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NEWSLETTER

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The Committee offers its apologies for the lateness of this newsletter, we had hoped to publish a Spring issue to highlight the coming season's events but for various reasons this never happened. The Spring newsletter is also the vehicle by which we chase membership payments and, again apologies to those of you who have received a reminder with this newsletter, although conversely I would remind you that the cost of chasing late membership fees is a high proportion of the £10 fee and unfair to those who pay promptly.

We shall publish the next newsletter early November prior to my departure for the Interport Series in Hong Kong. There are still one or two places available for crews and drivers for this event and, indeed, there are also many things of interest for non sailing friends and relations. Please contact me on 01621 892885 if you are interested.

We wish you all happy sailing for the remainder of the season.

Mike Owers

C H A I R M A N ' S            S I G N A L

The observant amongst you will have noticed a new name at the end of this Signal. Some of you will already know me, although 'a lot of you don't, so I suppose I'd better introduce myself. My name is Kevin Marshall. I'm a long standing member of the Royal Gourock Yacht Club, a personal member of the RYA and I've been the NSA's Scottish representative for the last couple of years.

I also organised the 1994 Nationals and obviously Mike Owers thought that I made a reasonable job of it! So, after quite a bit of horse trading, such as keeping Mike on the Committee to see that things happen smoothly, I finally agreed to take over the position. Which boat is mine? Well, although I didn't name it, I think it's rather appropriate, it's number is 8371 and, as differing publications have different attitudes, I'll refer to it as 'the Rag'. Yes it's that one!

We also welcome a new Treasurer in Colin Taylor who takes over from David Riley who has moved into the Sigma 33 Class where we wish him many successes.

This, I think, is the right place to thank Mike and David for their great work over the years in keeping the Association both active and useful to the people who sail Sonatas.

Picking up where Mike left off: the AGM voted through acceptance of the 1993 Sail Measurement Scheme and work on the exact wording continues with just the final t's to be crossed and i's to be dotted as I write this. It is hoped that the re-write will be available shortly and you will be kept informed through your area representatives. Your Committee's thanks for this go to Mike Owers and Ken Kershaw of the RYA.

This year's National's, hosted by the Dabchicks at West Mersea, were a great success and I was glad to meet a number of you there.

**Kevin Marshall**

N A T I O N A L        C H A M P I O N S H I P S        1 9 9 6

It has been agreed that the Nationals' for next year will be held on Windermere week commencing 17 June 1996. Although this is Steve Goacher home territory why not get some practise at the Northern Championships in October and Winter Series so you are right ready to knock him off his pedestal!!

C O M M I T T E E        f o r        1 9 9 5

The new Committee was elected both for their willingness to help running the Association and, at the same time, to represent the various fleets up and down the country and is as follows:

Kevin Marshall	Chairman/secretary	Clyde	01475	636648
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Steve Tribe	Boat5 for Sale	South East	01277	654458
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<i>NATIONAL CHAMPIONS</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1ST, 2ND, 3RD</i>	<i>COWES</i>
<i>NATIONAL CHAMPIONS</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1ST, 2ND, 3RD</i>	<i>WINDERMERE</i>
<i>ROYAL SERIES</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1ST, 2ND</i>	
<i>WINDERMERE WINTER SERIES</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1ST, 2ND, 3RD</i>	
<i>EASTERN AREAS</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1ST</i>	
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NEWS FROM THE FLEETS . . .

North-Western report - representative Jack Seed - 01772 717379

On Windermere in '94 the Best Sonata of the Season was won by Jim Starkie in Shockwave. Though he also won the B Series and the Grand Slam, the A Series and the Round the Lake Series went to Pintsize helmed by Jack Seed and Trevor Roberts in Spin-Off respectively. Sonatas dominate the PY Handicap fleet with strong competition amongst them.

On Coniston two Sonatas rule with Tony Johnson's Aljokada collecting most of the main points series. Kim Cant of Heartbeat having given birth to her first baby, a girl, on 24 February promises to be back soon with the new crew doubtless in a bouncy cradle below. Jude Lees in Footnote and Ian Dodsworth in Cadenza are the other main contenders.

