

Hi Everybody,



Blimey everybody! Best you get yourselves a beer or a glass of wine to sit down to read this weeks' blog as it's so full that I'm worried that you will suffer sunstroke before you get to the end of it! Unless, of course, you have purchased those parasols that The Sunday Times said we should all have. I have visions of Gary MS and Mick sharing a parasol.....No? Regardless of my fantasies, what a week and a truly fabulous weekend it has been. Who needs to travel abroad when we can enjoy the wonderful sailing and entertainment and the beautiful coastline and the fabulous sea to entice us when we have Pagham?



Sailing and Angling Report

From RC Sailing Kevin, what a fantastic weekend on the water starting on Saturday when ten boats took to the water, mainly consisting of youth members. Although it was very light winds, it was enough for them to have some fun and we did eventually get the obvious question from the youth – “Can we start the capsizing training?” For those who don't know, that is their way of just playing in the water, jumping off the boat and generally having fun! Well, let's be honest, it was very warm!





RNLI Mike Cole Memorial Races

Sunday was another warm and sunny day, again light winds but, nevertheless eleven boats were on the start line ready for the two races of the Mike Cole memorial race. With the lack of wind, the first race did take a long time to finish so, race officers Sally and Paul P decided to shorten the course for the second race. It was great to see so many sailors supporting the RNLI charity and we were all treated to a visit from Selsey lifeboat and one of their in-shore lifeboat's.

Many thanks to everyone that helped with making it such a great day both on and off the water as an event like this does take a lot of support from all of our members.



Sailing results 10th July 2022

RNLI Mike Cole Memorial

Race 1

1 st Michael & Zachary	Mariner	Hurricane
2 nd Anya Dickinson	Topper	
3 rd Louise Greene	Laser 4.7	
4 th Barry Dickinson	Laser	
5 th Nick Cook & Dave/ Theresa	Wayfarer	
6 th Kevin Robbins	Dart 15	
7 th Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18	
8 th Jo Dickinson	Laser Pico	
9 th Scottie	Laser Pico	
10 th Clive Briggs	Laser Pico	
11 th Guy Lawson	Laser Pico	
DNF Alan Fry	Laser Vortex	

Race 2

1 st Barry Dickinson
2 nd Nick Cook & Dave / Theresa
3 rd Andy & Carol Grout
4 th Michael & Zachary Mariner
5 th Kevin Robbins
6 th Anya Dickinson
7 th Clive Briggs
8 th Scottie
9 th Guy Lawson





PYC have been talking with the RNLI Selsey Lifeboat to see if it could be possible to arrange a visit for any PYC members interested in attending, the focus being on our youth members, sailors and others that enjoy our waterborne activities. They are keen to encourage this and we will let you know when we have more details. It would be great to see exactly what they have to deal with.

Following the excitement of the sailing and the visit by the Selsey RNLI we were treated to entertainment by Turnpike Alley. Fantastic music and just what we needed to make for an enjoyable afternoon to ensure the whole day was something to be remembered!



On another note, with regard to our Car park for those who use it – and I hate to say this, but it was one of our fishermen who should have known better, please do not park close to the new Kayaks container by the gates, as the offender blocked one of the doors preventing the youths getting any kayaks out! I hope you had a good catch as you spoiled a really good afternoon out for them. Bah humbug to you!

Sailing Results 10th July

JULY

- 16th SATURDAY TRIANGLE SERIES RACE 4 14.00
- 17th SUNDAY THE MULBERRY SERIES RACES 7 & 8 11.00
- 23rd SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
- 24th SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACE 7 & 8 11.00 3
- 30th SATURDAY TRIANGLE SERIES RACE 5 14.00

Angling

From George, two boats went out in the week with Bream, Dogfish and an Undulated Ray caught - but no Mackerel were caught despite the best efforts of the anglers.

On Sunday, six boats went out with only two recording their catches. Perhaps the others didn't catch much but it would have been nice to know what they did catch anyway! The two boats that did record their catches had Bass, Black Bream, Dogfish, Conger, Smooth-hound, Cuckoo and Ballan Wrasse, Undulated and Thornback Rays. This was on marks east of the club using mackerel and ragworm for baits on long flowing traces and had quite a few Mackerel on feathers, but packs of Tope were a problem often using their sharp teeth biting through the trace line when hooked. Some of the Mackerel being smoked and BBQ'd for tea.

The next competition is on Sunday 24th July from 10am until 5pm with the largest Skate being the target species. Hopefully a good number of boat owners will support this event.

This is Chris with the biggest Bass at 54cm.



From Paul our RC Angling, what a great and wonderful weather we have been having. He feels that it will end August - guaranteed! (That was his words!!!) He was busy enjoying the Golf with the other enthusiastic members at the great event down at Portsmouth with stunning views over the city. He tells me that Andy gave Mark and himself a lesson in history regarding all the Garson scattered in the surrounding hills! Do they get extra points for this? Oh well, never mind what golfers talk about, eh?

