | | | | | |
| A. Clays | P. Franklin | | | | | | |
| A. Strain | P. Evans | | | | | | |
| A. Ashby | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 29th | FF/Laser II | | | | | | |
| A. Gotrel | B. Gould | | | | | | |
| A. Weaver | T. Willis | | | | | | |
| Thursday 30th | Enterprise | | | | | | |
| I. Harrison | | | | | | | |
| Friday 31st | Mirror/MR | | | | | | |
| A. Sleeman | | | | | | | |
| JUNE | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 1st | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| A. Neale | J.F. Finch | | | | | | |
| A. Greenhalgh | M.C. Hepple | | | | | | |
| Sunday 2nd | Lark/Cherub | | | | | | |
| A. Moss | P. Towers | | | | | | |
| A. Creak | T. Prior | | | | | | |
| A. Imbush | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 5th | Enterprise | | | | | | |
| A. Turner | J. Coombes | | | | | | |
| A. Cooke | J.C.P. | | | | | | |
| | Boyes-Watson | | | | | | |
| Thursday 6th | | | | | | | |
| D.K. Johnson | | | | | | | |
| Friday 7th | Fireball | | | | | | |
| R. Morris | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 8th | Topper/Wayf | | | | | | |
| P. Clays | M. Austin | | | | | | |
| P. Morris | H.J. Tapley | | | | | | |
| Sunday 9th | 505 | | | | | | |
| C. Baylis | N.A. Dick | | | | | | |
| W. Bratt | M.A. Briggs | | | | | | |
| Wed. 12th | Miracle/420 | | | | | | |
| R. Houghton | D.C. Packwood | | | | | | |
| J.A. Whitehead | C. Hanvey | | | | | | |
| Thursday 13th | GP 14/470 | | | | | | |
| G.M. Hicks | | | | | | | |
| Friday 14th | Laser/Kestrel | | | | | | |
| G. Griffiths | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 15th | Sailboard/Con | | | | | | |
| Sir Charles Barrett Pursuit | | | | | | | |
| M. Clay | Dr. A. Forester | | | | | | |
| P. Watson | R.W. Scott | | | | | | |
| Sunday 16th | Solo | | | | | | |
| M. Partington | C.J. Avery | | | | | | |
| C.R. Avery | N. Burns Brown | | | | | | |
| Wed. 19th | Mirror/MR | | | | | | |
| J. Deane | P. Rivers Latham | | | | | | |
| P. Sleeman | J. Sleeman | | | | | | |
| Thursday 20th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| C.N. Ellis | | | | | | | |
| Friday 21st | Enterprise | | | | | | |
| G. Marshall | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 22nd | GP 14/470 | | | | | | |
| H. Marsh | C. Nelson | | | | | | |
| R.J. Peirson | | | | | | | |
| Sunday 23rd | Laser/Kestrel | | | | | | |
| R.G. Sawyer | J. Bridgewater | | | | | | |
| G. Pye | A.S. Drew | | | | | | |
| B.J. Bowser | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 26th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| J. Smith | M. Deane | | | | | | |
| N. Upton-Brown | P. Busby | | | | | | |
| Thursday 27th | Mirror/MR | | | | | | |
| J.A. Davies | | | | | | | |
| Friday 28th | Europe | | | | | | |
| P. Jeffcoate | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 29th | FF/Laser II | | | | | | |
| H. Robinson | W. Bennett | | | | | | |
| R. Baniston | S. McClenaghan | | | | | | |
| Sunday 30th | Wayfarer | | | | | | |
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| JULY | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 3rd | GP 14/470 | | | | | | |
| R. Warren | P.A. Rush | | | | | | |
| Thursday 4th | Enterprise | | | | | | |
| D. Jones | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 6th | Miracle/420 | | | | | | |
| G. Huett | C. Haywood | | | | | | |
| P. Stewart | D. Balme | | | | | | |