On Ullswater Rob Watson's Roxy Lady and Derek Cutting's Whiskey Chaser are the leaders of the pack except when Dave Clark's Saraband pays a visit to his home base from the open circuit.

In a fleet totalling 48 boats 17 Sonatas contested the Windermere Cruising Association's Winter Series that ran right through from November to March. Steve Goacher's Eric the Boat at last cracked his crews ambitions to win with zero points. Dave Clark was 2nd Sonata in Saraband and new chairman, Kevin Marshall, made third Sonata in Snot Rag but were displaced to 3rd and 4th places in the Series by a Micro, Placebo helmed by Paul Monahan racing level on the lake handicap of 110PY. The returned sailor Nigel Harris (he won some years ago in Out of the Blue) in Moonlight followed Kevin. A Hunter Formula One interjected between Moonlight and B Natural helmed by Neil Curry in the overall series but in the Sonata Class he was pipped by Duet helmed by Roger Mee despite Cuz, a new mini flyer, slotting between them in the overall series.

The 1995/96 Series will start on 5 November (we hope it won't interfere with your bonfire night) and on the following weekend we will have the Sonata Northern Championships again. Also, we have decided many of you won't want to race on New Years Eve, well the Scots certainly won't, so we will sail that race on 7 January. The programme will be as follows:

1st Race 5 November: 2nd Race 19 November: 3rd Race 3 December  
4th Race 17 December: 5th Race 7 January: 6th Race 14 January  
7th Race 28 January: 8th Race 11 February: 9th Race 25 February  
10th Race 10 March: 11th Race 24 March with prize presentation.

Sonata Northern Championships 11 and 12 November 1995

If you are on the lake please come and search us out and join in with us,

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from the Clyde representative, Kevin Marshall - 01475 636648

The Henri-Lloyd Scottish Championship will revert to the Royal Gourock Yacht Club's September Olympic Series on the weekend of 9/10th. As can be seen from the title, sponsorship has been obtained for this event which we hope will be the start of a long lasting and fruitful relationship for both parties.

from the North East representative, Andy Mitchell on 01723 581729

1995 has been an exciting year for the Scarborough fleet as it has been our Centenary Year and our programme has included several individual weekends and one week regattas. We currently have a fleet of ten boats, with three or four of us competing regularly and taking part in the Nationals, but would welcome visitors to Scarborough.

As I only joined the NSA Committee this year I have not had much time to contact other fleets in the North East and apologise for not passing on information regarding their activities. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the Scarborough events or to tell me about your fleet activities.

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from the South Coast representative, Geoff Coop on 01243 37437

If we have not already spoken, can all South Coast Sonata owners give me a ring so that I can publicise and co-ordinate our activities. Events in the pipeline include a Sonata Weekend, Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October. The Itchenor event will incorporate a Match Racing event - details from James Froy on 01306 883834.

Hayling Island will hold a Sunday Winter Series followed by three Sunday open events, providing racing from 8 October to 17 December - phone me for details.

Finally, does anyone know the whereabouts of the Southern Area Championship Trophy???



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## T E C H N I C A L

### RULES UPDATE

After what seemed an interminable amount of work for Ian Gray, representing the RYA, Roger Watson and myself, the latest update was published on 1 July 1995, just in time for the National Championships. The major changes were to incorporate the latest sail measurement instructions, IYRU 1993, which have now superseded the 1986 version which was the last time we changed. The major benefit is that although fewer and fewer boats are required to be measured as a whole there is continuing need for sail measurement and this can now be carried out by the ever growing band of RYA Approved Measurers as well as the limited number of National Sonata Measurers.

A number of other detailed changes have taken place, part A has, been revised by the RYA to incorporate the up to date situation. We have now included the use of skin fittings for bilge pumps and the incorporation of a rule and drawing to show the Mark II outboard well. Additionally, the actual measurement form part C (was part D) has been tidied up to incorporate all these changes and remove some of the anomalies which previously existed.

The only modification to sail measurement is that we have dropped the three quarter height measurement for the spinnaker as it was felt that it was impossible to build a spinnaker which had a dimension anywhere approaching the maximum and to harmonise with the Channel Handicap method of measurement.

A copy of these new rules is available from Kevin Marshall on 01475 636648 at £1.50 (£2 non-members) incl p&p.

