

Hi Everybody,



What a lovely day it finally turned into. After the sun the rain.....and then the sun again! And I have seen another butterfly today to go along with the three bumble bees – a crimson one that didn't stay still long enough for me to identify it. Don't you just love this time of year. Only another three weeks and the sailing season begins – a very different time to enjoy on the beach!



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, please have a look at the revised Sailing Calendar for the 2022 season which is also published on our website:

Sailing Calendar

APRIL

3 rd	SUNDAY SPRING LAUNCH RACES 1 & 2	11.00 1 Followed by Spring Lunch Buffet
9 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
10 th	SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00
16 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
17 th	SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00 1 Easter Eggs to 1st, 2nd & 3rd
23 rd	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
24 th	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00 3 Separate Mono Hull & Catamaran Class
30 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30

MAY

1 st	SUNDAY MAYDAY TROPHY RACES 1 & 2	11.00 1 Trophies 1st, 2nd & 3rd
2 nd	MONDAY TBA	
7 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	11.00
8 th	SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 5 & 6	11.00
14 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
15 th	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00 3
21 st	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
22 nd	SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 7 & 8	11.00 1 RYA Pennant awarded on the day
28 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
29 th	SUNDAY THE MULBERRY SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00

JUNE

2 nd	THURSDAY TBA	
3 rd	FRIDAY TBA	
4 th	SATURDAY TRIANGLE SERIES RACE 1	14.00 PLS Cup for series highest placed PLS sailor.

5 th	SUNDAY PLATINUM JUBILEE TROPHY RACES 1 & 2	11.00	1 Trophies 1-2-3 & certificates on the day.
11 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
12 th	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 5 & 6	11.00	3
18 th	SATURDAY TRIANGLE SERIES RACE 2	14.00	
19 th	SUNDAY THE MULBERRY SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00	
25 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
26 th	SUNDAY TYTHE BARN @ BRSC	11.00	Prize to highest placed PYC boat

JULY

2 nd	SATURDAY TRIANGLE SERIES RACE 3	14.00	
3 rd	SUNDAY THE MULBERRY SERIES RACES 5 & 6	11.00	
9 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
10 th	SUNDAY RNLI MIKE COLE MEMORIAL RACES 1 & 2	11.00	1 RNLI Prizes awarded on the day.
16 th	SATURDAY TRIANGLE SERIES RACE 4	14.00	
17 th	SUNDAY THE MULBERRY SERIES RACES 7 & 8	11.00	
23 rd	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
24 th	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUPSERIES RACE 7 & 8	11.00	3
30 th	SATURDAY TRIANGLE SERIES RACE 5	14.00	
31 st	SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES RACE 1 & 2	11.00	

AUGUST

6 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
7 th	SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00	1 Commodores champagne Challenge
13 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
14 th	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 9 & 10	11.00	3
18 th	THURSDAY SHEARWATER NATIONALS	11.30	
19 th	FRIDAY SHEARWATER NATIONALS	11.00	
20 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
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21 st	SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES RACES 5 & 6	11.00	
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27 th	SATURDAY PYC REGATTA RACES 1 & 2	13.00	2
28 th	SUNDAY PYC REGATTA RACES 3,4 & 5	11.00	2 CAT Cup extracted from results
29 th	MONDAY SAILFISH TROPHY	11.00	

SEPTEMBER

3 rd	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
4 th	SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES RACES 7 & 8	11.00	
10 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
11 th	SUNDAY BARTS BASH RACES 1 & 2	11.00	1 Certificates awarded on the day.
17 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
18 th	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 11 & 12	11.00	3
24 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
25 th	SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00	

OCTOBER

1 st	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
2 nd	SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00	
8 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
9 th	SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 5 & 6	11.00	
15 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
16 th	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 13 & 14	11.00	3
22 nd	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30	
23 rd	SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 7 & 8	11.00	
30 th	SUNDAY FINAL FLING TROPHY RACES 1 & 2	11.00	1 Trophies 1st, 2nd & 3rd

NOVEMBER

19 th	SATURDAY PRIZE GIVING SUPPER	19.00	
1	Results from both races to count towards trophies		
2	5 races with 3 to count for trophy places		
3	Extended up wind leg for catamaran		

From George, he's not aware of any anglers trying their luck over the past week but he believes that one or two are intending to fish the BRAAS Open Beach Competition for Catch and Release being held at our club next Sunday 20th March. The timings are from 8.30am till 1.30pm with draw for pegs from 7.30am.

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Membership

From Andy Day, this message is for members that have not yet renewed their membership fees, and where necessary, their boat park fees. The Membership year started on March 1st and the opportunity to benefit from the reduced renewal price ends on March 31st so, there is a little over two weeks for those renewing to submit their applications. Some members have been in touch to ask for an extension of time and where valid reasons have been given, that extension has been granted. If for whatever reason you are unable to re-join before the end of March 2022, please do contact me so that we can look at how a relaxation of the renewal period could work for you and the Club.

We really do hope you will re-join. For renewals, our preference is that renewal of fees is paid by way of BACS, if that is possible for you, so that the transfer of cash or cheques is kept to a minimum. If you absolutely need to, then do post or deliver cheques to the Club post box at Pagham Yacht Club, 1 West Front Road, Pagham, West Sussex PO21 4SY. Cash should only be paid at the Club when we are open.

New members are very welcome – the more the merrier! During 2021 we had 70 new members join the Club. This coming year we want to focus on new families joining us, taking part in on-water activities, and also benefitting from the extensive social programme that we are planning. Keep an eye on our calendar for events that are designed to showcase the Club, in particular those social and water-based events that we hope new members will sign up to.

