



Dear Sprint15 sailor

The last of the Summer Sprint15 events took place at Grafham and for those hardy sailors who can reach the middle of the country the winter series is just taking kicking off. Whilst many will continue to “winter sail” others will be planning a winter service on their boat and making sure it is well protected from the elements for the next few months.

It is during this time that the Windsport Team’s focus moves from Sprint15 Class event support, online technical advice, boat sales and replacement part service to a review of 2011 and planning for 2012.

### **The 2011 season has been hectic for our Windsport team**

 Target turn-around times of Sprint15 replacement part orders managed 97.6% , always room for improvement but our focus has been to get sailors back on the water with quality class legal replacement parts.

 The Windsport event trailer supported a list of Sprint15 TT events selected by the class plus a few extra! This style and quality of event support is totally unique to the Sprint and Dart18 class a combination of Windsport sponsorship and sailors support to Windsport. When you attend one of these Windsport class events you can be assured our technical team will make every effort to get you back on the water whatever you might break or need!

 New boat sales have not been huge but they have been positive with new boats going to new Sprint 15 sailors. Whilst we would all enjoy lower cost products you can be assured Windsport work very hard to deliver the best product at a realistic price. When you compare the price of a new Sprint15 against an equivalent dinghy product the Sprint is a fantastic investment and delivers an unbelievable competitive life cycle.

 The screw adjustable connecting bar end, introduced as a class item earlier in the year, has been a “must have” Sprint accessory. It comes as standard with all new boats and replacement connecting bars, but is also available as a individual item for retro fitting to older connecting bars, see item 20028

### **Windsport Boat Servicing and repairs**

The Windsport workshop team have also been busy this year with hull repairs, rudder servicing and other technical repairs. Loan hulls have been supplied to sailors while their own hull is under repaired, turn-around times whilst tight have been met keeping everyone happy. During the winter the Windsport workshop carries out a host of repair and servicing work, so if you are interested give us a call. You can ship your rudder units down for a full service, arrange hull services or get a quality repair on that ding you had earlier this season.

### **Protective Sprint Covers and accessories**

A full range of Sprint covers are provided through our online web shop [www.catparts.windsport.co.uk](http://www.catparts.windsport.co.uk)

 **Full boat covers** with quality material, stitching, cut and features – very popular!  
See item 09001

 **The mast stock** options, full or boot, not only protects your mast on the road but also during the winter, keeps your halyards clean and reduces the chance of losing pins and rings.  
See items 09024 or 09011

 **Rudder cover sets** use the best materials available, featuring closed cell foam, carry handles and a foil edge protection. See item 09002

 **Skeg protectors** come in two sizes, Compact and Big Wheel. If you are going to spend time or money servicing your hull skegs , best protect them in the future when on the land.  
See items 09050 or 20029



**Christmas is coming so who knows - you might get what you want if you add it to your wish list!**

### **New Boat supply**

As many Sprint 15 sailors know a number of the key Sprint parts are made in South Africa : hulls, rudder blades, battens, masts, beams etc. After careful consideration of the situation a decision has been made by Windsport and Bryher Mouldings (product owners) to start manufacturing in Europe. This decision has not been taken lightly and will involve a huge amount of work and financial investment. Bryher Moulding will be investing in the tooling and moulds while Windsport will invest time and expertise to bring the product on line. Whilst Ian Fraser of Bryher Mouldings understands this financial investment is unlikely to deliver great financial return, given likely number of new boats sold in the near future, Ian acknowledges the financial success the products (Spark, Dart15, Sprint15) has given Bryher Mouldings in the past and wishes to return some of that success in support of the product and class for the future. Details of timings is still to be finalised but is expected to start early next year with new European made boats available later in the season. This important announcement secures a regular supply of boats for the future however this work along with the unrelenting increased costs in manufacture and supply will inevitably have an impact on the retail price for 2012.

The Sprint 15 will be available in two versions . "Sprint Mode" (less jib and trapeze kit) and Sport Mode (including jib and trapeze kit) Windsport will be offering a "Special 2012 season new boat price" for any orders confirmed before end of this year, for more information contact the Windsport team.

### **Windsport Base Falmouth**

Windsport Falmouth enjoyed meeting a number of Sprint sailors during the year to sharpen their ***Sprinting skills*** with the Windsport coaching team. Windsport is open all winter so a few days coaching using one of our ***race spec boats*** might just be the ticket in the run up to the 2012 season, alternatively we may have second-hand boats you can view and a host of Sprint parts that will make your eyes boggle! If you are in the area, thinking about a short break, planning a SW holiday in 2012, think about sailing out of Falmouth Harbour, bring your own boat and make use of the Windsport boat park and facilities while you are down.

### **Sprint15 European event 2012 : France Carnac Eurocat**

Ok it has been talked about before and may be 2012 could be the year? Success of the Sprint15 class is about the sailors and the boat so why not use that strength to hold one Sprint 15 international event a year outside of the UK. Carnac Eurocat is the first obvious choice, the event is established, the location is great for all the family, there is a range of accommodation, overnight ferries run from all UK ports and the time April/May is perfect. Going on your own is not as much fun as with a group so if you are up for it Windsport will do the coordination with the club and other Sprint sailors, all you have to do is register your interest before December 1<sup>st</sup> 2012.

Eurocat dates are 27-30<sup>th</sup> April. Visit Yacht Club de Carnac <http://www.yccarnac.com/>

### **Lots to think about and lots to organise for the 2012 season!**

Look forward to seeing everyone at the 2012 RYA Dinghy Show if not before.

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