

Hi Everybody,



Another fabulous week with amazing weather. What more could you ask for?

Sailing and Angling Report:



From RC Sailing Kevin, what a fantastic weekend on and off the water! Saturday afternoon saw seven youth members take to the water in five boats and, although quite a choppy sea, winds were fairly light for once.

As normal with the youth, it wasn't long before the inevitable question with anyone who has ever done youth sailing will know, "Can we do capsize drills?" - which is youth terminology for tipping the boat over and jumping into the water. I think we all know that Joe and Bertie in the topaz uno had managed to capsize numerous times already without it being part of a drill and RC Kevin didn't think they were on the same wavelength when tacking or gybing, to the extent that he

thinks they have managed to break the club record in the amount of capsizes in one sailing session - but they were having fun so.....

On another note, one member heard a holidaymaker on the beach comment that they weren't very good sailors as they keep upturning their boats! Obviously hadn't got kids!

Sunday saw eleven boats on the water for races 7 & 8 of the Mulberry series - a good varied fleet of boats and also in ages of sailors. It was good to see everyone out enjoying the fantastic weather and a big thanks to race officers Paul and Sally, also the rib crews, David, Tiff and Molly. Again, well done all as without the team work it just wouldn't happen.



Sailing Results 17th July

Mulberry Series

Race 7

1 st Simon Orde	Laser Radial
2 nd Nick Cook & Bridget Freeman	Wayfarer
3 rd Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18
4 th Charlie Donoghue	Topper
5 th Jay Steer	Laser Pico
6 th Joe Atherton & Bertie Kirby	Topaz Uno
7 th Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips	Hobie Tiger
8 th Nathan Wyborn	Laser Pico
9 th Guy Lawson	Laser Pico
10 th Clive Briggs	Laser Pico
11 th Scottie	Laser Pico

Race 8

1 st Simon Orde
2 nd Nick Cook & Bridget Freeman
3 rd Andy & Carol Grout
4 th Charlie Donoghue
5 th Jay Steer
6 th Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips
7 th Nathan Wyborn
8 th Clive Briggs
9 th Guy Lawson

10th Scottie

JULY

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

31st SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES RACE 1 & 2 11.00

Angling

From George, four boats went out on Wednesday but the fishing was hard due to the strong tide and lots of floating weed. Despite this, the anglers caught Dogfish, Black Bream, Mackerel and an Undulated Ray. Also, the Sussex Fishery Patrol boat inspected each boat and obtained details from them on where they were from what they had caught and kept, to ensure that the anglers were only keeping fish that were of legal size etc. Of course, as expected the PYC anglers spoken to were fully compliant with the rules that applied and the patrol crew were very polite and friendly and wished the anglers a good days fishing.



On Saturday, four boats went out again but the fishing was even harder with big rafts of weed and the strong tide causing lots of problem. Again, they did catch Dogfish, Black Bream, Mackerel and Evie caught a nice Smoothound with one boat being pestered by Tope. It also showed the value of fishing with other boats as when your engine fails you can be towed home by another craft. A couple of Kayak anglers also went out but didn't catch their target fish - a Bass, so hopefully better luck next time.

Sundays' competition is a 10am start until 5pm with the largest Skate the target species.

Paddlers

From John D, wow, what a fantastic paddlers session we had last Wednesday. We not only smashed our record attendance with 37 people on the water during the course of the session but we also had our canine friend (Rocky – courtesy of David and Theresa) out for a paddle too.



I'm not sure if he has an unfair advantage having four legs to keep him steady whilst surfing but - I'm sure someone will tell me!

The night did not end there for, as the heat of the day turned to a balmy tropical evening, Sue provided new potatoes, salad and rolls as compliments to everyone barbequing their own choice of supper. However, for a time the temperature did rise somewhat considerably on the beach as the gas BBQ did an impersonation of internal combustion and obliterated itself and numerous burgers and sausages (much to the dismay of David and Jo). Could be a new name for BBQ'd food – Inferno Burgers or Sausages? Less calories as most of them no longer exist! No? Oh.....

To the rescue came Peter and Clive and the big traditional BBQ was soon up and running. A fantastic night was rounded off by a spectacular sunset that was the deserved icing on the cake for all those that took part.

This week should see another cracking Wednesday evening – the extreme heat will have died away but the sea will still be warm, the breeze light and the beer cold so, let's try and enjoy our wonderful coast and club and as many as possible please do come on down and join in the fun!

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RYA – Short Range VHF Training Course



We had our second group complete their RYA – VHF Short Range Radio training course on Saturday. I'm pleased to say that all of them passed the course, despite it being a long 'hot' day in the Club training room, with a lot of information to take in. This training is designed to provide members involved with the knowledge and confidence to use VHF equipment on behalf of the Club and we now have sufficient trained and certified VHF radio operators to support our on-the-water activities. A thank you to Chichester Sea Training Ltd for providing this RYA Certified training.

Website

I just wanted to remind you that we are still looking for members with experience in websites who would love to get involved in implementing our new website called SCM. This will be a huge step forward for the Club so we are keen to keep moving forward on this. If you need more information, we would be very pleased to sit down over a coffee or drink and talk you through what is involved.

Entertainment

Saturday late afternoon saw **The Lightning Brothers**, a 5 Piece Soul Band take PYC by storm!

So much so that the members had a whip round to persuade them to stay longer and demanded that Sue booked them again! True to form, Sue has done this so, if you missed them this time you will be given the opportunity to see them on Sunday 14th August.

I'll let you know times in the next blog but do make sure you are available for the date or you'll be really sorry to have missed this again.

I'm sorry there aren't any more photos to show you but it looks as if everyone was having such an enjoyable time they didn't bother to take any!



JULY

Friday 22nd Play Your Cards Right with Keith 7pm
Sunday 24th Louise Solo Singer 3 – 5pm
Friday 29th Take Your Pick 7pm
Saturday 30th Petrol Money 7.30 – 9.30pm

AUGUST

Saturday 6th The Minkees
Friday 12th One For the Road - Trio from 7.30pm
Saturday 13th Sarah Saville 7pm
Sunday 14th The Lightening Bros Soul Band
Saturday 27th Malc de Redding & Sean Ward

Any Other Business

RNLI collection week is starting August 1st and there will be a collection boat in our Clubhouse so any spare change would be much appreciated. For those of you who would like to get more involved, these are the activities planned at Selsey for their Lifeboat Week from Sunday 7th until 14th August:

Sunday August 7th, 6.30pm – Service of Praise and Thanksgiving – in the Boathouse

Monday August 8th, 8pm – Quiz Night - at The Seal public house

Tuesday August 9th, 6pm – 6.30pm – Walking Treasure Hunt – starting at Hillfield Road car park

Wednesday August 10th, 6pm-9pm – Boathouse Open Evening

Thursday August 11th, 6pm – Race Night – at The Victory Club

Friday August 12th, 4.30pm – Family Fun Day – on Lifeboat Green – Dog Show, Canoe Race, Funfair, Selsey Shantymen and Firework display

Saturday August 13th, 2pm-5pm – Cream Teas – at Beacon Church

Sunday August 14th, 10am – activities on Lifeboat Green, including Stalls, Funfair, Raft Race, Classic Car and Harley Davison static displays (East Beach car park/East Beach Field), Selsey Shantymen, all culminating in an exciting demonstration by Selsey Lifeboats, the Coast Guard and visiting Lifeboat crews.

It looks as if the summer is going to be very busy for everyone! Do have fun in whatever you chose to do and don't forget to keep the suncream to hand.

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