

# **SW Mirror News March 2013**

## **Dear Mirror Sailors**

This year is the 50th birthday of the Mirror and there is an extra event in the Mirror calendar to celebrate plus a new Junior event.

Let's see more Mirrors sailing/racing and if you want advice or support then ask - there will be sailors from the region at all the events listed (and more) if you want help taking your first steps to travelling. Here is a round-up of news;

### **South West Travellers Series**

**Gul** are sponsoring this years travellers, which consists of four, one day opens, at Looe, Mounts Bay, Penzance and Restronguet. Please contact us with questions about entry and see Esther's attached flyer for dates.

### **South Westerns on May 4 and 5 at Looe**

This is our big local event and a must for your diary, please come and support this weekend. This is part of the Nationwide Traveller series, sponsored by Neil Pryde. Please enter for fleet racing experience and get to know other sailors. For parents and relatives, Looe is a fantastic sailing club and you can mix supporting the sailors with wandering around the town. Contact Brian Bowdler (b.bowdler@aol.co.uk) for info on entry, parking, the best pastys etc

### **Looking to buy new sails?**

North sails are offering lower prices if we can bulk order sails with them. Tim Rush is their Mirror expert and seems to have endless patience and advice (and I only want a jib!). Norths are offering;

<b>Sail</b>	<b>List price</b>	<b>Offer (15% off)</b>	<b>Bulk (20% off)</b>
Jib	£240.00	£204.00	£192.00
Main	£504.00	£428.40	£403.20
Spin	£306.00	£260.10	£244.80

Prices include VAT at 20%

Bulk means a group order of 12 sails of any type. Deadline to tell me what you want is after Easter to ensure time to get sails before major events start. Please contact Ash on ales.shepherd@orangehome.co.uk or 01872 275407 to help coordinate our requirements with Tim.

### **Recommended event**

Tempted to try an event a bit further away? There's no better place than **Poole Yacht Club**. A Southern Traveller event is being held on April 20 and 21. Sailed in Poole harbour, this is a long standing Mirror club, great facilities and excellent sailing area. There will be a good spread of abilities that you will find someone to race against. If you need advise on anything Poole ask Martin Egan, where Martin was the fleet founder and class captain for many years. Email; martin.j.egan@tesco.net

### **Other events:**

#### **Porthpean Sailing Club Youth Regatta**

We need to increase Mirror contact with other sailors and clubs and this event at Porthpean on Saturday May 22 is ideal. Age range is 8-18 and in any class of boat. Cost is £10 per person. Why not invite friends along in Lasers, Picos etc?

#### **Cornwall Schools Regatta**

This will be on Wednesday 3 July at Restronguet Sailing Club, Falmouth. Over the past three years we have seen an increase of Mirror entries, please lets keep this growing - ask if you

need a one-off crew or helm or even a boat.

### **Mirror National Junior Championship**

A new event this year and held at Northampton Sailing Club on May 11 and 12.

### **Mirror 50th Birthday Party**

Held on July 13 and 14 at Northampton Sailing Club, with the emphasis on a fun weekend enjoying Mirrors.

### **Mirror UK Nationals**

August 9-13th at Pembroke Yacht Club

### **Mirror Worlds**

Lough Derg, Ireland, a large lake, roughly centre/south in the country, July 26 to August 2.

### **And beyond Mirrors?**

For sailors wanting to consider moving along the RYA pathway, the decision age is 15. The next steps are usually taken into the 420 or 29er for double handers. We're keen to try to steer our clubs along adopting one class, much as we see they do with the Mirror.

### **Local MCA contacts;**

SW Area MCA; Brian Bowdler, Looe Sailing club  
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### **Winter training**

squads are a terrific way to develop your skills. Qualifying events are in September and now is the time to think about teaming-up and setting your sights on the qualifiers – just working toward this and competing will “raise your game” and broaden your sailing outlook. A good starting point is our own local winter training - get saving for your drysuit now! Contact Brian, Ash or Martin for information.