After Friday night when the boys enjoyed an evening with Play Your Cards Right, a Happy Hour and a delicious chilli with accompanying bread the boys were ready to approach fishing the following morning. Although George has filled you in with most of the catches this week with Chris catching the biggest Bass of the year at a whopping 54cm, it is still a well done all of the others who took to the water!

Paddlers

From John D, another wonderful evening was had last Wednesday which saw us put out another 20 paddle boarders and kayakers.



The sultry temperatures did belie the fact that there was a fairly stiff breeze at the start of the session which did make for some challenging conditions for the paddle boarders. This week the conditions are looking ideal so we are keen to smash our record and get 25 + onto the water.

In preparation for celebrating our biggest ever fleet on the water this Wednesday the club are putting on a “Bring your own BBQ”. We will provide salad and potatoes and you bring and cook your own meat/fish or veggie alternatives. Hope to see you Wednesday!

Boat Park

If you own a boat that has been left in the Boat Park without payment of your boat fees – and you haven’t visited this season, please be aware that notices have now been placed on them. If we are not informed of who owns these boats then be aware that they will be removed.

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Golf



Another successful day out for the Golfing section at Waterlooville. The winner of the Pagham Open was Andy D with 42 points, second was the Commodore Paul and nearest to

pins was Steve G, Robb P and 2 others. Longest drive was Woolie with The Yellow Ball challenge was won by Team 3 – Commodore Paul, Steve G, Rob Parr and Alex. Mark C won the Birdie 2 competition. Don't ask as I haven't a clue what that means but, nice shirts boys!

Website

I'm really sorry to let you know that our Carole Gale who has been supporting the Club for many years by updating and improving our website has decided that she must let us go. Carole has her own very popular business in helping people with the website and understandably the work she has done has proved very in demand. She tells me that now she is so busy that she feels she cannot give us enough of her time to continue to help us - I think her last email was from Australia or some foreign country but I couldn't tell from the sun-tan!

Currently, we are in the process of implementing a new website called SCM which we hope will make it a more appealing and a more useful tool for the Club. I have heard that we do have a few new members with expertise in this area and it would be great to hear from you and see if you can hopefully contribute to the work that will now be only currently carried on by Kevin H who keeps many of our systems – including the blog, alive and well! Do let us know if you are interested as we do need to keep ourselves aware of how to keep moving forward in the best way. In the interim, we also need someone who could take on keeping the current website alive and well. Are you able to help with this?

Entertainment

Happy Hour – Well, how did that evening go? And were you there? Whoohoo! We have to say well done to Dave our Treasurer who spent hours sorting the till out to make sure that any items for the Happy Hour – including the last-minute addition of the large bottle of beer, could be “rung up”. Sylv, who was doing the bar from 6.30pm was concerned that there wasn't a magic button and was texting to know what was happening! And then at 6.30pm.....bingo! The buttons magically appeared on the till.....and disappeared at 7.30pm! Now you know why he is the Treasurer!!!! Stop that smug smile Dave, doesn't suit you.

Dates for Your Diary – I'm in trouble again for telling you that RC Angling Paul is thinking of doing one of his infamous golf evenings on a date when it hadn't been agreed for the diary! I'm getting good at that so do wipe out Saturday 16th July for the children as that is when we have **The Lightning Brothers, a 5 Piece Soul Band from 4 – 6pm!** Watch this space as what I have been hearing is that they are well worth waiting for. Rock and roll and elements from African-American gospel, jazz, and R&B. Something to get to all of us! See you there.

JULY

Friday 15th Take Your Pick 7pm

Saturday 16th The Lightning Brothers, a 5 Piece Soul Band from 4 – 6pm!

Friday 22nd Play Your Cards Right with Keith 7pm

Sunday 24th Louise's Solo Singer 3 – 5pm

Friday 29th Take Your Pick 7pm

Saturday 30th Petrol Money 7.30 – 9.30pm

Any Other Business

A very odd item to put on here but someone, who I suspect has gone into the Galley to help themselves to a cup of coffee or tea using the kettle, has thought it a good idea to turn the kettle off at the switch on the wall. Good safety idea! But.....be aware that the switch next to it that was also turned off, is the one that the freezer was connected to. We don't know when this happened but we have lost all of the goods in the freezer and, because the freezer door was closed, all goods have had to be thrown away and the freezer needs to be thoroughly cleaned out and is now out of action until this is done. Please, please do not interfere in areas where you are not signed in to use and clean up after use. Do not forget that we are protecting your safety and our Health licence. Thank you.

Something that was raised at the weekend was the pathway that goes to the Mulberry stone which is now covered in pebbles again - and is unusable by anyone in a wheelchair or on a mobility scooter. We were asked by a couple on Sunday where there was along the Paghams beach area where they could drive their mobility scooters to have a look at the sea and we had to tell them that there was nowhere at the moment.

If you, or your family, can spare half an hour then we have spades and brushes to clear the pathway on any day when the Club is open. It's all about being part of our community and it would make the approach to our Club that much more appealing for all. If you can help then it would be kind.

See you all soon,

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