| Sunday 7th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| H. Manning | P.C. Lee | | | | | | |
| S.N. Neville | F.A. Smith | | | | | | |
| Wed. 10th | Lark/Cherub | | | | | | |
| S. Clarke | R. Lewis | | | | | | |
| J. Tenney | | | | | | | |
| Thursday 11th | Topper/Wayfarer | | | | | | |
| M.F. Fox | | | | | | | |
| Friday 12th | FF/Laser II | | | | | | |
| B. Glover | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 13th | Enterprise | | | | | | |
| M. Cooper | T. Proctor | | | | | | |
| M. Harrison | R.B. Bird | | | | | | |
| Sunday 14th | Mirror/MR | | | | | | |
| D. Miles | C. Holland | | | | | | |
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| S.W. Deakin | | | | | | | |
| Thursday 18th | | | | | | | |
| M. Thomas | | | | | | | |
| Friday 19th | Fireball | | | | | | |
| C.D. Adams | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 20th | GP/14 470 | | | | | | |
| Ladies & Junior Champs | | | | | | | |
| B. Wooton | R. Evans | | | | | | |
| M. Fuller | B.A. James | | | | | | |
| Sunday 21st | GP 14 | | | | | | |
| M. Taylor | N. Grove | | | | | | |
| J. Connor | G. Crompton | | | | | | |
| N.C.H. Dennis | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 24th | Wayfarer | | | | | | |
| Thursday 25th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| D. Bowlet | | | | | | | |
| Friday 26th | Lark/Cherub | | | | | | |
| N. Pybus | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 27th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| J.D.S. Ainscow | | | | | | | |
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| B.J. Burbridge | J. Wilkins | | | | | | |
| Sunday 28th | | | | | | | |
| D. Hope | | | | | | | |
| S. Bridgewater | | | | | | | |
| H. Sayers | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 31st | Enterprise | | | | | | |
| V. Andrews | G. Marshall | | | | | | |
| R. Ross | D. Slack | | | | | | |
| AUGUST | | | | | | | |
| Thursday 1st | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| R.M. Furbet | | | | | | | |
| Friday 2nd | Topper/Wayfarer | | | | | | |
| P.C. Drury | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 3rd | Topper | | | | | | |
| R. Ashby | J.N. Blades | | | | | | |
| R.C. Brittain | G.J. Wood | | | | | | |
| Sunday 4th | Fireball | | | | | | |
| D. Finch | C. Jordan | | | | | | |
| R. Robinson | P. Gardiner | | | | | | |
| P. Garratt | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 7th | Europe | | | | | | |
| C. Newman | R. Thorpe | | | | | | |
| K. Edwards | S. Aggus | | | | | | |
| Thursday 8th | Solo | | | | | | |
| I.B. West | | | | | | | |
| Friday 9th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| G.J. Bailey | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 10th | Mirror/MR | | | | | | |
| D. Woodcock | J. Wilkin | | | | | | |
| J. Chard | P. Stoker | | | | | | |
| Sunday 11th | Miracle | | | | | | |
| N. Burton | T. Hill | | | | | | |
| P. Raymond | A. Fell | | | | | | |
| J. Chatham | | | | | | | |
| Wed. 14th | Topper/Wayfarer | | | | | | |
| M. Furner | P. Franklin | | | | | | |
| J. Strain | V. Lee | | | | | | |
| Thursday 15th | SB/Contender | | | | | | |
| A.R.H. Weaver | | | | | | | |
| Friday 16th | Solo | | | | | | |
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| Saturday 17th | Laser/Kestrel | | | | | | |
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LASER BEAMS

