

Hi Everybody,



It has been another stunning weekend – quite literally! Many thanks to Steve G who took this photo of the Commodore when they were out at 4am on Saturday morning in the new kayaks Bass fishing. What a beautiful place we live in.

**Sailing and Angling Report:**    



From RC Sailing Kevin, it was great to see ten boats turnout on the water for Saturday afternoon's sailing, especially with the fantastic weather and gentle breeze. It was also good to see some members that are new to sailing getting some instruction on sailing from our senior dingy Instructor, Tom G out in the rib. A big thank you to all on the rib and shore crew – without you it just couldn't happen.



Sadly, this all changed on Sunday and, despite waiting to see what was happening with the 'dump on the beach' (my favourite term!), the clearance proved a little late and the sea state resulted in no sailing. The timing of the Commodores Cup Series Races 3 & 4 will now be re-planned and we will advise you of when it can take place.

### **MAY**

21 <sup>st</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
22 <sup>nd</sup>	SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 7 & 8	11.00 <b>1</b> RYA Pennant awarded on the day
28 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
29 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY THE MULBERRY SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00

### **Angling**

From George, the new fishing kayaks were used for the first time on Saturday morning from 4am with a few Bass caught with RC Angling Paul C catching two for the BBQ later in the day, along with a few smaller

ones. Steve G caught two Bass, one under size which he put back. He did have another spectacular catch though, a Guillemot who got rather angry after dive bombing his lure. He let Steve know about his displeasure and pecked him several times before being successfully released unharmed. From Commodore Paul, who tells us that although he wasn't successful on the fishing front, using the new kayak with its padded seat was very comfortable and a good experience. Another five boats also went out with Bream, Congers, Pout and, of course, the usual Dogfish caught.

Sunday's competition was cancelled due to the brisk easterly winds forecast and next Sunday the target species is Smoothhound with a 7.30am start returning to the beach at 2.30pm. Hopefully the winds will be kinder to us, enabling us to fish the competition.



Again, another reminder to our Anglers that we do need you to come forward for **THE BIG ONE**, the Sailfish competition for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June. This is a fun competition and I know that some of you don't want to get involved but – you are all sailors and you have the skills that we need! Please do come forward and put your name down on the list in the Bar so we can show 'em what we're worth!!!!

### Membership Cards

On a related subject - now that we have the summer season upon us, we are still seeing people in the Car/Boat Park that we don't recognise, as well as members of the public walking off the beach expecting to be served. So, I am asking that please can all members now carry their cards with them or, as one member has done, take a photo of it on their phone so we can see that you are an up-to-date member of our Club. We don't like to challenge you but, having a sticker in your car isn't enough, bearing in mind we will have the Sheerwater members coming to stay with us soon – a related Club, and it's so much more friendly to just ask to see a membership card.

### Paddlers

Don't forget that Paddlers will be running every Wednesday from 18th May from 6 pm - 8 p.m.

John D will be in charge of this which is for all ages and is a mixture of kayakers and paddle boarders using either their own equipment or our Clubs. Depending upon tide and winds, people set off in groups or individually to exercise in the open sea and, not surprisingly, a favourite destination is a trip out to the Mulberry. However, many of the younger participants love playing close to the shore and spend as much time in the water as on it! Access to hot showers and parking are naturally available.

Please be aware that Under 16's will need a parent or guardian on site with a mobile phone so we can contact you immediately, but the Bar will be open if you wish to sit and watch the activity.

This is a great evening for paddlers of all ages and for more information do check out the paddlers face book link on our website which can be found on the ABOUT US page. The membership form is also on the website.

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### Bar

In the run-up to the Platinum Jubilee weekend, the Bar Manager Scottie and his able-bodied assistant Emma, have put together a rota which is being kept behind the Bar so that they can ambush you, no sorry, challenge you, no sorry, ask you to put your name down for a couple of hours on any day over the weekend. This had to happen rather than rely on members replying to the WhatsApp as we need to be sure that we do have enough people there to run the Bar over the weekend as it will be open every day for longer hours than as usual and we do need to work together to make it happen.

If you can slip behind the Bar for only an hour on one day then please do put your name down as it allows someone to pop home and feed their dog! And if you ask, I will be bringing my dog with me as if I leave her alone at home then the insurance bill for damage would be well beyond my means!

