

Hi Everybody,

A bit of a different introduction this week as I spotted these caterpillars demolishing the weeds at the bottom of our stairs at the Club and, because of their colour I wondered if they were hazardous. That'll teach me! Apparently the black and yellow striped caterpillar of the Cinnabar Moth is one of the most instantly recognisable caterpillars in the British Isles and Europe! Recognisable to anybody apart from to me, that is.



The conspicuous caterpillars grow up to 28 mm and feed mainly on ragwort but also groundsel and colt's foot and feed gregariously during the day mainly between May and August. Their bright colours warn birds and other predators that they are distasteful. Because of this and the struggle our wildlife is having because of the lack of rain, we aren't going to destroy their food (weeds to us). So, despite the fact that they are climbing up the Club's walls in search of more, please can you leave them alone and let them enjoy being caterpillars before flying off into the night. Aren't they lovely?



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, he sadly has nothing to report to me from the Saturday sailing as he was one of our sailors on his first aid course in the Training room. He tells me that quite a few youth members did go out but, not for long as the winds picked up quickly and quite a bit. Andy G and Jack G ran the sailing that day and they tell me three boats took to the water on the afternoon with two laser Pico's and a Topaz 14 cat with Jack helming the rib and Andy keeping an alert eye on what the boats were doing.

With Jay and Bertie on one, and Scottie on the other Pico, the twosome gave a fine demonstration of what should be Pico sailing while Scottie managed two capsizes before getting on the boat. What? Best you don't ask. Jonathan on the Topaz was really enjoying the conditions and watching what was going on!

Nick C had the Wayfarer on the beach getting ready to take the Commodore for a spin but unfortunately the wind and sea state started to worsen and they decided to call off the trip, despite the other boats heading for the beach. Oh. Never mind boys, eh?



Sunday morning again saw fairly brisk winds, nonetheless six boats were rigged and ready for races 7 & 8 of the commodore cup

With only picos and lasers on the water, race officers Paul and Andy set a small, but challenging course, kept the rib crew of Molly and RC Kevin on their toes, with four capsizes and two broken picos, needing to be towed ashore. Do you think they know that they don't get any more points for capsizes? A big well done to Molly as this is the first time that she has ever towed a boat and both times, executed with perfect precision! Well of course, she is a girl so she knows what she is doing!

(Sorry, couldn't resist that!)

Sailing Results 24th July 2022

Commodores Cup

Race 7

1 st Simon Orde	Laser Radial
2 nd Jon Hutchings	Laser Radial
3 rd Scottie	Laser Pico
4 th Guy Lawson	Laser Pico
5 th Nathan Wyborn	Laser Pico
DNF Clive Briggs	Laser Pico

Race 8

1 st Jon Hutchings
2 nd Simon Orde
3 rd Scottie
DNF Nathan Wyborn
DNF Guy Lawson

JULY

30th SATURDAY TRIANGLE SERIES RACE 5 14.00

31st SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES RACE 1 & 2 11.00

AUGUST

6th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

7th SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES RACES 3 & 4 11.00 1 Commodores Champagne Challenge
13th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
14th SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 9 & 10 11.00 3
18th THURSDAY SHEARWATER NATIONALS 11.30
19th FRIDAY SHEARWATER NATIONALS 11.00
20th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30 SHEARWATER NATIONALS 11.00
21st SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES RACES 5 & 6 11.00 SHEARWATER NATIONALS 11.00
27th SATURDAY PYC REGATTA RACES 1 & 2 13.00 2
28th SUNDAY PYC REGATTA RACES 3,4 & 5 11.00 2 CAT Cup extracted from results
29th MONDAY SAILFISH TROPHY 11.0

Angling

From George, the weekends' competition was cancelled due to the brisk wind which I think the boat capsizers know what he is talking about! The next competition is Sunday 14th August 10am until 5pm with the best Bass the target species, with Kayak anglers - for the first time competing along with motorised craft! This should provide a very interesting comparison between the two methods. Watch this space!!!

A couple of Kayak anglers did try their luck over the weekend but nothing of any size was caught.