Firstly I would like to thank Roy Butler and the Sailboard fleet for running our Open Meeting so well, and also Tim and Elizabeth Fillmore for all their hard work during the event. The Open was won by Simon Cole, the current National Champion, and the overall standard was very high, so congratulations to our own Keith Bond for finishing a creditable third.

Thanks also to all those members of the fleet who helped with our duties at the Nathan. Whilst on the subject of duties, you will see that the summer duty list has now been published. If you are on the list, please ensure that you can attend, and if you are unable to, please let me know as soon as possible. With the warmer summer weather, turnouts will be increasing and the racing becoming more competitive at all levels in the fleet, so why not blow away the cobwebs and join us on the water this weekend.

Gareth Griffiths
Alderminster 494

MIRACLE HALOES

The Winter series has now finished and we are now sailing Summer starting time. You may leave your wet suit off now — if you dare!! The Winter has been quite cold and on several Sundays the racing was abandoned through ice. Fog has also been a hazard; on one occasion the mark disappeared completely and sailing turned into a treasure hunt.

The results for the Winter sailing are:
Afternoon race: First, Harry Barlow, second, Ann Fell, Third Ron Houghton.

Morning race: First, Ann Fell, second Harry Barlow, third Geoff Aggus.

The total number of boats that sailed was 16 for the morning race and 17 for the afternoon, although many could not get the 8 races needed to qualify. It has been suggested that next year the long winter series be broken into two. The Autumn series from 1st November until Christmas, and the Winter series from The New Year until 31st March. This would enable more people to qualify for a winter series, and also to garage the boats during the worst of the weather. Can you please let me have your views about this.

On Saturday June 22nd Brian Haze of Haze Sails is coming at 2.00 to give advice on sails and tuning. This will be followed by a light hearted "handicap" race round the pond, and a Barbecue at 7.00. Any other fleets who are interested are very welcome. Price for the Barbecue to be advertised later.

The number of Miracles on the water continues to improve. With so many of you participating in club courses this year I shall expect the numbers to continue growing. (Excuses for not sailing in writing please — weddings and illness are no excuse and I believe that crutches can be stowed quite safely with the spinney pole.)

Ann Fell
3470 - Witch of the Wave
STOP PRESS: Congratulations to Vi and Peter Stewart on the birth of a baby girl. Rumour has it that she has a pink hull and came complete

505 NEWS

The weather was not on our side for our first Open Meeting with B Qualifier status. Chris Baylis had the misfortune to lose his mast before the proceedings even got under way, blamed entirely on the excessive rig tension I'd applied when borrowing his boat for the Nathan. Mike and I didn't exactly shine, but at least the errant Tempest had the grace to retire!

The beginning of the year always seems to have all the Fleet duties lumped together, with the Europe Open Meeting, the Nathan and our own Open Meeting to support.

My sincere thanks to all those who turned out for duty, especially the ladies, who have the least glamorous job in the wet bar.

Our thanks also to the Europe and Finn fleets for their efforts in running our Open Meetings.

We have been asked this year to try a different system of OOD duties, where we help the Sailboard Fleet who have large numbers of inexperienced people. The arrangement will be that one 505 helm will be on duty with his crew or wife, with the remainder of the duty team made up from the sailboard fleet. The advantage to the 505 fleet is that each individual only has one duty, to do in the year, whereas with the size of the fleet some of us would end up on duty more than once.

Anyway, we'll try it this year, and review the situation at the end of the summer season. By the time that you read this, the summer season will be under way, and you should all have a copy of the calendar of events.

The next major event is the crews races, to be held on the 2nd and 9th of June, with the Club Championships on the 30th June and the 7th July.

Rumour has it we will have two new boats on the water this summer, so see you on the start line.

Paul Walker
Coventry 303690

SOLO NEWS

The winter series was very well supported by the Solo fleet, with 7 to 10 boats turning out on most Sundays. Jon Clarke was a clear leader from the early stages, but second and third positions were in doubt up to the last day. Chris Avery finally pipped Martin Shave for second place.

The monthly handicap has spurred everyone to greater efforts, even causing Mick Clay to buy another boat! The four legs so far completed have been won by John Coleman twice, Mick Clay once, and Kate Avery once.

By the time this is published, we should be just about completing the short Tune-up Series, which aims to get everyone on the water by the 12th May, when the Summer Series proper will start. This gives an opportunity for those who have been hibernating to get into the swing of things again, and for those of us who sailed all winter to get our boats shipshape again. The idea is to enable everyone to start the Summer Series on an equal footing, so try and get it all together by the 12th May.

INT EUROPE NEWS

1985 has already started successfully for some of our fleet members. Ian Walters marginally won our Open from club mate Nigel Snedker over the weekend 16/17 March. At the Nathan Ian who was the second Draycote boat to finish took the Severn Sailboats Salver for the first unassisted single-hander with Nigel third in this class.

At The Top Day at Waltham-on-Thames on March 30th — an event for National or World Champs, Draycote Champs were at the front. Ian who is the current Europe National Champion was second to Niel Marsden G.P. Nat. Ch. with our own Steve Cockerill, Graduate Nat. Ch. third. Graham Castle of the Miracles was fourth which all goes to show the talent our Club has.

Steve and Nigel spent Easter in Loosdrecht, Holland sampling the early season Continental Challenge. Nigels' 5th, 10th & 19th out of the 84 entries earned him 12th place while Steve's 5th & 10th were to no avail when he had to count a disq. Needless to say the experience was invaluable with the World's in mid July.

By the time you read this the World's Team for Norway will have been decided. Good luck to all our helms trying for a place. After this you can enjoy a relaxing three days racing at Salcombe over the May-day weekend.

