

Hi Everybody,

I was going to post a picture of the Club that I took while in the Club on Sunday afternoon with gale force winds raging, the barriers and the seating blown over and rain misting the view. Then I looked at them and thought that it was so depressing! Much nicer today so, despite the wind what a lovely and more cheerful day. Enjoy while we can.



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, on Sunday 6th March there will be a Sailing meeting in the Club at 11am to discuss the upcoming season and any issues from the sailors. This will be an open meeting for all members and particularly fishing and social members are welcome to come along and join in the discussions.

Now that we are rapidly approaching the start of the sailing season, I will be putting the dates for the Tythe Barn, RNLI Mike Cole Memorial, Shearwater Nationals and Barts Bash in the blog on a weekly basis to remind both sailors and non-sailors of the extra exciting events that we can look forward to watching!

Also, RC Kevin wants you to know that the opening race of the season has been renamed from the Icebreaker to the Spring Launch – a much more subtle choice of name, bearing in mind the weather we have been experiencing. This is plus the addition of a buffet following the racing for the sailors to regain some energy and to welcome the new season giving them an opportunity to catch up with everyone. **Please do put this in your diary and make the most of what is being offered!!!

I love this time of year – the expectations, the boats being washed and prepared, the kit being tried and tested. Oh yes!

Sailing Calendar

Sunday April 3rd – Spring Launch Races 1 & 2 - 11am

Sunday June 26th – Tythe Barn at Felpham Sailing Club (provisional date) – 11am

Sunday 10th July – RNLI Mike Cole Memorial Races 1 & 2 – 11am

Thursday 18th August – Shearwater Nationals – 11am

Friday 19th August - Shearwater Nationals – 11am

Saturday 20th August - Shearwater Nationals – 11am

Sunday 21st August - Shearwater Nationals – 11am

Sunday 11th September – Bart's Bash Races 1 & 2 – 11am

From George, not surprisingly the fishing competition was cancelled due to the bad weather and he tells me that this has been a bit of a blow for the anglers who intended to fish (a pun of course). Don't ask me about their sense of humour – who knows what goes on inside their heads!? George tells me that there has been no other fishing taking place to his knowledge. Let's be honest, can we blame them?

The next competition is Sunday 6th March, 10.30 am until 4.00pm. The weather really must be better by then!!!

So, another reminder about the BRAAS Open Beach Competition for Catch and Release on Sunday 20th March from 8.30am till 1.30pm with draw for pegs from 7.30am at PYC. As I have said – it really must be a healthier situation for our fishing members by then. (And they are joining us in the Bar afterwards to listen to Sarah Saville!)

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Vacancies!

The Committee are really keen to fill the following two open Committee positions that sadly have been with us for a while - Boatswain and Youth Officer so, please do take the time to have a look at what's involved: -



5.16 The Boatswain role:

- Report directly to RC Sailing (Kevin Mason).
- Organise and manage the storage of boats in the sailing shed and outside allocations in the Boat Park.
- Maintain the sailing shed and its equipment to required standards.
- Be responsible for the safety, maintenance and correct operation of the club power/sailing boats to the required standards.
- Maintains stocks of fuel, and spares to the recommended and necessary levels.
- Liaise with the Membership Secretary on unpaid berthing fees, new additions, etc.



5.17 The Youth Officer shall:

- Be the main contact for junior members of the Club.
- Report directly to the Commodore (Paul Palmer).
- Be responsible for supporting the activity and well-being of the young members and act as an interface between those members and Club Officers.
- Arrange events such as training, ad-hoc and publicised home and away club meets, etc.

Any club member who may be interested in either of these positions, please do speak to Commodore Paul, RC Sailing Kevin or any member of the Committee who will be pleased to answer any questions that you may have about these roles.

Alternatively, simply email an expression of interest to myself at honsec@paghamyachtclub.com as I would be delighted to arrange for the best person to contact you to answer any of your questions so you can decide if this is an area that you would be happy to take on. It really can be so satisfying and you will have as much support as you need to take on either role – you will only have to ask.

Membership

A quick reminder that fees are due now as March 1st 2022 is the start of the new membership year. Details and forms are on the Club noticeboard in the bar area and, of course, online www.paghamyachtclub.com/membership.

Told you it was quick!

