

Broad Reach

The Old Shirlburnian Sailing Society Newsletter

This issue of Broad Reach – the first of the year – appropriately comes to you from a cockpit in Yarmouth. Having found themselves on board the Commodore's new boat with a few moments to spare between sailing and the pub, the editorial team thought it was an ideal time to think about the fun packed season ahead. Your favourite sailing publication is being written on Easter Sunday, as we watch the boats come into harbour on what for many is the first 'proper' sailing weekend of the year – for this crew of OS the sunshine and some friendly 15 knot breezes have certainly started the season in style. 2003 was a very busy year for the OSSS, and with a full programme of events scheduled for 2004 we look forward to seeing as many of you afloat as possible. It is hoped that some of the new events in more varied parts of the country will make it

easy for many members to attend, and that the success of the society in bringing members together both afloat and ashore will continue to be built upon. Right now, however, there's a pint to be had at a friendly looking pub on the quayside to which your editors will retire... cheers and happy sailing! TB & ND



Sun-kissed summer sailing - guaranteed!

There's a great line up of events in the Calendar for 2004. Most exciting is a new addition to the cruising year which, significantly, is not based around the Solent. The destination of this **Westcountry Rally** on July 17th/18th is the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth, where there will be a dinner on the Saturday evening after drinks on board. The plan for the Sunday is to sail to a local port en masse. It is hoped that some of the large number of OS sailors based in the south west will be able to join the gathering. Indeed, if any OSSS members are aware of OS in the area who own boats but are not currently members of the society, please let them know about the event. Anyone wishing to join in with their boat, or looking for a berth on someone else's, please contact the event manager Nick Ware (nick.ware@chindit.co.uk; tel. 07769 643359).

The other, and fast approaching, big cruising event to look out for is the annual **'Cross Channel Rally'** on 28th – 31st May. As ever, the planned destination is



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Forthcoming events:

May 28th—31st -Cross Channel Rally

June 19th—Western Trophy

June 22nd—London Dinghy evening & BBQ

July 10th/11th - Poole Harbour dinghy weekend

July 17th/18th—West Country Rally - National Maritime Museum, Falmouth

September 11th—Stanger Leathes I

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the pretty and hospitable port of St Vaast on the Normandy coast. Again, if you would like to come along, with or without a boat, contact Nick Ware.

On the dinghy front, Chris Hamon has kindly offered to host OS at Arne for the weekend of 10th/11th July. This promises to be 'just like the old days' – except exclusively OS – sailing the schools new 470s, camping in the woods and evening forays into Wareham. Chris says people can turn up on the Friday evening. He also needs to now exact numbers by no later than 29th June, so if you are interested please contact him as soon as possible on 01935 817 372. The **London Dinghy Evening** is happening again on June 22nd, informal racing and lighthearted sailing in the BBC's dinghies on the Thames, followed by a BBQ – a great success last year. Please contact Marcus Chavasse (07712 078459).

Finally, there are the usual dinghy racing events: **Stanger Leathes** (April 24th, Sept 11th) and the growing **Western Trophy** (19th June, followed by sailing at Arne on the 20th for racers). Contact John Archer (07713 246672).

Tales of wintry events...

The 34th Annual General Meeting of the Society took place on the 18th March at the Winchester House Club in Putney. 25 members were present for the meeting which saw the election to the Committee of Michael French and Robert Gosling. Ed Whipp, Tak Kaneko and Will Thomas-Ferrand stood down from the committee – Will due to the geographical difficulties presented by his relocation to a new job in Bermuda! John Archer has taken over from Tak as sailing secretary, and should be contacted by anyone interested in becoming involved in the society's racing events: in dinghies or on yachts. No previous racing experience is necessary, solely enthusiasm. The meeting was followed by an excellent dinner and the occasional glass of wine, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Another excuse for a get together over fine foods and wines was provided by the society's usual London Boat Show Supper. This was held once again at



Post AGM dining at Winchester House

Shampers in the West End and provided the opportunity for a good number of members to stave off the chill of a January evening with plans for summer waterborne activities.

Beryl Reynolds

Members of the Society will have been very sad to hear of the death of Beryl who died just before Christmas. Several members attended her funeral in Slinfold.

Beryl was always a great supporter of Old Shibernian events and especially of the Sailing Society: with a husband and son as former Abbeylanders and both keen sailors, perhaps this was inevitable, but Beryl took part with such enthusiasm. She was our Honorary Archivist, took the minutes at Arrow Trophy committee meetings and prepared food for our Arrow teams and for the crew of 'Midstream' on the O.S.S.S. Boy's Weekend.

Many O.S. will have enjoyed Beryl and Bobbie's hospitality on 'Midstream' where Beryl was an expert navigator and superb cook. The Commodore spoke very warmly about Beryl at the recent A.G.M. The Society would like to offer our sincere condolences to Bobbie and to Roger.

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