

Hi Everybody,

Well, I was going to start this blog off on a depressed note about the moody weather that has decided to greet May with rain and dark skies. My mistake again as this afternoon Mother Nature decided to be kind to us and provided a lovely setting for a Bank Holiday on the beach. Blue skies, only a slight breeze and the sun shone. What a wonderful way to start the summer season. Doesn't it look beautiful?



In case you didn't know, May Day is the European festival of ancient origins marking the beginning of summer. Yes, this is summer!!! In line with that, the Commodore decided that we should honour this and celebrate our origins in a marked way. Being male, this obviously and naturally involved food – roast potatoes along with meat in a tikka spicy sauce. I'm sorry if you missed this event as it went down very well, bearing in mind that he did cater for more than he thought an estimated 2000's! and I'm sure he can be persuaded to do something similar again.....(on the downside, I did the washing up and next time I may possibly go sick rather than doing this.....)



Sailing and Angling Report:



From RC Sailing Kevin, a good start to this weekend sailing with on Saturday where we saw five boats rigged and ready to sail.



We had Joe, Scottie and Clive in picos, along with our new member Jonathon in his topaz 14 - his first sail since breaking his hand four weeks ago. Great to have him back with us again! Additionally, great to see Nick C taking Teresa and Emma out for a teaching session in line with our Discover Sailing project and also great to see one of our youth members Bertie, similarly going out with Nick for his first sail of the season. From what we hear and saw, it seems that they all had fun as well as picking up what they need to do. Another thanks to Logan for helping RC Kevin on the safety boat.



On Sunday, despite the light winds, we still saw eight boats rigged and launched for racing. All started and finished both of all the Mayday Trophy races and managed to get all boats start and finish the catch-up race of the Spring series. Whoo! Well done to all involved!

However, there was eventful launching with Carol G swan-diving on board the dart 18 and ending up face first on the trampoline with her butt sticking in the air! That was not my wording – please do thank RC Kevin for that!

Also, we had our Commodore Paul sailing with Alan F in the hobie 16. To begin with we firstly had Alan leaving him onshore. Oops. When finally, Paul managed to board, he almost capsized the boat. Well, you know, slightly heavy on the rear.....may need to watch those carbs Paul.

Great day sailing, no capsizing, all boats started and finished so, well done to all that took part.

Another big thanks to Race Officers Trench and Bob and again, a big thanks to the rib crew David, Jamie and Logan without whom we cannot do our sailing safely.

A great weekends' sailing!

SUNDAY MAYDAY TROPHY RACES

Race 1

1 st	Nick C & Kevin F	Wayfarer
2 nd	Guy L	Pico
3 rd	Joe	Tera

Race 2

1 st	Nick C & Kevin F	Wayfarer
2 nd	Andy G & Carol G	Dart 18
3 rd	Joe	Tera4

Race 3

1 st	Nick C & Kevin F	Wayfarer
2 nd	Andy F & Paul P	Hobie 16
3 rd	Andy G & Carol G	Dart 18

MAY

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

Discover Sailing

Just in case you haven't seen the posters in the Club, we are running a Beginners Sailing Saturday afternoon for youth and adult members to encourage more members to try sailing. This consists of beach-based rigging tuition with on water activity overseen by an experienced sailor. You will be able to learn the basics in a Laser Pico or a Topper supported by an experienced sailor giving guidance from a Rib, or perhaps try out a Club Wayfarer with an experienced helm.

If this does interest you, do contact RC Sailing Kevin Mason to arrange a Saturday afternoon session as we welcome and support all ages to try this sport. The next session is on Saturday 7th May so do let us know if you are interested.

Angling

From George, the competition was changed to the best Bream with five boats entering and the winner being Derek with a 40cm fish, with George second with a 39cm fish - a very close result!