Bar Work

Before I let you know what we have been up to, I want to tell you about a new card machine called EPOS that now works as an integrated part of our till. This allows members to pay for drinks by card in a much simpler process rather than the old complicated separate system that we were using. If you are thinking about helping behind the Bar, or have done so in the past and were put off by that awful and confusing system – then things have changed! Do have a look at how it works and let Emma know when you would like to spend an hour or two getting to know the Bar again.

I won't say that we have got it sorted out, just in case someone tells me I was totally wrong, but we are nearly there so keep smiling!

Social Events

QUIZ

Rosie and Andy's Quiz proved to be a fabulous event last Saturday – okay, alright I know, I know.....that was despite the fact that I thought I had allowed our team to be bottom of the scores. Thank heavens that the final scores proved it wasn't true! Surgically Altered were only 7th! The winners were the Irish Rovers, Pam's team. Well done you lot! Twelve teams took part with an amazing variety of names – Empty Vessels, It Started With A Pea, Mobile Cheaters.....? Dah!

Well done to Sue and Carole C for preparing the food, Andrea for help in keeping the Bar running and to Rosie and Andy for organising a great evening with lovely prizes when the rest of Pagham were busy filling out insurance claim forms and wondering where that caravan had suddenly appeared from in their front garden. What a brilliant night. And didn't the Snug look a better place to sit in for an event like this? Should look better when all painted up with our original colours!





And then we had Colin and Dave taking ownership of either end of the Ship Bar. Sorry Gary and Mick, you should have known that these boys should not be left alone without supervision! Especially when their bus is late.....

Moving on, a reminder that we are holding a Wake for the Nan of one of our ex-members Bertie, from 3pm on Thursday 24th when we are expecting approximately 50/60 guests for this.

Again, if you know the family, they would welcome you to join in to celebrate her life but please be aware that we are also looking for any help behind the Bar for any time during this busy period. Do let Scottie know if you can help. We need you!

Going back to our social functions, now we are rapidly approaching March our RC Social and Fundraising demon Sue has still been busy filling in all of those Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons that are looming on our horizons.

You may remember a fabulous group called Petrol Money who she has now managed to book for Sunday 22nd May and Saturday 30th July, so please do put those dates in your diary.

The other good news is that our own group Hi 5, are now ready to entertain us as they will be joining us at 8pm on Saturday 28th May. Isn't it great to have them back?

Right, got distracted so now I must be going back to March.....



March 5th – The Pebble Beach Indoor Golf competition with Chilli Cheese Nacho's, for £2.50ph. You'll love this as Paul C has bought us some artificial turf strips and is planning how to use them so we can now replicate being at one of those urban golf courses. Do get your name down for food as the list is up already and waiting for you.

On March 6th, an event that I'm really looking forward to. A Sunday afternoon where Duncan McKenzie, that fantastic singer and guitarist will be joining us again. Let's hope the weather improves and we can have the doors open and just relax with a beer or wine, or more. And don't forget that we have Sarah Saville, a new singer to us with for a 2pm start later in the month on March 20th.

Looking ahead to our Platinum Jubilee weekend competition, Sue has been at it again. This time she would like us to submit a photo of our younger selves, aged between a very young child and no older than 10 years for us to post in a cardboard letter box for the Bar area. Please do not even consider the following photo example.....



OK, I give in. Is this Colin? Can't be Dave. No, don't tell me.

Whatever photo you submit needs to be submitted in an envelope with your name on and will be returned to you afterwards - provided that you keep secret which one is you up on the board to yourselves. I really do mean that!

Once the photos are put up (hopefully we can do this very well in advance), the letterbox will be used for ID votes and there will be a prize for whoever gets the most right over the Jubilee weekend. This should be fun so, do have a rummage and find a photo that won't get you banned from the Club! I'm not sure about my earlier ones – or even the later ones which looked even more wicked!?

Other Matters

I was really pleased that the Meat raffle was so successful on Sunday with all the extra prizes. It was so successful that next week I intend to do the same again with at least 10 prizes – despite my lack of interest in shopping! That seems to be the way to do it so unless I have a volunteer.....? It's never too late to volunteer for thisso, please do let me know if you are interested in taking over. Nothing like standing in a queue in Chi or Bognor with a basket full of meat.....groan.....

Hope to see you all very soon.

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