



BROAD REACH

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OSSS Invade the Channel Islands

In July this year the OSSS invaded the Channel Islands. Five yachts arrived in St Peter Port, Guernsey on the afternoon of Friday 24th July. Meltem skippered by OSSS Rear Commodore Nick Ware was the first to arrive followed by Tuenela (Angus Cater's new SCOD), Edain (Mike Reardon's new Westerly Oceanlord), Caerulia (Charles Liddel's Jeanneau) and Omaterre (Gervase Lang's Leisure 28). OSSS member William Davey who lives in Guernsey had invested a huge amount of effort ensuring the event's success. On the Friday evening the OSSS gathered for drinks at Guernsey Yacht Club after which we moved on to a local restaurant for dinner which was attended by more than twenty members and their guests. On the Saturday, after a leisurely breakfast, most boats headed for Dixcart Bay on Sark for lunch. Angus Cater on Tuenela had departed from St Peter Port for Portsmouth but was becalmed North of Guernsey and was drifting when the engine failed to start. Fortunately Tuenela was towed back to St Peter Port for repairs before successfully making the crossing back to the U.K. The rally was one of the most successful OSSS event for many years and the Committee hope to organise a rally next year either elsewhere in the Channel Islands or on the north coast of Brittany.

Boys Weekend

The Royal Southampton Yacht Club will be the venue for the 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:

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Laser II Success

Congratulations to Giles Bradford and Paul Glidden who came 6th in the Laser II European Championships in Carmarthen earlier this summer.

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. Whilst advanced booking is not essential, it would be helpful if you could phone Nick Ware (0181 940 6659) if you know that you will be attending.

Tragedy Strikes Sailing Club Camp

Tom Bugbird, one of the most active members of Sherborne School Sailing Club was tragically killed in a car accident on his way to the Sailing Club Camp at Arne at the end of the Trinity Term. Tom had just completed his final term at Sherborne and was driving an MG, his pride and joy which he had recently restored, from his parents' home to Arne. Following several days in intensive care he lost his battle for life. The funeral service was attended by the boys that attended this year's Sailing Club camp and by many other pupils and staff from the School. Tom was known to many OSSS members and had sailed aboard OSSS yachts on the Boys Weekend. Tom had been keen to join the OSSS and his death is a real loss to the Society. On behalf of all members, the Committee offers its condolences to Toms's family. A memorial service was due to be held at 12.20 pm on Saturday 12th September in Sherborne.

Arrow Crew Wanted

The Arrow Trophy Yacht Racing Competition for Public School Old Boys will be taking place in the Solent on the weekend of **10th/11th October 1998** using the Sunsail Jeanneau Sunfast 36 fleet. The OSSS team will be defending its title having won the event last year. Any member interested in crewing for the OSSS team should contact Bob Macdonald on 01276 472757 or Chris Sowerbutts on 0171 603 1262.

Cross Channel Rally '98

The Cross Channel rally on the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May took place in St Vaast and was attended by Riobamba (Bob Macdonald), Sea Orchid (Richard Irwin), Meltem (Nick Ware), and Caerulia (Charles Liddell). The crews of all four boats congregated on Caerulia for drinks on the Saturday evening before moving on to La Chasse Maree for an excellent dinner. The owner of the restaurant, which has become the annual venue for the dinner was presented with an OSSS burgee by Commodore Bob Macdonald at the end of the meal.

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Chaos at Arne

An Irreverent Review Of a Weekend Sailing by Oliver Nichol

The OSSS were Victorious in this years Stanger Leathes Series, the final match of which was raced earlier this summer in 470's at Arne. The Society had a great weekend down in Poole: fairly serious wind (4-5, sometimes 6), some decent waves / chop at times, some sun and not too much rain. Attendees: Ed Whipp, Will Thomas-Ferrand, Al Speers, Toby Clay, Tak Kaneko, Tim Nicholson, Charlie Sherwin and Ollie Nichol. Serious fun in 470s on Saturday evening (tide restricted in afternoon), with major speed on full size rigs with fat-boys hanging out on trapeze wires. Then, as per new OSSS rule 147.1, Charlie Sherwin and Ollie Nichol delegated responsibility for racing to the other six on Sunday morning. We thrashed the brats in the race apparently, even with smaller mainsails. Something like 1-2-5 and 1-3-5, with Ed Whipp and Will Thomas-Ferrand as joint team captains coming 1st in both races. Brats capitulated at that point, and weren't too interested in a third race. A triumph of lard over skill, by the sound of it! Meanwhile, Charlie and Ollie took out Hobie and 505 with a couple of the brats crewing. Shit scared, quite frankly, in that Hobie! (We only catapulted it once). Toby Clay managed to fall out of the 505 in the afternoon, and we spent three quarters of an hour swimming around Poole Harbour trying to get the bloody masthead and boom out of the mud, with Hamon and Andrew reversing the rescue boat at full whack trying to pivot the boat down-sea! Result was a couple of tons of water in the tanks, and minor damage to the mainsail. At same time, Tak Kaneko made a tit of himself by being unable to right the Hobie 'cos he didn't know how, and all in all AJY nearly had a heart attack. Hamon quite amused by the end though, and they did invite us all down again at any time throughout the summer, as lack of decent helms still a problem (quite whether some of us are decent is another matter!). Very many thanks to Andrew and Doc Hamon for inviting us down and staying cool!

New Recruits to OSSS

The Society welcomes Tom Davies (m), Hans-Michael Volcker(g), James Dickinson (g), and Olly Brdford (g) all of whom left the school at the end of the Trinity term. In addition the Society is also delighted that Rear Admiral Richard Irwin (1956,a) has decided to become a member. Richard has had a very distinguished career in the Royal Navy and has recently purchased a Moody, Sea Orchid, which he brought to the Cross Channel Rqally is St Vasst earlier this year. The Society looks forward to seeing all our new members at events over the coming years.

Retirement of Alan Cundall

Alan Cundall, Harbour Master The Folly Inn Moorings is retiring at the end of October 1998. He has of course been well known to many generations of OSSS and used to help organise our rallies at the Folly. Many years ago, he was presented with an OSSS tie in appreciation of his efforts and he has always appeared proud to sport it! Many clubs and individuals are raising money for a presentation to mark this occasion and he is to be presented with a traditional wooden dinghy so that he may continue to enjoy life afloat. This is his particular request. Cheques payable to the Alan Cundall Retirement Fund should be sent to Mr. Carl A Jewell, Little Yaverland House, Yaverland, Isle of Wight PO 36 8QN giving details of Donors Name, Boats Name or Club Name.

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