### CLASS RULES

The official measurer at last year's National Championships, John Patterson has raised a number of points regarding the Class Rules. Your Committee has considered these points and agrees whole heartedly with John that if we are to have fair and level racing we must insist that they are adhered to. The points raised are shown below:

Part A Rule 5 Boats that have been measured must be re-measured if any alternative or replacement or repairs to spars, rudder or other measured item takes place.

Part B Keel 3.1.3 Further to Rule A 5 above, other than removal of foundry protrusions no 'optimisation' such as grinding off the aft edge, sheathing, etc is allowed.

Galley 2.4.2.4 The "standard" galley, as fitted originally by Hunters, included the quarter bulkhead and shelf under the side deck and the extended area forward to provide stowage for water carrier and bowl (a drawing and photo are available if you are in doubt). Anything less we consider should be subject to the ten kilogramme corrector weight.

Cooker 2.4.2.2. Again a camping gaz stove or similar taped to the galley does not conform to the spirit or letter of this rule.

Equipment 7.1.8 This clearly states a chemical or marine toilet shall be carried on board and a loose bucket is not acceptable.

Markings 2.1.1, 2.3.2 and 4.3.3 These were either absent, not in the correct place or not marked permanently in accordance with the instructions.

Forward cabin berth mattresses 7.1.7 and 2.4.2.3 Some people interpret 7.1.7 to mean that berth cushions need not be carried in the forecabin but ignore rule 2.4.2.3. The Committee has decided that if forecabin cushions are not carried the appropriate corrector weights must be fitted.

One other minor point was that sailmakers were not always signing or marking the weight of the cloth as in Rule 6.1.5.

**Mike Owers**

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## S O N A T A   N A T I O N A L S

The SGR Sonata Nationals were held at West Mersea July 10 to 14 and thirty two boats enjoyed some of the most perfect weather conditions course and organisation. The week started and finished with good south-easterly and south-westerly winds.

The first race proper started at 1.30pm on Monday around a triangular course, resulting in a win for Steve Goacher in 'Eric the Boat', hotly pursued across the line by 'Billericay Dickie II', sailed by Peter Iszatt from Burnham.

Races two and three took place on Tuesday with the first two places for race two being the same as Monday. A late thunderstorm saw the placed boats struggling to finish with their spinnakers flying, as gusts laid them flat. Race three saw a complete turn of events, with local Blackwater and Crouch sailors taking first, fourth and fifth positions Mike Owers in 'Quiet Air' showed his heels to the champion, crossing the finish line well ahead of the fleet, followed by Murdo Tolmie in 'Serenata' from Royal Gourock.

Race four, 22 miles around race marks, gave local Dabchicks sailors a chance to use their local knowledge. The result was Goacher pipping 'Aubie Too' to the post. 'Aubie Too' sailed by local Dabchicks sailor, Tony Hawkes had something to celebrate, as did Geoff Payne in 'Exposition' another DSC boat in third position. The trick was to know where best to be placed when the sea breeze filled in after the fleet was becalmed for 20 minutes at the Nass Beacon.

On Thursday, Peter smith, the race officer set a triangular Olympic-style course for races five and six. The morning race started in a gentle breeze from the south-east that was strengthened by the sea breeze filling in. The fleet was seen to be beating to the windward mark on opposite sides of the river. Eventually, 'Billericay Dickie II' on the Mersea shore just pipped 'Quiet Air' to this first mark. 'Quiet Air' gradually recovered this lost place resulting in a first place, followed by Iszatt and Goacher. Race six started with two general recalls, as rising confidence of helmsmen tested the race officer. The third attempt proved to be a near perfect start. The first round showed 'Quiet Air' ahead of Paul Fisk in 'Melody' from Burnham. A tactical error from Owers lost him 12 places, resulting in Goacher beating Iszatt into second across the line. A good result was recorded by the local cadets in 'Kehaar' who beat all the other DSC boats into fifth place.

The preparations for race seven on Friday had to be carefully planned to ensure the boats had sufficient tide to be lifted out for the homeward journey. The breeze strengthened to a brisk 23 knots. It was a fitting and spectacular end to the week's sailing with the boats hitting 7-8 knots on a spinnaker run down the Tollesbury shore. There were some casualties, in that 'Quiet Air, blew out a spinnaker and 'Nocturne', from Burnham, was dismantled.

