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ISO Newsletter – Spring '07

New Licensee :-



New Hull by :-



New Sails by :-



For those that are new to ISO sailing, and those that are still considering joining us, here is a summary of some (but not all) of the committee members (photo's available on the ISO web-site):-

Chairman :- Bob Ladell

As the 'large fromage' Bob has had the job of co-ordinating all the various exciting changes that have happened over the last year. Pete Lindley (see below) says that he's taught Bob everything he knows – but is now getting concerned that Bob's gonna beat him and is thinking of chucking in a few 'red herrings' at the next training day.

Secretary :- Bruce Bowler (Perfect hair all the time)

Bruce informs me that (at 60 years old) he is the oldest helm on the ISO circuit – not sure whether to believe this as the photo on the web-page looks a bit more youthful. Anyway if it's true it's encouraging as it means that potentially I have another 25 years to get the hang of ISO sailing - although Bruce maintains that he hasn't quite got the hang of it yet as he is still responsible for most of the collisions.

Publicity Officer : Jim Trice.

New to the ISO circuit (in 2006) and still struggling to keep it 'flappy side up'

Assistant Membership Secretary : Barry Newport (Big hair - greying at the ends).

Barry continues his quest to destructively test a quick-release harness. Hasn't managed it yet – but he's still eating pies so maybe this year...

Website Editor and Coaching Co-ordinator : Pete Lindley

Very approachable in the bar but definitely worth avoiding out on the race-track. If you find yourself near him on the start-line you've obviously got your tack-ticks sorted, sussed out the correct line-bias and timed your run to perfection – but it won't do you any good cos Pete will shout at you VERY loudly and put you off.

Technical Team : Richard Lewis (the farter in 'Farter & Chunder')

Sails with his son Matt (*Chunder*) usually. One of the oldest boat in the fleet, yet is still up at the top vying for a first place and event victory.

Events last year

Nationals '07 :- We held the '06 nationals (along with the Buzz and Boss fleets) at the fantastic venue of Hayling Island Sailing Club. The event was well attended with 27 boats competing on the water – with Herne Bay hosting the event this year and with renewed interest in the ISO we're confident of an even better turnout.



Multi Gala Events :- Held at Oxford, Brightlingsea, Herne Bay and with the Inland Champs at King George SC.

Open Events :-

Queen Mary - Bloody Mary
Hoo Ness YC - Hoo Freezer
Weston Grand Slam
Bassenthwaite Open
Torbay Open
Broadstairs Asymmetric
Langstone Asymmetric Open

Eurocup 2007 La Rochelle (FRA) :- Reputed to be great fun, with great sailing and a great social – I didn't attend last year but based on the many rave reviews I'm already signed up for 2007. The earlier you book your ferry/tunnel tickets the cheaper it is – there are some good hints on ferry deals and where to stay on the ISO Web-site message boards and there's even a pre-written letter to fax off to the camp-site to reserve your spot.

New Sails

It has become clear over the last couple of years that due to continuing supply problems a new sail manufacturer would need to be found. This was also seen as an opportunity to update the look of the sails whilst maintaining a level of performance similar to the existing Sobstad sails.

The technical committee have spent some considerable time over the winter looking into securing a new manufacturer to take over from Sobstad. After reviewing sails from several manufacturers against criteria of performance, quality, price, and appearance the technical committee's recommendation was to adopt the Hyde sails.

Initially Hyde supplied a spinnaker that was much larger than the existing Sobstad kites. The Tech Committee had a great deal of fun blasting around with this supercharged kite but concluded that it may not be entirely fair on people who didn't have one and that lesser mortals may struggle to tame the power it produced. The recommendation was therefore to ask Hyde Sails to produce a kite of similar size to our existing ones.

It remains to be seen how the Hyde sails perform on the racetrack but they look great and certainly attracted plenty of interest at the Alexandra Palace Dinghy Show (March '07). Plenty of orders have been taken for the new Hyde's everyone is keen to see them in action.

New Hull

The Tech Committee met with Paul Young (Director of Rondar Raceboats Ltd) over the winter for a tour of the factory. Rondar Raceboats is based in Westbury (Wiltshire) and currently manufactures hulls for (amongst others) :- Solo

Viper

Firefly

505.

Rondar are now manufacturing the ISO hull under licensee from Wet and Windy – the result of which being that we had a brand new ISO 'hot out of the mould' on show at Alexandra Palace. The new ISO was fully equipped with ropes from circuit sponsors Cousin Trestec. Using up-to-date design and construction techniques Rondar will initially be producing ISOs exactly as we know and love them but in time may improve/simplify the deck layout.

Spars

We will continue to use the same Superspars masts but they are now available in black (anodised) to update the look of the boat. The boom is also available in black (anodised) from Superspars and has been de-restricted so that carbon tubing can be used. These spars and all other spares are available through Wet and Windy Watersports.

2007 Events

We're already 2 events in to the season with successful events held at Chew Valley and Broadstairs – so if you haven't got wet yet – it's definitely time to dust off your ISO and slip into the neoprene!

The nationals this year will be held at Herne Bay over the August Bank Holiday weekend. We held a Gala event at Herne last year which was an enormous success, leading to us approaching them to run our National's this year. The Inlands will be held at Bewl in October and the Eurocup will again be held at La Rochelle. There are 5 multi-gala events lined up as well as a handful on Open events on the Calendar – plenty to keep us busy!

A full event calendar is available at :- http://www.isoracing.org.uk/events_results/index.html

The ISO circuit will again
be sponsored by :-



And the PRO-AM competition
continues to be sponsored by :-



Also TASA (Trapeze Asymmetric Sailing Assoc. are organising various training and racing events throughout the year and a proving popular with the ISO/BUZZ/BOSS. See their website for details :- <http://www.tasa.org.uk/>

ISO Website

Some improvements have been made to the ISO web-site in order to keep track of the fleet.

If you've bought/sold or moved an ISO recently then please log on to

<http://www.isoracing.org.uk/>, click on the icon on the front page and register the changes.

Once the database is up and running we'll be able to :-

see where all the ISO's are, choose suitable venues to race, recommend sailing clubs where there is already an ISO fleet, and even to track a boats racing history.

And Finally

If you've recently bought an ISO, or if you've had one for years please come along and take part at the events. It's a great atmosphere, competitive, but friendly racing and it's the best way to set up your boat properly and improve your sailing.