

Hi Everybody,



At long last the sun is shining, the sky is blue and we are on the verge of March. Another month to go and then the sailing season can begin!

"I wanted freedom, open-air, and adventure. I found it on the sea". – Alaine Gerbault, Sailor



Sailing and Angling Report:

As I said last week, these are the dates for the Tythe Barn, RNLI Mike Cole Memorial, Shearwater Nationals and Barts Bash to remind both sailors and non-sailors of the extra exciting events that we can look forward to watching!

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, he tells me that has nothing new to report, apart from the last beach match is next Sunday 6th March from 10.30am until 4pm. After that the anglers are hoping to be out on their spruced-up boats. Let's hope so. Fingers crossed that the weather is in our favour boys (and Sally and Evie of course!).

I'm sure you won't need 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 but....

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Vacancies!

Nothing has been heard from anyone about the two vacancies for Boatswain and Youth Officer that we told you about last week. A bit disappointing as the number of youth members is increasing and it can be really rewarding role to encourage our young members to take on other Club events and shape an identity for the section. We have the summer approaching

and it would be great to see the Youth Section having their own BBQ or sponsored walk/boat washing, or perhaps camping overnight in the Boat Park? This could be mixed with getting a film in to show under the marquee – something we have done in the past. Or getting a popular person in to talk to them about problems they experienced as a young sailor and how they overcome them. This could be shared with other local sailing Clubs. Lots of potential to build up the identity of the section without it being a demanding role. Do have a think about it, especially if you already have a child who is a member.

First Aid

You may be aware that the first aid courses we routinely held every three years have not been advertised in the Club or on the blog last year, due to covid. This has meant that the qualifications of many members who help out on the beach, on the safety boats or in the Club house are now out of date. I have just completed a one-day RYA first aid course which was held at Felpham Sailing Club and the course contains additional content pertinent to the marine environment, is accepted by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency for use under their codes of practice for small vessels operated commercially and will last me three years.

I will put a list up on the notice board in the main corridor asking for interest in taking part in this one-day course at PYC but, I would be grateful as well if you could indicate if you are interested by emailing me. This will be a course paid for by PYC and although we may be able to have a week day course, we may also have a Saturday if this is not suitable. I need you to tell me what you can make. I will let you know but we will need at least 12 persons to make it workable.

Membership

Andy Day, our Membership Secretary has been really pleased with the response to paying membership fees, due by March 1st 2022 the start of the new membership year. If you had forgotten, details and forms are on the Club noticeboard in the bar area and, of course you can complete them online www.paghamyachtclub.com/membership.

Social Events

Sorry that there were no photographs to show you but the Scotland v France 36 – 17 rugby game followed by England v Wales match at the Club attracted more than 40 members. As usual a good time was had by all – with England managing to hold off Wales with a score of 23 – 19.

I do wish that someone would take some photographs whilst I was busy inflating a resusci annie!



Although the Pebble Beach Indoor Golf competition was set for March 5th, due to other events the date has been moved forward one week to Saturday March 12th. Do please get your name down for food as the list is up already and waiting for you.

Don't forget that we have Duncan McKenzie next Sunday afternoon from 2pm, something that we all can really look forward to. I've just checked the weather and it's still looking good, so we should be able to have the doors open and enjoy the music with a beer or wine! We also have Sarah Saville with us for a 2pm start later in the month on March 20th.

Just a reminder that we are looking forward to seeing photos of a younger you for our Platinum Jubilee weekend competition. Sue 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. I've asked Colin for a photo but all he could find was one of his mum. Don't they look alike?



Whatever photo you find, it needs to be submitted in an envelope with your name on and will be returned to you afterwards. Whilst it sounds like an easy competition, there will be a prize for whoever gets the most right over the Platinum Jubilee weekend but I'm not too sure how many right answers there will be! The intention is that this should be fun and, I have found a good one of me which should be a starting point.

Sue tells me that the list for the Easter Children's party will be going up within two weeks as well so, do keep an eye out for that, plus the Platinum Jubilee calendar to make you well aware of what is going on as it happens.

Other Matters

Many thanks to Carole K who has released me from shopping for the Meat raffle and even better, has come up with a good idea about how to spend the money. Rather than just a Meat Raffle, we now have a Sunday Raffle where the prizes may consist of a Beef joint with wild garlic butter melt or, Lean Beef Steak Mince with a jar of Lloyd Grossman Sauce and a packet of Spaghetti, or two packets of back bacon with 6 eggs, or a Gammon joint, or a Pork Crackling Leg Joint, or..... lots of variety and choices from now on. Well done Carole!

More thanks go to our Bar Manager Scottie with his helpers Sharon, Carole and Sue who made the WAKE on Thursday so very successful for the family who donated a sum to the RNLI as a sign of their gratitude. (I'm not sure about Scottie's facial expression - indigestion? Wind? Trousers too tight? Don't ask.



On another matter, Carole G wants you to know that whilst our current website is pretty much up to date, we are now having problems with it and basically it is frozen. Fortunately our new website is nearly complete and we are approaching a stage where we can launch it. Do you get the feeling that the old one is having a hissing fit?

Take care all.

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