A superb week of sailing was had by all, enhanced by the efficient services of Mersea Marine and Malcolm on the crane ensured visitors boats were out of the water ready for the tow home in record time.



## DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB SONATA NATIONALS 1995 WEST MERSEA

Yacht	Owner	POINTS FOR EACH RACE							Number of Races Sailed = 7		Gross	Total	Nett	
		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Discards applied = 2	Discards				Pts.
Discarded Races are in Brackets											Cumulative Results			
											Place	Pts.	Discards	Pts.
ERIC THE BOAT	S GOACHER	0.75	0.75	(7.00)	0.75	(3.00)	0.75	0.75	1	13.75	10.0	3.75		
BILLERICAY DICKY 2	P ISZATT	2.00	2.00	5.00	(9.00)	2.00	(DSQ 32.00)	2.00	2	54.0	41.0	13.0		
QUIET AIR	M OWERS	8.00	3.00	0.75	(19.00)	0.75	8.00	(25.00)	3	82.5	44.0	18.5		
SERENATA	M TOLMIE	(13.00)	4.00	2.00	(7.00)	7.00	3.00	3.00	4	39.0	20.0	19.0		
MELODY	P FISK/TAYLOR	4.00	5.00	(8.00)	6.00	5.00	2.00	(8.00)	5	38.0	18.0	22.0		
HIGH AND DRY	B PRICE	3.00	8.00	6.00	(21.00)	6.00	(10.00)	6.00	6	60.0	31.0	29.0		
STEAMY WINDOWS	D MORRIS	9.00	(9.00)	9.00	5.00	4.00	(16.00)	4.00	7	58.0	25.0	31.0		
TRIO	N FULLER	(14.00)	(16.00)	3.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	9.00	8	85.0	30.0	35.0		
CHRYSALIS	C BENTLEY	7.00	7.00	(17.00)	(20.00)	11.00	6.00	5.00	9	73.0	37.0	36.0		
JAMMIE DODGER	H GAIRNS	(17.00)	13.00	(19.00)	4.00	13.00	5.00	7.00	10	78.0	36.0	42.0		
EXPOSITION	G PAYNE	8.00	10.00	(26.00)	3.00	12.00	(18.00)	10.00	11	87.0	44.0	43.0		
GHOSTBUSTER	M FITZPATRICK	(18.00)	6.00	4.00	14.00	(15.00)	9.00	14.00	12	80.0	33.0	47.0		
KEHAAR	L MARTIN	10.00	16.00	(24.00)	12.00	(18.00)	4.00	17.00	13	102.0	43.0	59.0		
SNOT RAG	K MARSHALL	5.00	11.00	16.00	(25.00)	(18.00)	12.00	16.00	14	103.0	43.0	60.0		
PIANISSIMO	R OWENS	11.00	15.00	14.00	(18.00)	10.00	(19.00)	13.00	15	100.0	47.0	63.0		
EVITA	D MAYHEW/F BRIGGS	(22.00)	(20.00)	2.00	13.00	9.00	13.00	18.00	16	107.0	47.0	65.0		
AUBIE TOO	A HAWKES/R SYDENHAM	(24.00)	18.00	(22.00)	2.00	22.00	14.00	12.00	17	114.0	46.0	68.0		
SCIROCCO	S TRIBE	20.00	12.00	18.00	10.00	16.00	(22.00)	(21.00)	18	119.0	43.0	76.0		
SCHERZO	V LAWFORDE TAYLOR	15.00	14.00	23.00	(24.00)	23.00	(RTD 32.00)	11.00	19	142.0	56.0	86.0		
FANTASIA	C WINCHESTER	26.00	(30.00)	10.00	(PMS 32.00)	26.00	15.00	15.00	20	154.0	62.0	92.0		
WHITE MAGIC	D DRAPER	(PMS 32.00)	27.00	13.00	(28.00)	24.00	11.00	19.00	21	154.0	60.0	94.0		
NOCTURNE	C SEYMOUR	(PMS 32.00)	22.00	11.00	23.00	14.00	25.00	(DNF 32.00)	22	159.0	64.0	95.0		
SAMURAI	D BLANCHE	19.00	24.00	20.00	11.00	(32.00)	(RTD 32.00)	22.00	23	160.0	64.0	96.0		
BIZZARRO	G GOOCH	(27.00)	(RTD 32.00)	21.00	16.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	24	156.0	59.0	97.0		
SHOCKWAVE	J STARRIE	16.00	23.00	15.00	26.00	17.00	(26.00)	(27.00)	25	153.0	53.0	100.0		
ECOSSAISE	A PAGE	12.00	19.00	(DSQ 32.00)	17.00	25.00	28.00	(DNF 32.00)	26	165.0	64.0	101.0		
SKYWALKER	J BOYCE	21.00	23.00	(28.00)	(31.00)	21.00	17.00	24.00	27	165.0	59.0	106.0		
EY-UP	J DOMINY	25.00	(29.00)	25.00	15.00	(31.00)	24.00	26.00	28	175.0	60.0	115.0		
HARMONY	D BARTON/J CLARK	23.00	21.00	(29.00)	22.00	27.00	27.00	(29.00)	29	178.0	58.0	120.0		
MAESTRO	D TOWNSEND	28.00	25.00	(30.00)	27.00	(30.00)	21.00	28.00	30	189.0	60.0	129.0		
AEOLIAN	R GRIFFITHS	(30.00)	27.00	29.00	23.00	29.00	(30.00)	31	197.0	60.0	137.0			
BAGATELLE	P DRAPER	29.00	(RTD 32.00)	(DNS 32.00)	29.00	28.00	29.00	23.00	32	202.0	64.0	138.0		

