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OVI speaks

“Welcome to the first issue of Ovi News where I can tell you about many of the exciting projects we have taking place at both Ovington Boats and Ovington Marine. Our build programme for 2001 is the most intensive ever and with a philosophy of ‘building the best boats possible to win’, we are now one of the world’s leading high performance racing dinghy and yacht builders.



Ingrid Abbey

29ers & 49ers

We have already sold and delivered over 200 29ers to some of the best sailing teams in Europe. We were thrilled at the superb turnout for the

boat’s first world championship on Lake Garda in August when 65 boats from 16 nations enjoyed a dazzling regatta in perfect Garda conditions.

The frenetic 49er build programme of the last two years culminated at the Olympics and I would like to congratulate our long standing customers Thomas Johanson & Jyri Jarvi and Ian Barker & Simon Hiscocks for their Gold and Silver medals.

Musto Skiff & B14

Elsewhere in this issue you can find more details of these two exciting additions to our range. Some of you will have seen the prototype Musto singlehander at Alexandra Palace in March 2000 since when the boat won every race at the ISAF singlehanded trials at Quiberon in France. This outstanding new boat is now in production and you can see it in its final form on our stand at the London Boat Show in January.

The B14 is another highly sophisticated dinghy with a strong national and international following which fits perfectly into our comprehensive skiff range. We already have a healthy order book and the first Ovi built B14s are beginning to come off the line.

Flying Fifteen & International 14

Our Fifteens continue to dominate fleets with 1st and 2nd places at the 2000 Nationals.

A very healthy demand continues for these boats and orders for next season are already in double figures.

Ovington has now built more Int 14s than any other builder and the new Ovi 3 design will continue our total commitment to the class in the coming year.

18ft Skiff

Ovington Boats reputation as one of the exclusive builders of the fastest skiffs in the world continues to grow. We are now making the new carbon fibre / Nomex sandwich skiffs using moulds to the Murray design. With the new high quality construction the complete hull weighs only 74kg.

Mumm 30

The delivery of over 100 Mumm 30s makes Ovington Marine the company that has built more Mumm 30s than all the other builders combined! Having been selected for the Tour de France a Voile for the next three years means the continued popularity of this exciting one-design in Europe is assured.

This success has led to an increasing tide of callers in Tynemouth keen for us to build their big yachts and we should be ready to make some major announcements early in the new year. Rumour has it that 2001 could see Ovington Marine hard at work on some much larger vessels!”

Ingrid Abbey

49ers looking strong after Olympic debut



Albert

The most exciting of all the Olympic sailing coverage that came out of Sydney during the 2000 Games was devoted to the 49er fleet. Looks like it’s here to stay.

A part from the quite sensational result achieved by the British Team at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, the Games also provided an opportunity to assess the latest design to enter the Olympic arena - the radical 49er.

Given that the design was the work of an Australian skiff legend - Julian Bethwaite - and the regatta took place on the home of skiff sailing, most



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pundits had forecast an easy ride for the Aussies and Kiwis.

But with the Gold and Silver medals going to European boats and the bronze to the Americans, it was a superb testament to the quantum leaps in boat handling and skiff sailing techniques that have been made in the northern hemisphere in the last two years.

Ovington Boats are central to this programme

and the huge success of the 29er in getting new young teams involved in the ‘skiff ethic’ will ensure that European skiff sailing will continue to be as good - if not better - than anywhere else in the world.

With TV coverage of sailing at the Games well below what us image-hungry Brits would have liked, it was some compensation that the 49er enjoyed by far the most coverage.



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- Class starts for: Enterprise, International 14, 29er, 49er, Flying Fifteen and 18 foot Skiff.
- Handicap races for other Ovi built boats
- 3 Races on Saturday 23rd June
- Full length (200 min) Pursuit Race on Sunday 24th June - 150 boats expected
- Great Prize line-up - low race entry fee.
- Free Camping/Caravanning on site
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