



BROAD REACH

The News Letter of the Old Shirburnian Sailing Society
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Channel Island Rally in Guernsey on July 24th

Following the success of the West Country Rally in Dartmouth last August, the Committee has decided to organise a rally in the Channel Islands this July. The OSSS has several members living on Guernsey and Jersey and we very much hope that they will attend along with members from the mainland who fancy the idea of a cruise to the Channel Islands. The Channel Island Rally will take place in St Peter Port, Guernsey on the evening of Friday 24th July 1998. The assembling yachts will raft up on the Friday in Victoria Harbour and the Crews will meet at Guernsey Yacht Club that evening for drinks followed by Dinner, probably at a local restaurant. The following day local OSSS member Will Davey will be organising a Cruise in Company to Sark. If you are able to bring your yacht to the rally or if you would like a berth on one of the yachts, please let Nick Ware know on the number below. Friends and family will be very welcome at the rally, so please feel free to attend even if most of your crew are not OSSS members. The rally is taking place at spring tides and the tidal times at St Peter Port on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th July are as follows:

Thursday 23 July

LW 0013 GMT 1.6m HW 0612 GMT 8.8m
LW 1235 GMT 1.6m HW 1829 GMT 9.1m

Friday 24 July

LW 0101 GMT 1.3m HW 0658 GMT 9.0m
LW 1320 GMT 1.4m HW 1913 GMT 9.3m

Yachts drawing up to 1.78m should safely be able to enter the harbour 2 hours either side of high water.

Any skippers who are prepared to make their boats available for the rally, any crew looking for berths, or any local members wanting to attend the dinner should contact Nick Ware (0181 940 6659 nj_ware@compuserve.com) as soon as possible.

Solent Charter

There are still a few places left on the Solent Charter aboard Spirit of Britannia, a 60 ft Boston Smack which was launched in 1915. The event is taking place on Saturday 6th June and Spirit of Britannia will be departing from East Cowes at 0800 hrs and then picking up the remainder of the crew at Southampton Town Quay at 0930hrs. The cost is £50 per person including lunch, drinks, refreshments and personal insurance. Weather permitting the boat will drop crew off at Southampton at 1730 hours before returning to East Cowes. Members wishing to attend should contact Revd Charles Trefusis on 0181 660 1790. Family and friends will be very welcome

Broad Reach Interactive

A reminder to all our members that *Broad Reach Interactive* and other information regarding the Society can be found on our web site by pointing your browser at <http://www.bonshaw.demon.co.uk/oss/>

Annual General Meeting

The Royal Ocean Racing Club could not take us this year on our preferred date. The Committee felt that it would be more convenient to move the venue than the previously published date so we went back for the first time in many years to the Royal Thames Yacht Club in Knightsbridge. The Commodore, Bob Macdonald, reported on a full year of success including our victory in the Arrow Trophy. He also announced the award of the President's Prize jointly to the Arrow team. There were no changes to the officers and Rory Heron joined the Committee on the retirements of David Drew and Thijs Knapper. There was a good attendance and 22 people stayed for a meal afterwards including Charles Liddell who is Vice Commodore of the RTYC.

Southampton Pub Meet

As usual, the OSSS will be meeting informally for a few pints and a bite to eat on the second Saturday of the Southampton Boat Show. We will be meeting at the **Bosun's Locker, Upper Bugle Street** just a short walk from the boat show, from 1830 hrs onwards on **Saturday 19th September 1998**. The Bosun's Locker offers a good range of reasonably priced bar snacks as well as an assortment of Real Ales. The Southampton Boat Show is still 5 months away but put it into your diary now and we will hope for a record attendance this year. Some members will be sailing to the show and if you intend to bring your boat, let Nick Ware know well in advance and he will endeavour to reserve berths at Town Quay, Ocean Village or Shamrock Quay depending on availability. Last year there was no availability, so the OSSS contingent ended up in Cowes Yacht Haven and caught the Red Jet to the show, which worked well! Whilst advanced booking for the Pub Meet is not essential, it would be helpful if you could phone Nick Ware (0181 940 6659) nearer the time if you know that you will be attending.

Sherborne Salver

The Old Shirburnian Sailing Society has donated a trophy to the Arrow Trophy Yacht Racing Association. The Sherborne Salver will be presented to the runner up in the Match Racing Competition, which is between the first four boats in the previous days fleet racing. The winner of the competition receives the Arrow Trophy which was originally donated by the parents of an Old Harrovian, and the winner of the Fleet Race for the boats which did not get through to compete in the Match Racing, receives the Charterhouse Bowl.