Two boats went out on Tuesday with Black Bream, Congers, an Undulated Ray and, of course the usual Dogfish caught but for a change lots of Mackerel were gathered by both boats. Best we like Mackerel pate at this rate. Only one boat fished on Saturday morning with no report on their success given to George.

For all Youth members - From RC Angling Paul, he has nothing to report on the Kayak fishing group but he is aiming to hold a termination tackle evening this Wednesday 27th at 8pm in the Club for all youth club members and friends who will like to give fishing a go. Do just turn up in plenty of time and Paul will let you know if this needs to be in the training room or downstairs in the Bar dependent on numbers.

The following Wednesday 3rd August, after Paddlers, RC Paul is aiming to teach Beach Casting and Strike Practice, showing how to set up rod holders with bite indication and quite importantly the cleaning needed of equipment to keep it in working order and prevent you buying more.

*Other important dates are Sunday 7th August is the Learning to Fish event between 6pm and 9pm with club members advising and helping youngsters to fish and, something to look forward to at the end of August will be a youth fishing match – date to be confirmed. Watch this space!

RC Paul tells me that we will be supplying all equipment and bait required which is likely to come from local angling shop and club members along with prizes.

Snorkelling

On a trial basis, two of our committee members, Dave G our Treasurer and Paul C our RC Angling are inviting members and Paddlers to join them to try out snorkelling on Tuesday evenings from around 6pm – provided the weather and the sea is still inviting enough on a weekly basis.

Dave is BSAC scuba and snorkelling instructor and he will be going through the safety aspects and making sure that everybody is keeping close to the shore.

This is not a formal Club event and is being run to see what the uptake is and to get our kids out on the water doing things during the holidays. The minimum age is 6 years but the children need to be water confident and competent, and all younger participants will need life preservers and supervision by their parents.

There is no age limit but we do ask anyone interested to take account of any health or medical problems that may interfere with them enjoying or being in the water. This is just a fun activity with advice and supervision at this stage. The Club will not be providing any equipment at the moment so anyone wishing to take part will need to bring along a face mask, snorkels and, dependent on age, fins and any other equipment that they have. Dave advises the wearing of a wet suit or at least a T-shirt and sun block to protect you.

If you have any snorkelling equipment that you no longer use then I'm sure we would gratefully accept any donations to allow you to clear them out of your wardrobes, the utility room or the spare bedroom!

As a member or, as a Paddler then you will be able to have use of the changing rooms and also this Tuesday the Bar will be open from 7.30pm, if not earlier, to watch the Girl's Rugby.

If this does prove to be a popular activity then we will ensure that it is promoted to the PYC Management Committee to put it on a more formal basis. In the time being, do try out something you may not have thought about.

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First Aid Course

We seem to be having quite a lot of courses at PYC at the moment but improving the number of our members who are qualified or aware of what is needed if confronted with a medical emergency must be of primer importance. We need to have members both sailing, angling, on the beach or in the Club house who are aware of what to do should a medical emergency arise.

Some of our members may be trained or qualified through their work with what we would call ordinary "life-saving" and it would be good to know who they are and when your qualification will run out so we can keep a record – especially if you are a sailor, an angler or if you work behind the Bar. Do let me know.



I'm pleased to say that all bodies managed to survive their CPR and the Bar floor and even better, that all 12 members passed the course. With myself, having passing slightly early in the year then there are 13 of us for another 3 years who are qualified without me knowing of other members who are independently qualified. I am also very pleased to say that we had included two youth members in the course as well as other members who take part in Club activities so we are spreading the knowledge in a wider range.

Our current First Aid knowledge is keen to qualify members, including beach workers on any events relating to sea activities including, for example, the rescue via the jet ski towing a stretcher so they know how to deal with getting a person on land without causing more injuries and certain issues such as secondary drowning. Do you know what that means? Look it up as it so critical when we are going into the sea. This is why it is so important to deal with the diversity of First Aid. If you are interested, we are looking at doing another course before the start of the next sailing season in January/February 2023 so do let me know so I can start a list now.

