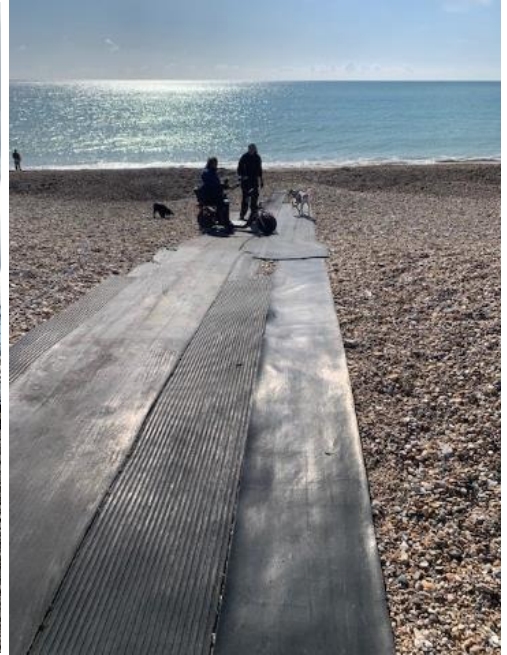


Hi Everybody,



I'm starting this week's blog on a sad note to tell you of the death of one of our longstanding members, Don Poulett. Don was one of our fishermen members, who was found unwell at home by a family member and died shortly afterward in hospital. I'm sorry that I don't have any further details but I'm sure many of you will remember his amiable character and notable grey beard. Covid had prevented him from visiting us so frequently as in the past but he had just renewed his membership to carry on.



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, the weather was kind to Pagham Yacht Club on Sunday for their first Spring Launch races, formerly known as the Ice Breaker. Supported by the newly purchased safety jet ski to aid the rib, the season got off to a brilliant start and despite the lack of wind and a few rusty sailors, both races of the spring launch were completed.

Race officers Trench, Sally and Bob, set two different courses for both races, one for the monohull dinghy's and one for the Catamaran class.







A helping hand from Tom to pull Guy back to land and avoid being run over by the Grouts. Thanks Tom!

A very well done to Graham Salter and Simon Orde who won the Mono Hull races and, surprise of this season – and to be honest of any season, Andy and Carol Grout won both the cat races. RC Kevin tells me that has not happened since the Norman conquest. Well, he should know as I haven't been around that long to argue with him.....



Another rousing well done to all that competed and to the safety crew who braved the very cold day, despite the sunshine. Also, a big thank you to the race officers in the warmth of the Bridge.



After the hard effort involved, it was great to see all the sailors relaxed and mingling with a beer inside the Club. Thank you to our Commodore Paul for arranging the buffet that was well received by all and made a great gathering.

Here's looking forward to a terrific season of sailing!

Results

Race 1

Mono Hull Class

1 st Graham Salter	Laser
2 nd Jack Goodland	Laser
3 rd Simon Orde	Laser
DNF Guy Lawson	Laser Pico
DNF Scottie	Laser Pico
DNF Joe Atherton	Laser Pico

Catamaran Class

1 st Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18
2 nd Kevin Robbins	Dart 15
DNF Steve & Louise Greene	Dart 18
DNF Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips	Hobie Tiger

Race 2

Mono Hull Class

1 st Simon Orde
2 nd Jack Goodland
3 rd Graham Salter

Catamaran Class

1 st Andy & Carol Grout
2 nd Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips
3 rd Kevin Robbins

The Sailing Calendar for the coming month is as follows:

APRIL

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

A final reminder about the motorcycle trailer that was found in the Boat Park that no one seems to know who it belongs to. If we don't hear anything further by next week then it will be removed and disposed of.

From George, three boats with six anglers onboard went out on Sunday braving the very cold conditions. I'm told that the fishing was very hard with just a few fish being caught, comprising of Plaice, Dogfish and a Gurnard. Never mind boys, at least there was food waiting for you on your return to the Club!

Next Sunday is the first boat competition of the season with a start time of 8.30am until 4pm with hopefully, a good turn-out of PYC anglers subject, of course to the conditions being suitable to get afloat. The target species is Plaice.

The anglers who fished on Sunday would like to express their appreciation to the members who cleared the ramp yesterday which made launching the boats much easier and, also to the two club members who

were not fishing who helped with the launch. It makes such a difference to have this kind of support on our difficult beach. Perhaps when the old winch is re-wired it may make a significant difference.

From RC Angling Paul Cooper, on Saturday morning they cleared the slipway for boating on the weekend and enjoyed coffee and toast bribes from Sue, along with the photo. (See above). The fishing on Sunday saw Kian catching the biggest Plaice, 32cm, a day after his birthday when he wanted to go to QPR as his present. RC Paul talked him out of it telling fishing will be better and saying no more on the football. (Is that child abuse?)



RC Paul caught the “star” of the show – don’t groan, he can’t help it!! - but he tells me the poor quality of the photo is from his son. (Is that more child abuse – or just a parent ego problem?)

