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SWIFT ASSOCIATION AGM - SUNDAY JANUARY 9th, 11.30am

Organising our first AGM has proved a lot more difficult than we'd imagined. John booked a room for the meeting at the London Boat Show at Earls Court, only to find the organisers forgot and let the room to someone else. Finally we managed to secure the Brompton Lounge for 11.30am on Sunday January 9th, and hope many of you will be able to attend. Please fill in and return the form at the bottom of this page to me, so we have some idea of numbers.

The free buffet lunch we promised in SA Newsletter no 2 also proved a problem. The exorbitant cost of catering at the Boat Show so horrified John and I that we decided Association funds would be better spent on our cruising and racing events in 1983, and that tea and biccies would be more appropriate for the AGM. But don't let the lack of grub put you off. We've lots of important Association business to discuss, events to organise, officers to appoint and views and ideas to share. The first two sailing meetings of 1983 are shaping up well and we'll want to hear just how you think these events should be run.

We've had some great help already from Joe Quercis (SC21) and Alan Mathieson (SC15). Joe, who lives in Cromer, Norfolk, responded to my plea for a Swifty with local knowledge to help organise the Spring Bank Holiday Cruising weekend on the Norfolk Broads. Joe knows of a yard where we can launch and retrieve with toilet/shower facilities, plus nearby mooring spots, riverside pubs and restaurants. There should be ample cruising distance without bridges to bother with and a Broad for some informal racing. Full details should be available for the AGM, and I'll include them in Newsletter no 4 which should come hot off the presses soon after.

Alan has made arrangements with Warsash SC for us to launch and retrieve there for the Swift Cowes Regatta in August. The club can provide a meeting room, catering and trailer parking, although cars will have to use the public car park nearby. Cowes NSC have agreed to act as hosts for two nights with moorings, toilets, showers etc and I will be confirming our requirements for catering and perhaps a committee boat in the next few days. Again, more info when available.

I will/may/will not be able to attend the AGM (\*delete as applicable)

Name

## LETTERS

Thanks again for your enthusiastic letters of support. Only room for a few here more next time, but keep them rolling in.

### Mistral S048

Thankyou for your Swift Newsletters 1&2. I can't wait until November 25 when I shall pick up my Swift at Southampton and then a long 400 mile tow to Edinburgh. Will I be the first Swift owner in Scotland?

We are anticipating being in the South of England during July 1983 and as I have a Vw motor caravan I should be interested to hear from Swift owners regarding suitable campsites with launching facilities and possible moorings for my Swift and the possibility of meeting other Swift owners.

It is doubtful whether we shall be able to get to very many Swift rallies in England - how about a rally or some such event in Scotland? I would be prepared to give some assistance if needed.

My Swift will be named Mistral for sentimental reasons. I look forward to hearing more of the Swift Association and wish it every success.

Jim Stevens,  
North Berwick,  
Scotland.

(Editor's reply) Yes, you are the first Scottish Swift Jim, but not for long the only one north of the border. Messrs Clark and Peddie of Anstruther, Fife, take delivery of S057 on January 29th. Perhaps you'd like to make contact with them on 0556 61167. Perhaps a Swift rally on one of the picturesque Scottish lochs would prove popular - what do other members think? Anyone who can help Jim with Southern campsite info should contact him at 5 Green Apron Park, North Berwick, Scotland or phone 0620 2580.

### Sanderling II

Many thanks for your enthusiastic newsletter. Our Swift 18 was delivered, christened and launched in Mudford on a very wet October 2nd 1982. We named her Sanderling II after our Torch dinghy Sanderling I, which we will keep, as we have grown very fond of her after seven years.

Sanderlings are a species of small coastal haunting seabirds that venture throughout the world and visit Mudford harbour.

Although it has been the wettest autumn this century we have been able to sail her to Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight, and later to Poole. We are very pleased with her performance, and look forward to the 1983 season. We do not intend to trail her anywhere during 1983 as we will be busy exploring our local waters between Southampton, Poole and the Isle of Wight.

Pauline and Bill Crouch,  
Christchurch, Dorset.