Welcome to new members Boyd Newton K88, Jane Stevens K95, Peter Morley-Smith K152 and Steve Cooper K61. We know you'll enjoy racing your Europe's.

Finally, I would like to thank the 505 and Contender fleets for their efforts over the weekend of our Open and all our own fleet members and friends who helped with the 505/Contender Open plus the Nathan and Easter Monday OD. Now that all the hard work is over I wish you all good luck over the summer period whether at home or on the Open Circuit.

Keep racing Europe.

Tony Jenkins, Southan 2685
OD Duties May 9th A. Jenkins, June 28th Miles Thomas, July 18th P. Jeffcoate, Wed August 7th, C. Newman, R. Thorpe, K. Edwards, N. Snedker.

FIREBALL HOTSPOT

The opening quarter of the year saw some pretty drastic weather, at times keeping all but the most (fool?) hardy off the water — however I can now assure you that all the ice has gone, the daffs are out, the sun HAS shone — so come on in. For those who did venture out and contest the Fireball Vase there was exhilarating, if cold sailing, the honours and trophy after a close tussle going to Dave Parker, second was Alan McGill.

The AGM and Prizgiving turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable social affair, our guest of honour being Mr. John Wells, our Club Secretary, whose speech with its dry wit and humour delighted us all and surprised even Gareth! Our next social event will be a skittles match against the Ents — provisional date is 17th May — venue will be circulated shortly.

The Nathan this year turned out to be one of those 'if only' events with a dying wind giving no real chance for the F/balls to show their paces. Our reps were Stuart Turner and Steve Buckley (34th) Pete Badham and Nick Heenan (37th), national reps were Mark Rushall (19th) and Tim Rush (22nd). Thanks to all who carried out the various duties on that day. In the opening event of the Golden Dolphion series on 30/31 March at Chew Valley SC in v. blustery conditions Stu & Steve finished a creditable 7th out of 55 starters. No names, but at the same event rumour has it that Pat Fa..... even hoisted his spinny — once!

Abersoch week this year will be from the 21st to 26th July, for those who are interested and want camp site bookings please contact myself or any other committee member.

A few weeks ago you may have noticed Pete Bond sailing with a nubile young blonde from the Ents as his crew, his late start, half hour disappearance in toft shallows, capsize and explanation of 'couldn't hold it on the three sail reach' — bodes no good for JR getting back his job.

Good Sailing
John Meikle 13051
Cov 412617

P.S. We are on the lookout for new crews so if

ARK NEWS

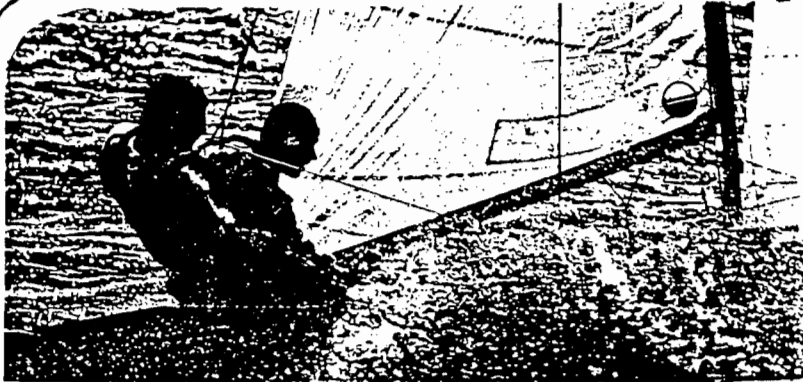
With spring here it is time for the sailors in the fleet who have been in hibernation to blow the cobwebs out of their boats, sailing gear etc. and be seen on the water. Spring also sees many of our more competitive members travelling, sometimes many miles, to compete in numerous Open Meetings — we wish them every success. Welcome to Gavin Craigward and John Penney who have joined the fleet. See you on

the water. A very enjoyable evening was had by all who came to the evening out at the Simla Restaurant. My thanks to everyone involved in making this a success. You will see elsewhere in the Bulletin that there is a list of OD duties, please turn up on the days that you have been allocated and if you cannot attend, contact me as soon as possible. Good Sailing Nigel Pybus — Rugby 4591.

