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SWIFT ASSOCIATION AGM

The second Swift Association Annual General Meeting will be held in the West Brompton Lounge at the London Boat Show, Earls Court, at 11.30am on Sunday January 8th 1984. We are sharing a three-hour hiring of the room with the UK Micro Association, whose AGM will start at 10am and finish at 11.30am. Swift owners who are also UKMA members - or who wish to join on the day - will of course be able to attend both AGMs, one after the other.

I have arranged for tea/coffee and biscuits to be laid on at the start of our meeting. There will be no charge for this, as we will pay out of Association funds, but it is essential that I know how many are coming in order to let the caterers know in advance. Please drop me a note with names and numbers attending, or, as time is short, give me a telephone call no later than Tuesday January 3rd.

AGM AGENDA

- (i) Financial report from Ron Pruce.
- (ii) Elect new Association Secretary.
- (iii) Elect new Association Newsletter Editor.
- (iv) Elect other national/regional officers as necessary.
- (v) Establish Association constitution.
- (vi) Association racing rules.
- (vii) 1984 Association events.
- (viii) Swift Explorer owners affiliation.
- (ix) First 18 owners affiliation.
- (x) Any other business.

1984 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

We shall be producing a new Register of Members early in the new year, so could all members who have not already done so, please send me the relevant information. This is: Boat number (eg S019, not RYA sail number); Boat name; Home port or normal cruising area; Owner's name; Full address and telephone numbers (home and work).

1984 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Association membership subscriptions become due on January 1st 1984, and I hope everyone will pay promptly - it's a pretty thankless task for whoever has to chase up unpaid members later in the year. Why not take out a standing order, as many members did last year? Contact our treasurer Ron Pruce for details. All monies to be paid to the Association should be made out to "Swift Association" and should go direct to Ron at 3 Chetwynd Road, Bassett, Southampton, Hants. Tel 0703 - 767431.

WHO HAS TO PAY WHAT?

Owners of Swifts numbers S001 - S072 are due to pay £8. Owners S073 - S095 are due to pay £6. Owners S096 - S101 are due to pay £4. Owners S102 - S110 are due to pay £2.

CRUISE OF THE YEAR/MOD OF THE YEAR

Last chance to send in your entries for our two super trophies. Write about a particularly memorable sail you had in your Swift in 1983, or send a description and/or sketch of a worthwhile mod you've made to your boat. Entries will close at 1pm on Sunday 8th January - so you can hand over your offerings at the AGM, but no later. Winners will be announced in the first newsletter of 1984.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

Short newsletter this time (stop cheering you lot at the back!), in order to get it to you before Christmas post madness takes over. But there are lots of goodies for the next newsletter: The gripping tale of HELENA KATE (An 18-foot Mary Celeste!); Sailing in Scandinavia; The home completion of ORION - S091; Full report on the AGM; Association events for 1984 and much, much more. All it needs is someone to offer to edit this newsletter and a few more during 1984.

Due to pressure of work I have to give up the Editor's chair now. It has been great fun producing newsletters and receiving such an enthusiastic response from other Swift Owners. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and at Swift meetings during 1984.

Merry Christmas and Happy Sailing



Bob Goddard.