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MB TEXTILES

L e t t e r s   t o   t h e   e d i t o r . . . .

In the Newsletter before last Peter Mills asked about fitting a small diesel inboard to the Sonata and then in the last one lambasted us all, quite rightly, for the lack of comment.

Well for what it is worth, here are my thoughts on the subject and my reasons behind them.

1 Although I'm not happy hauling the outboard over the stern all the time I'd be even less happy with one of those damned contraptions down below where if anything goes wrong it would be difficult to access.

2 I bought the boat to SAIL not to motor around.

3 I'm certainly not interested in the effect on any handicap rating as I also bought the boat to race one-design.

4 Resale values are maintained by keeping the boats as NATIONAL Sonatas.

5 Sonata fleets can be found all over the country and the options available to someone without one-design racing are as follows:

- a move the boat to somewhere where there is such racing
- b start your own fleet - we did this at Gourcock three years ago

Well there you have my personal views and if that doesn't prompt more response to Peter's suggestion then I guess nothing will

*the "Rag" - Kevin Marshall*

...Re Peter Mills "apathy" letter, last paragraph, do members-feel that there is any merit in rigging/installing a "topping lift" which could be used to lift an outboard engine and guide it into the cabin? Any variations on this theme would be welcome.

*"Firebird" - Tom Blayney*

...I note in your newsletter that a member had mentioned installing an "inboard engine". Could you advise me of any progress on this matter and of the contacts and telephone numbers where I can get details.

*"Alto"-Steve Brown*

Dear Mike

...It was good to see you and hope you enjoyed racing with us during our last Winter Series.

Thank you for all that you have done for the Sonata Association and, having passed the Chairmanship into good hands, hope that you will have much more time to *enjoy* your sailing.

With kindest regards to Mary and your good self...

*Jim Starkie, The Windermere Cruising Association*

# CRUISING CORNER

Perhaps the mystique of 'going foreign' has disappeared a-little with the passing of the old customs formalities across the smaller ponds of the North Sea and the Channel but for me, and hopefully many others, most of the old magic remains. There is something beyond compare in that sighting of a foreign shore that does not diminish with the frequency of its enjoyment. Even a familiar port of call becomes that much more special if another language greets you at the yacht club.

How many of our competent sailors however resort to crewing on or chartering something much larger in considering a more ambitious cruise when tucked safely at home or on a marina berth is their faithful Sonata

I hope many of you out there realise that a Sonata is not just for racing or pottering around the coast but is a craft capable of so much more provided it is adequately equipped. Even the process of making a Sonata seaworthy for an extended cruise is not difficult and, with a few exceptions, the equipment purchased will be good for many seasons.