FLYING FIFTEENS

The Flying Freds flocked to the Annual Dinner Dance at the Manor, filling three large tables. One fleet member was heard to comment "It's nice of so many club members to turn up to OUR Dinner Dance". The high spirits (both senses) exhibited at previous functions was again in evidence, making our Commodore and Visiting Commodore Mike Higson from Northampton a bit apprehensive when they rose to speak — they both sail Fifteens you see. The Winter series was hotly contested by more boats than ever before, including two visiting Winter Members. Brian Tavender and crew Ian Harrison won the series in fine style. It is also nice to see FF's taking club prizes. Jeff and John Wilkins took the Best Club Training Course Member prize in the Boxing Day Pursuit Race and Harry Robinson took the Club Saturday Handicap Prize. We ran our first full Open Meeting over the weekend of 13/14 April. This was a success and demonstrated how Fifteens enjoy sailing in winds of 30 kts and above. (Measured on the club pontoon) Racing Smooth organised by Cherub/LaserII/420. Four course steak dinner, sparkling wine and Prizes subsidised by our sponsor TANDEM Computers. That's enough looking back. Looking forward now, as the mist clears on my crystal balls. I can see people Digging and Building, Sailing and Socialising and getting more, well deserved pleasure from their hobby in the Flying Fifteen Fleet than ever before.

See you all on the slip
Brian Glover
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MIRROR 10 NEWS

True to my word, we did have a greater number of people qualifying for the winter series, than the previous summer. So, now let us see the numbers increase even more so — for this summer!

Let's see some competitive spirit amongst the Mirrors!

Winter series results Joyce Deane 'A' Fleet 1st, Greg Iritsh 'A' Fleet 2nd, Paul Sleeman 'B' Fleet 1st, Mandy Suggitt 'B' Fleet 2nd.

We were all represented in the Nathan Pursuit, and I would like to thank all who took part, including my crew who raced with me at such short notice! And the other members who helped on the land.

With the Summer season here, we have our OOD duties looming, which most of you by now, should have received notification of — if you are helping. Also we have our ever popular Barbecue in June, with the Prizegiving for the winter series Trophies during the evening. Tickets will be available shortly. So everyone please buy some.

Look forward to seeing you on the water.

Paul Sleeman, Fleet Captain, Mirror 10

Tel: Leicester 402102

P.S. We now have two official class measurers in the Club, Paul Sleeman and Peter Stoker.

INTERNATIONAL 420

Congratulations to Stephen Irish and crew Richard Bailey for 3rd place in this years Nathan. Nick Wilson crewed, by his son Tim, sailed well in their first major competition as the other Draycote 420.

The RYA race training for this year has now ended, at the end of which Greg Irish gained selection to the UK Youth Squad.

The RYA UK Youth Championships were held at Rutland S.C. during a week at Easter. In his first 420 competition Greg was placed 6th and was selected as Reserve for Keil week.

There are lots of advantages for youths who sail 420. The RYA training and racing programme is excellent for those who wish to improve their racing. All areas are covered: tactics, tuning, fitness and rules etc. Top racing helms and crews are called in to add their expertise during the courses.

You can do plenty in a 420, contact Stephen and Richard (K42776) on the slip for further information.

Ray Irish
Cov. 413795

Ten Years Ago In The Bulletin

For the first time 'No-Go' areas to allow fishermen to be free of dinghies was in an experimental stage. The Fireball fleet were welcoming the 'Chelmarsh Ace', Peter Bond, to their series racing. However, Roger Pritchard was still giving a good account of himself in Kroatoo. Seemingly the Lark fleet had been on a sail buying spree to beat the budget: Also at Lark Ladies night Tony Irving had designed and constructed a large Clapometer, it worked by pouring beer into it — the more poured, the harder it worked — eventually it was discovered Gerry Walters was inside drinking and cranking the device. Flying 15' were 25 in number and were all lowering genoas in favour of spinnaker chutes. The Contender fleet boasted 10 boats, the OK and Kestrel fleets were also active.

Ted Wilson, Phil King and David Liddington were the top Merlin Rocket Helms doing very well in Silver Tiller series. The GP14 fleet were about to stage their first Club Championship. The Laser fleet had 37 registered boats and Mark Rushall was winning races in Lasers, Larks and Mirrors, in fact, he and sister Ruth were 1975 Mirror Junior Champions.

The Club Anniversary Party was to be an 'up and down' affair — disco upstairs, barn dance down. Elsie Siggers, as ever, was organising



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