Please be aware that as space in the boat park is in great demand and next weekend, I will be checking that those boats stored are also paid for and properly named and labelled.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your membership, please do contact me at membership@paghamyachtclub.com or speak to any other member of the Committee. Better still, pop in to the Club and join us for a chat.



Wine Committee

From Scottie our Bar Manager, he is keen to get together what was fondly known in the past as the Wine Committee - or shall we know it in the future as the Bar Committee? Scottie wants to get this together to help him look into what beers, wines, spirits and other Bar consumables would be the most desirable and economic for our Club to purchase, as well as a means to train new Bar staff to step in. He intends to call the Committee together perhaps only four times per year, and wants it to reflect what is available or desirable before any undertaking happens.

If you are interested in contributing to this, please do let Scottie know so he can find out what you can offer to the Committee, so a first meeting can be arranged in the near future.

Work Party

Next Saturday 19th at 10.3am a Work Party has been organised for the Car/Boat Park with RC Sailing Kevin in charge. As much help as possible will be appreciated and to make it more attractive, Sue will be offering her services by providing either a sausage or a bacon sandwich in her usual generous fashion, plus a Cake Stall that will be carried onto Sunday. Please can you let Sue know if you would like feeding and if you haven't told her already, please can you leave her a message on the WhatsApp so she has an idea on the food quantity side of things to keep things going. I think Sue was hoping that the more generous of you may wish to give a donation in aid of the Ukraine to pay for the food rather than your usual thank you.

Social Events

What another great weekend it has been with a great day and evening at PYC on Saturday. To start us off, the rugby devotees were fed by Sue, Marion and Sylv with hot dogs and onions and, of course, this was accompanied by chips. Sadly, after watching Scotland beat Italy, Ireland managed to stay in the tournament title hunt by defeating England 32 to 15. When that trauma was over, the Pebble Beach Indoor Golf competition was finally able to start!

A massive thank you to Paul Cooper for working so hard with organising the indoor golf competition and to get them going those competitors were fed with Chilli, rice, nachos and cheese. From what I hear I think everybody fell in love with the new girl, Martha but perhaps, if she comes down again from what I have seen of the photos of her, I think her skirt needs to be a bit longer? Especially when bending to hit the golf ball! And those legs?



A brilliant night with exceptional golf from both the junior and adult teams, with plenty of heckling of course. And the fancy dress – what can we say? Guy stole the show playing in both the ladies and men tournaments (and clothes) without winning in either! Another thankyou to all the bar staff without whose help we cannot make events such as this happen.



The winners – complete with the winners' hats! Oh dear.....

The winner of the Young Golfers was Oscar, the Teenagers was Ciana with the winner of the Ladies was Michele with Martha (Guy) second and Laura third. The Men's winner was Clive Briggs. Well done to all!

On the entertainment front, don't forget that we have Sarah Saville with us for a 2pm start on March 20th. As I have said before, this is still before the start of the sailing season and we are all hoping that the weather will be good and we can have the door open. I've just looked and the sun will be shining and it will be around 10°c but, that breeze is still with us with wind gusts of 26 or 27. Never mind, we can still enjoy having a live singer quite early in the afternoon as the clocks don't go forward until Sunday 27th March. BRAAS anglers will have just finished so we should still have a good audience with us to enjoy her singing (as long as they don't start dancing with their gear on!)



Ukraine - for the next four weeks, PYC are doing their bit for the Ukraine appeal. There are various things happening to raise funds for them, starting this weekend – all for whatever donations you can make:

Saturday 19th March

Whilst Rugby will be on, there will be filled rolls on offer to you along with hot sausage rolls for a donation. On the Cake stall - Lemon drizzle cakes and **any other donations to supplement this will be very welcome**. Please can you let Sue know that you will be providing a cake or other consumables for sale as they will be greatly appreciated. There will also be boxes that will be set up from this Wednesday 16th for donations of toiletries or clean clothing including coats which will be delivered to a Church in Yapton that is collecting and organising transport to Ukraine.

On Sunday 20th March

Paul C is organising a mile walk with or without dogs for the very keen! This is dependent on weather but, as I have said, it is looking very good so far, but breezy.

So, after a stimulating walk, hot food on offer back at PYC as a few of our saints will be doing spuds, chopped sausages etc, similar to a light lunch - for donations, in time for a Raffle!

Easter Weekend

Lots and lots and lots will be going on in aid of the charity with Stalls and all sorts of shore events to go alongside the sailing that we can organise.....sliced homemade cakes which are hopeful of being donated with coffee/ tea from 11.30am and during the day filled rolls, hot sausage rolls, all for a donation please.

Please – do help us make this work. We need your suggestions and support to make life more bearable for others who are going through unimaginable times.

Early Years Photos – although it looks as if there is still plenty of time for this, I did want to encourage you to get digging through the old photos to find some amusing - or even worse, delightful photographs where we cannot imagine that you were once a lovely child!!! There are only a few that have been posted (what!??) and I haven't been told who they are from but, from what I have seen they are really worthwhile submitting! I'll aim this part of the blog at wives or partners of the male Club member who we suspect won't search through past history - go on, have a look and when you have finished groaning about how much weight they have put on (they were probably 8 years old then!), put it in an envelope with their name on and post it in the box on the Bar. I know I have said it before but the photo will be scanned and returned to you so it will not be damaged by being posted.

Go on – join in the fun and let's have a look at what they used to be before they married us!

Easter party for kiddies – This will be on Saturday 16th April. Not too many names up yet so although it is more than four weeks away, please can you let Sue know if your child will be attending as she needs the time to work out the food, prizes etc as she is snowed under by all that is going on at the moment. Many thanks for helping out where you can as team work is so important at the moment.



Keep looking out for my butterflies and smile.

Jill

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