Amongst the considerable membership of the NSA there must be a wealth of knowledge on cruising the European coast (or even further afield). In this connection I would like to hear from anyone who can assist in building up a store of information useful to cruising members. Alternatively, if this is the year when you decide to tackle that summer jaunt abroad (or add a cruise to your racing calendar for the first time) why not use the services of the NSA to source a little local knowledge - even if all it is useful for is to find the friendliest marinas or the best restaurants on the other side.

For my part I can only admit to knowledge of Sonata striking-distances from the Channel Islands to Antwerp to the Outer Hebrides but I am sure that others can help with tales of further afield - perhaps trailing to the Med ?

Be warned however - whilst you are very welcome to call me to chat about your cruise or intended cruise at any time but you might get to Vlissingen to find me stowed away in the anchor well !

To summarise call me if :-

1. you have cruised abroad (or offshore UK) in your Sonata
2. you have experiences (good or bad) you are eager to share
3. you have views on great or ghastly equipment you have bought
4. you have modified your Sonata in any way for cruising and would like others to benefit from your experience
5. you need advice on cruising - I may not know the answer but I probably know a man (or woman) who does
6. you need a cruising crew
7. you need an experienced cruising skipper
8. you need an equipped boat or have a boat others could use

At the end of the day there is no point having an NSA cruising representative if you don't use me - don't be shy !

Jon Woodrow - Moonglow  
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## A S S O C I A T I O N   W A R E S

ASSOCIATION TIE - This is navy of woven satin polyester with a single undarknot Sonata motif in white and all over red and white stripes. The price is f8 including postage' and packing and your money would be refunded if you are not absolutely delighted.

CAR STICKERS - Let everyone know that you are a Sonata owner with **these** attractive car stickers 6" x 4". Price 50p to cover postage and packing.

PUSHPITS - Most of the deck gear on the Sonata is well designed and constructed but the pushpits are an exception and move to such an extent that they allow the lifeline to become slack and, at the same time, crack the gel coat at the forward end.

To overcome this the Association is offering "THIRD LEGS" which consist of 2 legs of 3/4" marine grade stainless steel tube, all fixings and fitting instructions. The only work required is to drill four holes. Please measure from the underside of the pushpit at the centre of the bend, down to the deck at the transom and send this measurement with your cheque for f35 Over 100 sets have been sold to satisfied owners.

CLASS RULES - A copy of the Class Rules including the 1995 modifications. f1.50 for member5 (f2.00 for non-members).

RING BINDERS - We still have a number of the 1982 ring binders to hand which are A5 in size, blue in colour with the Association name and insignia embossed in gold on the front and they are ideal for storing all the data regarding your boat. Price is f3 including p & p.

RUDDER PINS - The original pin was 3/8"(9.5mm) diameter and after a period of time the rudder becomes slack. It is simple enough to drill out the fittings to 10mm and the Association has acquired a supply of 10mm rudder pins. The cost of this is f18 including p&p.

OUTBOARD BRACKETS - Do you have crews that regularly throw the outboard bracket over the side? If so we may be able to help. The original bracket, as fitted to hull numbers up to approx 200, is no longer available from Hunters but your Association has found a company who can make copies of the original. Complete anodised brackets including ply boards and stainless steel studs are f59 incl p&p. This is a lot cheaper than having to buy and fit a complete new system, especially as the nuts holding the runners to the transom are not accessible.

SONATA HALF MODEL - similar to the Leyland Daf Class Trophy, it is a 1' to 1' model, some 22 inches long with coach roof, keel and rudder, mounted onto a polished mahogany baseboard with hanging brackets. Price f150 incl VAT and p & p One only left.

Free information sheet - GO FASTER A copy of an informative article on how to sail your Sonata in all wind strengths by a top Sonata sailor. An article on the use of woollies and one on how to get the best from your fractional rig, the last two items from that very excellent magazine, Yachts and Yachting

NEED A CLASS CERTIFICATE? - This is a gentle reminder that to race under Class Rules you must first be a member of the Association and secondly have a current certificate. The first is easy, just send a completed membership form and f10 to the Secretary and request the info sheet on how to obtain an up-to-date certificate.

All the above available from Kevin Harshall