Entertainment

I hope that you made it on Sunday afternoon to hear Louise Conelly, the solo singer do her performance as she was stunning! And what a voice that took us through Dolly Parton 9 to 5, the Weather Girls It's Raining Men, Abba and Break the Chain by Fleetwood Mac amongst others. She was so good that we did what we do when we like someone special....we had a whip round and persuaded her to stay for another half hour or 40 minutes. Not bad for someone still in university and still playing for a band of her co-students as well!

Just heard that we have booked her and the accompanying band for Sunday 7th August starting at 3.15pm! What a clever RC Social person we have in Sue! Well done Sue!!!



Keith has been at it again with his Play Your Cards Right on Friday. Why I ever bothered to participate I have no idea! Must be something in the way he looks at me because I never get beyond the first card! Never mind. I think he's coming up with something more veil in the future so do watch this space.



Coming Up:

This Tuesday evening England's women semi-final Euro with Sweden. The Bar will be open from 7pm so do come in and enjoy watching us beat them! You may have seen that this will be shown after the snorkelling so, we are hoping that a few of you will need some sustenance after trying out something new.

Also, more importantly are we aiming to do Happy Hour this Friday as the last Friday in the month from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. Same as before, draft pints of beer, large bottles of beer and glasses of wine only. I just knew that would get your attention!

JULY

Friday 29th Happy Hour 6.30 – 7.30pm Pints of Beer, large bottles beer and Wine only
Take Your Pick from 8.00pm

Saturday 30th Petrol Money 7.30 – 9.30pm

AUGUST

Saturday 6th The Minkees (start time to be advised)

Friday 12th Happy Hour 6.30 – 7.30pm

One 4 The Road - Trio from 7.30pm

Saturday 13th Sarah Saville 7pm

Sunday 14th The Lightening Bros Soul Band from 4pm

Saturday 27th Malc de Redding & Sean Ward

Any Other Business

A huge thank you to Paul C and his mate Andy who took their digger down to the beach and cleared the path from West Front Road to the Mulberry Memorial which runs alongside our Club, without any charge to anybody. (Without a few pints of beer that is!)



Well done to the boys as this now allows any member of the community, or to our visitors who needed to use a wheelchair or a Motability to visit the beach and to just have a view of the sea! We forget that this does matter.

Don't forget that the RNLI collection week is starting August 1st. We have a separate collection boat on the bar surface in our Clubhouse along with a few of their pamphlets that they would like us to sell at £1 each so, any donations for this and spare change would be very much appreciated.

Work Party – it's that time again! We've hired a skip that will be put in the Car park and we are hoping that we will have a good number of members who will turn up on **Saturday 13th August at 10.30am** to help clear the PYC site (*apart from the caterpillar's food at the base of the stairs!) As always, there will be hot butties and coffee and tea involved if you can pull your weight – the choice of sarnies I think, will be bacon or sausages and I'm sure if you are late that there will be other options available, provided you keep smiling and offer to take the rubbish out as Sue and Lisa are more easily pleased than me.

Happy Hour – apart from this Friday at 6.30 – 7.30pm when I know you will be there, this time we are giving you lots of warning as we have planned another Happy Hour to be held on Friday 12th August, the same night as One 4 The Road, the Trio performing from 7.30pm. You now have time to prepare for a really good night! Enough notice so get on with it!

GROAN, and I can't believe that I am telling this to you again ... but there are still some members – or perhaps ONE MEMBER who is a user of our Car and Boat Park who think they can get away with looping the wire lock over or around the gate without employing the padlock and not fully locking it and making it safe! I cannot emphasize how angry I get about this when we have warned all members about the boats and valuable equipment that is stored on this land. Boats and the property kept on there are insured by the owners on the understanding that the land is secured and that we have CCTV coverage.

I really do not want to take the hassle of tracing every person or vehicle who last used the gate before we discovered the gate was insecure and before we threaten to eject them from the Club because of their arrogance and disdain about the other users – but please be warned that I will take the time to do it.

This could be a very serious and a very costly matter if an unauthorised person drives in on a truck and helps themselves to five or six engines! Do you want to be liable for that? My time is immaterial in consequence.

So, on a better note, the sun is forecast to still be shining and hopefully you will have read that we have more than a full few month of entertainment waiting for us, let alone the sailing and angling. Do enjoy!

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