## Entertainment

From Sue our RC Social and Fundraising person, she wants to thank all that made it such a brilliant “last minute” weekend enjoyment at the Club and to thank those who turned out with their own food to cook - and to those who brought their own barbecue! An especial thanks go Paul C who loves being a Chef and who prepared and cooked the Bass caught by him earlier that morning, taking it around to be enjoyed by all who wanted to taste it. Just love it!

On a more urgent note, Sue would like to send out a reminder that we are still desperate for tombola/raffle prizes in order to make this fast-approaching Platinum Jubilee weekend a great success. When you are out shopping, can you slip an extra item in your box? Perhaps something that you would buy yourself as a treat? Many thanks in anticipation.



Also, Sue is asking if there is a home cake baker that could make lots of small cupcakes, or perhaps a couple of people who are willing to do this between them? In line with the Royal theme, Sue has brought some dignitary cup-cake toppers and will pass them over to you ready for the Platinum Jubilee weekend so she can either sell them or distribute them. She hasn't told me that detail yet but - what do I know!?! So, never mind - I want talented bakers to come forward and then I'll find out! Don't be shy as we need you!

As we are talking about celebrity personalities, please do keep looking for your baby photos as there are now quite a few in our Post-box (Oh yes!!!), but it would be good to have a few more. You know what they say - the more the merrier! We will put several options of **Who Are They?** up under the photos as some of our newer members may not know what you looked like when you were slimmer - or had hair!!! Or teeth? Sorry..... I'm looking forward to see who they think you are.....

In the meantime, do keep your eyes peeled on the PYC Facebook page and the posters in club as Sue will always be adding more events. Just can't keep her down!

Other events taking place over the weekend started on Friday evening where we had everyone joining in again with another Play Your Cards Right with Keith as it went down so well the last time. Well, it went down great for Russ as he was one of the winners - after he finished examining the remaining cards before he decided on “higher” or “lower” for the winning card! I'm really sure you're really not allowed to do that but...



On Saturday afternoon, after the sailing session, the beach was full of our members enjoying the sunshine in readiness for the BBQs.



One of our younger members enjoyed her birthday in the sunshine surrounded by her friends of all ages. Can't think of a better way to celebrate and she seemed to be very happy!

Looking ahead to what we have in store in the future, I have just checked the weather forecast and I'm being told that next weekend it's going to be around 17°C falling to 14 or 15°C in the evening on Saturday and Sunday, with sunny intervals and a moderate breeze. This is good news as we have **Petrol Money** coming to entertain us on Sunday from 3 – 5pm and ... YES! the marquee will be erected during this week to give us some more protection from any inclement to the weather.

Put this in your diaries as it's coming your way from this weekend:

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Petrol Money 3 - 5pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May: Hi 5 Band. 8pm onwards

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Sarah Lancaster vintage singer 3pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Timothy Quinlan Motown & other singer 7pm – 9pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: The Smileys 4pm – 5pm

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Please don't forget that the four-day Platinum Jubilee Celebrations has been posted in the Club and will be posted on our website and on our Facebook so, if you are unclear about what is going on, then do have a look in one of those areas.

Very briefly;

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### Morning

**THE BIG ONE** Sailfish competition with Sailing taking the lead role in their boats with Anglers as their partners.

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 still need our Anglers to get their names down for this please!!!**

### Afternoon

**Sarah, vintage singer** from 3pm.

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

### Morning

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.

### Evening

Cocktails & Snacks with RC Sailing Kevin and the Commodore. Along with the Cocktails there will also be Snacks, 3 for £1 consisting of Melba toast, ham, salmon, olives & cream cheese.

7 – 9pm We will be entertained by **Timothy Quinlan a Swing and Motown singer** who has starred on Broadway.

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### 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.

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.

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

Please do let me know if you have any items that you would like to donate as Tombola or Raffle prizes, or if you are a cake maker as we do need to use your talents, or if you can help behind the Bar, or if.....it does go on doesn't it? Anyway, I do thank you in anticipation as I know you will do what you can to make it a great Platinum Jubilee weekend for all of us! We all count xxx

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