



BROAD REACH

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1999: OSSS Celebrates 30th Anniversary & Andrew Yorke Retires

The forthcoming year is set to be one of the most significant in the history of the Old Shirburnian Sailing Society. Not only will 1999 be the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Society but it will also see the retirement of Andrew Yorke. The OSSS Committee has added two events to the Fixture List for 1999 to mark both Andrew's retirement and the 30th Anniversary. In addition there will be a collection to raise funds to buy a suitable gift to be presented to Andrew Yorke either at the 30th Anniversary Dinner or at the AGM in 2000. Enclosed with this edition of *Broad Reach* is a letter from OSSS President Richard Anderton, which clearly sets out how you can make a donation to the collection. Andrew has been instrumental in teaching so many of us to sail whilst at Sherborne and without him the OSSS would not be the successful Society that we all belong to today. Due to the inclusion of the two additional events, the OSSS will not be organising a Summer Rally this year, but following the success of the last two cruises to the West Country in 1997 and Guernsey in 1998 we aim to arrange a summer rally again in 2000.

Party in Wareham for Andrew Yorke

Andrew Yorke officially retires in July at the end of Trinity term. The OSSS would like to mark the occasion with an appropriate send off and have arranged an informal party for Andrew at Wareham on Saturday 17th July prior to a more formal presentation which will take place at a later date. Many of our members will have spent time in the past with Andrew in various Wareham drinking establishments following a days sailing at Arne, and will know the close affinity Andrew has with Wareham. For those that relish a return visit, we have booked a restaurant in Wareham for a buffet supper. There will be the opportunity for dinghy sailing at Arne during the course of the weekend and limited accommodation will be available in the tents. Additional accommodation is available at numerous local hotels and B&Bs. For those wanting to arrive by sea, mooring is available in Poole from where taxis are available to transfer crew to and from Wareham. Further information will be available in the next edition of *Broad Reach*, but in the meantime if you would like to attend **please telephone James Foster on 0171 821 0089.**

Merry Christmas

Broad Reach wishes all members of the OSSS and their families a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Sailing in 1999. We look forward to seeing you afloat next season.

30th Anniversary Rally in Cowes

The OSSS will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on the weekend of September 11th/12th 1999. The Committee has chosen Cowes as the venue and the event will take the form of a Rally at Cowes Yacht Haven with a Dinner to be held at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club. We hope to assemble as many yachts as possible at Cowes Yacht Haven where a Pimms Party will be held on deck prior to walking up to the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club for Dinner. The event coincides with the first Saturday of the Southampton Boat Show and there will be an opportunity for members to visit the Boat Show and then transfer to Cowes by Red Jet for the Rally and Dinner. It is hoped that most people will be able to stay on board the yachts but accommodation will also be available at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in the form of inexpensive cabins or reasonably priced bedrooms. The cost including the Pimms Party, three course dinner and wine will be £30 per head. More details and formal invitations will be sent out with the next edition of *Broad Reach* but in the meantime could all Solent based yacht owners **please contact Rear Commodore Nick Ware on 0181 940 6659** to advise whether they will be able to attend and if so how many spare berths will be available on their yachts. The Society will be very grateful to all yacht owners who are able to provide berths for other members of the OSSS. Our aim is to get as many members as possible afloat on the occasion our 30th Anniversary.

Boys Weekend

The Royal Southampton Yacht Club was the venue for the Dinner on the Boys Weekend, which took place on 26th/27th September. Five OSSS skippers made their boats available providing over 25 berths for boys and staff from the School. In light airs some boats managed to sail to Southampton whilst others were forced to resort to the motor. All five vessels arrived in a downpour at Ocean Village but soon everyone had dried out and was ready to move on to the Club for dinner. The next morning it was dry but again there was relatively little wind so after some sailing during the morning, skippers were forced to use the engine to get back to their home ports.

Arrow Trophy 1998

The Arrow Trophy Yacht Racing Competition for Public School Old boys took place in the Solent on the weekend of 10th/11th October 1998 using the Sunsail Jeanneau Sunfast 36 fleet. The OSSS team was defending its title having won the event last year. We decided to bring in some new blood this year to widen the pool of experienced match racers for future years. The team, helmed by Alex Davey, consisted of Chris Sowerbutts, Ollie Nichol, Andy James, Pete Scoffham and Malcolm Galloway. Eleven schools competed and in the fleet racing on Sunday Sherborne finished equal 4th with Rugby. The top four teams go through to the finals on Sunday and in the event of a tie the team with the best result in individual races goes through. Unfortunately Rugby had finished 2nd in one race whilst Sherborne's best result was 3rd. Wellington, Uppingham, Winchester and Rugby competed in the match racing on Sunday and Wellington were victorious and won the Arrow Trophy with Winchester coming second to win the Sherborne Trophy. In the Sunday fleet racing for the Charterhouse Bowl, Sherborne came a very creditable 2nd just behind Marlborough

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RNLI Offshore Membership

For many years the OSSS has supported the Royal National Lifeboat Institution by making a small donation each year. The donation can only be small because the OSSS tries to keep our own membership subscriptions as low as reasonably possible. However the OSSS does urge all of our members to join the RNLI and help to fund this unique charity which does such a wonderful job at ensuring our safety if we get into difficulties at sea. We have liaised with the RNLI to see how the Society can further help them and they have provided us with membership forms their Offshore division for active sailors. You will find a membership form enclosed with this edition of *Broad Reach* and if you are not already an Offshore member, we would urge you to consider joining and helping to fund this remarkable organisation whose services you or another OSSS member might require in the future.

Retirement of Alan Cundall

Alan Cundall, Harbour Master at The Folly Inn up the Medina river from Cowes retired in November 1998. Alan was well known to many generations of OSSS and used to help organise our rallies at the Folly. OSSS Commodore Bob Macdonald and Rear Commodore Nick Ware attended his retirement party and presented Alan with an OSSS burgee. The OSSS also contributed to a fund to buy Alan a traditional wooden dinghy. This had been organised by local yachtsman and Old Shirburnian, Carl Jewell. We are pleased to report that Carl has now joined the OSSS and we look forward to seeing him at our events in the future.

London Boat Show Buffet

The 1999 London Boat Show Buffet will take place as usual at the Hanover Square Wine Bar and Grill, Hanover Sq., London W1 on Tuesday 12th January commencing at the earlier time of 7.00pm. Tickets are £17.50 including a substantial 3-course buffet but excluding wine which can be bought over the bar. **Please contact Nick Ware on 0181 940 6659 before Thursday 7th January for tickets.**

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/>