

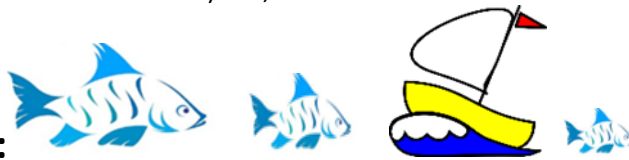
Hi Everybody,



Well, did you notice? Sue, our RC Social & Fundraising and myself have finally had enough at staring into the “dark beyond” of the snug and decided over two cans of full coke one Saturday morning that we would change what we were looking at. Doesn't it look a more enticing and friendly a space to be sitting in – and frankly, a little bit more seaside?

A big thanks to Russ who put the 6 pieces up for us without charge and supplied the appropriate goods to make sure it wouldn't fall down the instant we turned the lights off! That is what this Club is all about – people with talent supporting areas that would have got us into trouble if we had decided to do the wallpapering ourselves. I rest my case, m'lud!

(And don't tell anyone, but I still want to paint a railway sign on the doors that says Pagham Station, or something similar so it looks like you are looking out of the window.) Yes, ok – we were bored.



### Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, Saturday afternoon saw eight boats on the water for leisure, a good mixture of youth and adults, and also a good mixture of boats. There was no real drama experienced such as we have been seeing recently, as winds and sea state were good. Actually, having said that, Bertie managed to capsize a few times but I think the boys enjoy that so they were left alone - as long as they have enough changes of clothes at the end of the day.



Sunday saw eight boats rigged and ready to sail races 3 and 4 of the Summer series, the Commodore Champagne Challenge.



This is the our Sea-Doo with the new safety cover on the recently purchased lifeguard which we can now tow behind the rescue boat with a body on board to prevent any capsizing during lifesaving. Sorry about Bailey posing for the photo - he was having too much fun! We'll stop that!!!!



Guy Hickman was the overall winner and received a bottle of Champagne from the Commodore Paul. Well done Guy! Aside from this presentation, the Commodore also wishes to extend his congratulations to Charlie Donoghue who has progressed so much in racing this season that he came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and then 4<sup>th</sup> in the races. Brilliant to show our Youth who are rapidly progressing up the scale! I am pleased to see that this is a reflection on how the Club used to be 20 years ago(?) with the youngsters working their way up in various areas, dependent on their skills or their needs. We need to continue to tell them that we will be there to support and encourage them wherever we can. That's the mother in me but I think the father in you will know what I mean. On another note, we heard that Carol and Andy had a domestic on their boat about which way on the course they should have gone. Not surprisingly, Carol was right. And of course, we will always support her as well to win!!!!

**Sailing Results 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**  
Summer Series - Commodores' Champagne Challenge

### Race 3

1 <sup>st</sup> Guy Hickman	Laser Radial
2 <sup>nd</sup> Charlie Donoghue	Topper
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kev Robbins	Dart 15
4 <sup>th</sup> Clive Briggs	Laser Pico
5 <sup>th</sup> George Bramley	Laser Pico
6 <sup>th</sup> Nathan Wyborn	Laser Pico
7 <sup>th</sup> Bertie Kirby	Laser Pico
DNF Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18

### Race 4

1 <sup>st</sup> Guy Hickman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Andy & Carol Grout
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kevin Robbins
4 <sup>th</sup> Charlie Donoghue
5 <sup>th</sup> George Bramley
6 <sup>th</sup> Nathan Wyborn
7 <sup>th</sup> Bertie Kirby
8 <sup>th</sup> Clive Briggs