Boys Weekend

Gin's Farm, situated on the banks of the River Beaulieu have confirmed that they will be able to accommodate the OSSS for Dinner on the Saturday of the Boys Weekend which will be held on 26th/27th September 1998. The Boys weekend often provides boys with their first chance to sail on board a yacht rather than a dinghy. If you are able to make your boat available on this weekend to take out boys from the school, we would be very grateful if you could contact OSSS Commodore Bob Macdonald (01276 472757
Email: AirAlert@compuserve.com)

Boat Show Buffet

Following the outstanding success of the last three Buffets, we again met at the acclaimed Hanover Square Wine Bar and Grill on Tuesday 13th January. Over 25 members attended and everyone enjoyed an excellent meal and good company and it was particularly encouraging to see several new members attending.

Broad Reach

The Editor welcomes articles written by members to include in future editions of *Broad Reach*. To contribute please contact the Editor and Rear Commodore:

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Cross Channel Rally to St Vaast on Whitsun Bank Holiday

The Cross Channel Rally to St Vaast will take place over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May. The OSSS yachts will be leaving the Solent early on the morning of Friday 22nd May with the aim of arriving in St Vaast to make the evening lock on Friday. A Dinner will be arranged for the Saturday evening in one of St Vaast's excellent restaurants. The aim will be to return overnight on Sunday or by day on Bank Holiday Monday. Tide times at **Cherbourg** in GMT are as follows:

Friday 22nd May	HW 0424 GMT 5.5m	LW 1114 GMT 1.6m
	HW 1702 GMT 5.7m	LW 2349 GMT 1.6m
Saturday 23rd May	HW 0525 GMT 5.9m	LW 1214 GMT 1.2m
	HW 1757 GMT 6.1m	
Sunday 24th May	HW 0622 GMT 6.2m	LW 0046 GMT 1.2m
	HW 1849 GMT 6.4m	LW 1309 GMT 1.0m
Monday 25th May	HW 0715 GMT 6.4m	LW 0139 GMT 1.0m
	HW 1938 GMT 6.5m	LW 1400 GMT 0.8m

Time and Height Differences for St Vaast La Hougue are as follows

	HW		LW					
CHBG (GMT)	0200	0900	0300	0900	MHWS	MHWN	MLWN	MLWS
	1400	2100	1300	2100	6.4	5.0	2.5	1.1
StVST	+0110	+0046	+0050	+0100	+0.2	+0.2	0.0	-0.1

The lock gates open approximately at HW -02.25 and close at HW +03.00.

Yacht owners who would like to attend or crew members looking for a berth should contact Nick Ware (0181 940 6659 nj_ware@compuserve.com) who is co-ordinating the event this year on behalf of Bob Macdonald who is spending much time abroad on business. As usual friends and family will be very welcome.

Three Matches Postponed

The Sutton Bingham Trophy to be held on Saturday 7th April was postponed because Sutton Bingham were unable to raise a team. As a result the Stanger Leathes II match which was to have been held on the next day was also postponed until such time as a weekend could be found on which to reinstate both matches. The events are likely to be rescheduled on a weekend towards the end of the Summer Term. Members wishing to participate should liaise with Alex Davey (0181 673 4070) who will advise interested parties once a firm date has been set. The Western Trophy was also postponed due to the lack of other teams able to race against the OSSS on the scheduled weekend of 28th/29th March. There is strong interest and Alex Davey is hoping to agree a revised date shortly; details will appear in the next edition of *Broad Reach*

Stanger Leathes II and OSSS Dinghy Meet on April 25th/26th

The OSSS Dinghy Meet and the second match in the Stanger Leathes Series will be taking place at Arne on the last weekend in April. The Dinghy meet provides an opportunity for members to cruise in Poole harbour and to liaise with current members of the school sailing club, whilst the Stanger Leathes match provides the opportunity for some competitive team sailing against a crew which sails together as a team on a regular basis. No doubt a few pints will be drunk in the Duke of Wellington in Wareham on the Saturday evening. Members wishing to attend should contact Oliver Nichol on 0976 157531.

OSSS Team to Enter BT/RYA National Match Racing

Alex Davey has applied to enter an OSSS team in the 1998 BT/RYA National Match Racing Competition. The event, which is aimed at the top amateurs in the sport, is raced in 4 man keelboats. The OSSS team has applied to enter a qualifier at Queen Mary's Reservoir on the weekend of 5th/6th September 1998. Members wishing to be considered for team selection should contact Alex Davey on 0181 673 4070.