The anglers caught lots of other different species with Dogfish, Ballan and Cuckoo Wrasse, Pout, Thornback and Undulated Rays, Bass and Smoothound with Tommy Essery catching a very large Smoothound which

was returned to the sea. Well done to Tommy with the more senior anglers now very aware that we have a very promising angler in our Club and, when a little older, a future club champion, of that I'm sure. George also tells me that another two other boats also went out but no results are known from them to let you know.

The next competition is on 15th May from 8am until 4pm with the target species Smoothound. George believes that three boats may be going out today and he will let me know if any report their catches back to him.

From Paul C. his comments on Sunday's match were that it was brilliant to see so many boats on the water and what a treat for himself and his boys as they were lucky to see three dolphins feeding in Pagham Bay! As he said, you couldn't pay good money to see something so magical! And look at the expression on his boy's face for the catch!



A great day had by all and they can't wait for the next one!

!On another note, we still need more Anglers to come forward for **THE BIG ONE**, the Sailfish competition. We have lots of sailors coming forward who will risk taking you on board but where are you? Come on, this is a fun competition and we need you to ensure that we have enough fish to do the advertised BBQ! We really do need you!!!! Where are you?

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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The amended calendar for the four-day Platinum Jubilee Celebrations has been posted in the Club and will be posted on our website and on our Facebook. It may well be a little brief than what I am posting and please be aware that there may be some changes or additions to the calendar and I will try to let you know of them as they happen. So:

Thursday 2nd June

Morning

During the morning, dependent on weather, **THE BIG ONE** Sailfish competition with Sailing taking the lead role in their boats with Anglers as their partners.

Afternoon The Bar will be open from 12 till 2pm

Evening The Bar will be open from 5 – 11pm

During the evening it is hoped to entice some of our members to show off their singing talents, dependent on if they have any energy left from **THE BIG ONE** Sailfish competition. We'll let you know more details nearer the time.

Friday 3rd June

Morning

During the morning, dependent on weather, **THE BIG ONE** Sailfish competition with the Anglers taking the lead role in their boats with sailors as their partners. **We need our Anglers to get their names down for this please!!!**

Afternoon The Bar will be open from 1pm until 11pm

At 3pm we will be treated to Rose Lancaster, providing entertainment from a glamorous vintage singer with stunning vocals, effortless style and an incredible repertoire inspired by the voices of Ella Fitzgerald, Vera Lynn, Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra, the Andrews Sisters and many more; Rose will be giving us an authentic, sophisticated and elegant performance to cover the 40s and 50s. A very fitting tribute to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee!

From 5pm a BBQ with the fish catch from **THE BIG ONE** Sailfish competition, along with additions of ordinary burgers (just in case). Please feel free to bring along your own extras such as salad, homemade sauce or any other food to augment what is being provided by PYC.

Evening The Bar will still be open until 11pm.

Saturday 4th June

Morning

This will be a layout on the beach of many things to do or buy including: Stalls with the renowned Cake Stall, Games which briefly include Golf Putting, Tombola, Roll A Pound & Win a Bottle along with lots and lots more. Also, there will be things especially for the Kids – Find the Treasure, Crafts, Crown Making and the Crown Parade when the Winner will be announced. This was a brief outline as there is much more so get your change out now and put it to one side!

The Bar will be open from 12 noon until closing.

Afternoon

1.30pm Sailing

Evening

Cocktails & Snacks with RC Sailing Kevin and the Commodore taking on their hidden identities of Sommelier. That's Wine Waiter to you and me. Along with the Cocktails there will also be Snacks, 3 for £1 consisting of Melba toast, ham, salmon, olives & cream cheese.

We will be entertained by Timothy Quinlan a Swing and Motown singer who has starred on Broadway.

At 7pm we will announce the winner of the Photo Competition and award the prize to the lucky person – and return all photos with a smile.

Sunday 5th June

Morning

11am Sailing

The Bar will be open from 12 noon until 8pm or perhaps earlier, dependent on staffing and the need to stay open. If not, we will close earlier as we know some members will go home after this long Bank Holiday weekend.