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Membership

From Andy Day, our Membership Secretary, a message to those members that have vessels, kayaks and boards or other equipment in the Boat Park; where you have trailers, the name of the vessel, the owner and contact details must be clearly marked. Other vessels and equipment should also have contact details. Kindly also remind yourself of the Rules and By-Laws associated with the use of the Boat Park, slipways and winch:

[20211204 Pagham YC Rules & Policies.pdf \(paghamyachtclub.com\)](#)

Please be aware that this will be the last Blog going out to former members that have not renewed and are not on the current list of members for this season.

First Aid

I am pleased to say that we have had a few more responses to the Club’s request to enable more first aiders to our team – but still not enough to run a special course that puts additional focus on injuries that may happen during sailing or water sports as we need 8 – 10 persons. Do let me know if you are still interested as I will keep this open until I have enough members to do it. I have heard that we do have members who have qualified via their work for first aid and it would be very useful to have names to ensure we can provide assistance and support where needed. Conversely, the most requests we do receive for first aid come from members of the public on the beach during the summer, usually for their children who have cut themselves. Bless ‘em.

Bar opening Times

As we are now into Summer opening for the Bar hours, Saturdays should be open from 12noon until 4pm and any later than that for notified events. However, when I did the Bar at the weekend you may be surprised to know that I didn’t see anyone until 1pm and that when 4pm arrived – so did lots of members

looking for a drink! I think the Bar finally closed at around 6.30pm when Sue, who had been there since late morning told the gathering to go home so she could close up.

The moral of this piece isn't that we don't want the Bar to be open outside of these hours – but that no one was down on the rota after I finished at 2pm! If it hadn't been for the Commodore who took over for another 3 hours and the person who took over after him, and Sue for closing up, the Bar would have been shut at 2pm and spoilt the afternoon for a lot of people. Now that we have the good weather approaching and members will be wanting to arrive later and stay, please do have a look at the rota and, where you can, say you can do an hour or two. It all helps for a happy weekend.

Social Events



Supporting Ukraine

We are still collecting donations of personal-use items for transport to Ukraine. This includes any toiletries, nappies, tooth brushes, antiseptics, sanitary items, torches (with please) batteries, wound dressings and hats and gloves for any sizes, tinned food, energy bars, warm clean clothing and blankets or sleeping bags and cardboard boxes to pack them in.

As well as the donations of goods, the sale of lemon drizzle cakes and other goodies, Sue and her Team have raised over £900, plus £100 this weekend from the meat raffle.

An amazing amount of money.

A huge thank you to each and every one from Sue for their support for the fund raising which she will carry on for another two weeks until Easter Monday.



This wonderful hand-made raffle donation has been made by Liz Towse, one of our local residents who knits all sorts of presents and charity contributions and which we will shortly put up as a prize. Sue seems to feel that it bears an uncanny likeness to Russ O'Brien, one of our members who helps with the painting and decorating at the Club. I'm not too sure about the hat but I can see what she means.

The next fundraiser event will be later in the summer for Cancer as this is all around us and involves family and close friends. Further details will be published later.

Entertainment

A really good afternoon and evening was had by all after the racing, prize giving and the buffet with the Turnpike Alley bursting into song – with songs that not only I knew and could enjoy, but for all of the members who had a great time until they finished. The Bar remained open well after they had finished as the mood was very positive. I hope we can get them back again as they were really good.



So, moving on to this coming Saturday when we will have the long-awaited Race Night! Have you put your name down for the Cheese Burger on offer for £2.50? Sue will need names asap to ensure she can feed you!



For the children, the evening will start at 6.30pm to around 7.30pm with the usual burger and wedges for a small charge. Again, do let Sue know numbers. The adults can be involved from around 5pm with Gary Smith doing a Grand National Sweep for members only to watch on TV before Andy and Mary's version of the Grand National in their Race Night starting at 8pm in the evening. That reminds me, must recover the TV from

upstairs!

Should be a good family evening, whether or not you are trounced! (Don't you love that word?) So, words of advice – do not forget that money, horse racing and women: three things the boys just can't figure out! For the immediate future, coming up over Easter we have Sarah Wood on Sunday 17th from 3 till 5pm so let's hope that we have good weather to sit outside and listen to her after the sailing. Fingers crossed!

I'll post some more details next week about what we have coming up in the future as Sue has been a very busy bunny so we have lots more to look forward to.

Early Years Photos – We are getting a few more photos in (thank heavens) but we still need **MORE!** I've done my bit and I think I've got the Commodore to track down one of him. Do come on you lot – let's have a look at how beautiful your mother thought you looked 25, 40 or more years ago. Well, she didn't know how you would turn out, did she?



Don't forget that you need to be in it this to win a great hamper!

Easter party for Children – it's only two weeks away so Sue needs more names of children now in order to make it worthwhile for us to do an Easter Party for them. If you haven't already done it, do put your children's names up on the list by the Bar ready for food and prizes on Saturday 16th April. Let's make it a Great Easter for our youngsters!!!!

Well, I think that you have probably had enough for this week so do take care – **and get your photos in!**

Jill

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