Afternoon

From 1.30pm Picnic tables will be available for members, their families and guests to lay out their food ready to eat al fresco and enjoy the Platinum Jubilee celebration with others. Please be aware that non-members who are not guests will not be allowed to sit on our benches within our area and will be asked to move outside.

There will be jugs of Pimms with the usual fruit and enticement for sale to ensure that the party mood can be carried on until, and hopefully beyond, The Smileys taking our stage.

Evening

4 – 5pm the Smileys will be entertaining PYC in their usual way, so watch out!

5pm World Wide cheers and clapping for the Queen and all helpers that worked through the Covid pandemic. It is hoped to have a few fireworks to help us enjoy this moment.

After this and by 5.30pm – the Raffle. Be aware that tickets for the Raffle will continue to be sold throughout the weekend but the draw will take place at this time. If you can't be there, give someone your tickets or let us know your numbers and we will pick your prize for you.

As mentioned, the Club will close before 8pm and will not open until Wednesday 8th June as normal.

Pagham Yacht Club Hoodies, Polo Shirts and T-Shirts -Now on Sale!



Polo Shirts £20, Hoodies £30 and T-Shirts £15. All shirts available in sizes from Small, Medium, Large to XL and XXXXL! I've heard comments that this photo isn't good enough for you to make a decision but please do speak to a Committee Member if you would like to have a look or buy any of the items. Again, please be aware that we are not releasing any items without payment by card or cash and this is a subtle reminder to some members who were so delighted with them that they "bought" certain items before final prices were released - as they still owe us the payments! (and yes, we still do know who you are 8-) and how much you owe.)

On another note, the garments are 80°cotton and I can personally guarantee that they keep their shape when they are only washed on 30°c on your washing machine (done it!) and not tumbled dried as they would then, obviously, shrink! This is nothing to do with your waistline or length of your arms! So, don't come back to me if you have put them on a high wash or dryer heat and they no longer fit you!!!! Aargh!

Coming Soon

From Sue, still time to post your photo for the Baby Competition! And....she wants you to have a look at what she has booked for you in the coming months, especially for the Platinum Jubilee weekend. I am so looking forward to that!

Entertainment

The following coming your way very soon:

Friday 6th May: Play Your cards Right with Keith - £1 a go. From 8 pm and bring your own nibbles.

Saturday 7th May: Paul C and Guy's 50th party

Sunday 22nd May: Petrol Money 3 - 5 pm

Saturday 28th May: Hi 5 Band. 8 pm onwards

Bar

So sorry to keep repeating this message as we have had a good response recently so, I want to carry on encouraging any members who have put their name forward in the past and actually haven't done anything about responding to Bar duties.

Please know that **it is fun**.

You are supported and not left alone and the first duties will be on evenings or afternoons to suit you when it isn't busy to allow you to get a grip on what and where everything is. This is a way of you meeting a wide section of our membership – some of whom have been here forever! They will quite happily tell you where their beer is, how much it costs and what you should be doing with your haircut! After a couple of sessions, you can tell them that you don't like their hairdo either, where they should be going to get it cut.....and get away with it and, most important, a smile to make a lasting friend who can share your idiosyncratic feelings.

In the hope that we will be seeing you very soon when the forecasts brighten up – or when you don't care and just want to come into the Club and share with us what you have been up to, then we hope that will join us to hopefully take part in or watch the sailing or angling - or find out more about the other features that we are up to. And don't forget that what we have coming forward for us for the Platinum Jubilee. Do you have something you would like to offer as perhaps your stall, or a game on the Saturday? Let us know! The more the merrier!!! We need your support so do let us know about your ideas and what you can offer us. We do need you!

Do keep in touch and let us know what you have been up to and any photos that we can share with other members who may be inspired about what you have done. That is what it is all about. x

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