### AUGUST

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

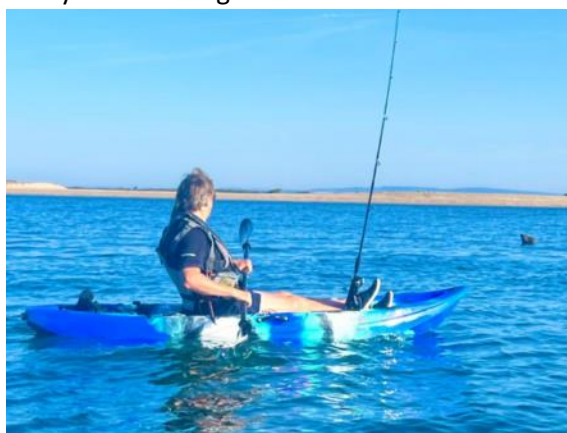
### Angling

From George, the young anglers' event on Sunday was very well supported with 10 members trying their luck during the evening. Unfortunately, only two of them caught fish with Kian catching a Bass, with Joe A catching five Bream. All the fish were returned to the sea as they were too small to keep for tea. That's fishing! Another event will be arranged for them in the near future so hopefully the BBQ will still be out.

George tells me that we all know fisherman's tales about the one that got away but he tells me I must now ask RC Angling Paul what happened to him Sunday evening. (See below)

Four boats went out over the last few days with Mackerel, Black Bream, Bass, Thornback Ray, Smoothound, Conger, Gurnard and, of course, Dogfish caught. Blimey. I now know what you all had on your BBQs.

Both George and Paul have told me that Sammy the Seal has been swimming about 40yds out while they have been fishing. They are just like dogs in their curiosity. I've also been sent these photos of swans on our shore by Dave, our Treasurer. He has never seen them at sea before so very unusual. Don't we have some wonderful wildlife around us? Don't you love living here?



The next competition on Sunday 14th August from 10am until 5pm is for Kayaks and Boats with the biggest Bass the target species.



From RC Angling Paul, he enjoyed the weekend and made the most of the fabulous weather. Kian and his friend Aaron came down to join him at Del Quay to dig worms on Sunday lunchtime for bait for the youth Anglers **Learn to Fish** event which George has said went well. Kian and Joe both caught small Bass and Bream, but it was all about the one that got away. This is what George wanted you to hear from Paul!

*"Keith's grandsons Dexter and Lucas had just gone home when the rod jumped off the rod stand and headed towards the water but unfortunately, I tied a dodgy hook and dinner escaped!"*

I believe him. Don't you? Never mind Paul, your time will come again. Look at how many fish have been caught over that weekend! I bet the price of freezers has gone up as a result of that.

Well done to George for helping out as I know you two will do it all again very soon as it was such a brilliant move!

## Swimming



Just in case you haven't heard about them, we do have an early morning swimming club called The Brass Monkeys who swim at 6:30am Monday to Friday and 8am on weekends. I know – I couldn't believe it until I saw who's involved! Bet they live to be 100+ (and drink all of the alcohol in the neighbourhood!)

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## Entertainment

Well, what can I say? What a fabulous weekend we have just had! We started with the Happy Hour on Friday which, hardly surprisingly, went down very well followed by Keith with his entertainment of Play Your Cards Right. I'm told the Club was packed! Did you get my joke? No? Oh.....

I'm sure I won't have to tell you that we are having another Happy Hour next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 – 7.30pm in readiness for another great band, One 4 The Road. I do have to tell you that the Committee are currently looking at what's happening to the economy to make sure we can still carry on giving you this well received treat but we must be aware of the dark shadow of price increases looming from our suppliers – but thankfully, I'm not the Treasurer.

We'll let you know of any changes BUT, in the meantime, we can all still enjoy the fabulous entertainment and good company over a glass or two of our chosen beer or wine so please let's enjoy what is coming our way over the next month or two.



Going back to pleaser, on Saturday we were treated to The Minkees in the evening who spoiled us with an amazing variety of songs – most of which I could remember the words to! That's quite an achievement for me and they were all great to get up and dance to. I'm hopeful we will see them again as they were very good. Did you hear me, Sue? What do you mean you've spent nearly all our budget for this season on spoiling us? Oh groan.



So, moving ahead anyway, Sunday followed in the afternoon after the raffle (no I didn't win) with another group with that fabulous lead singer Louise Conelly, that we have had before as a solo singer but this time came with her university group called Four Solitude Band. If we carry on inviting her in, I think we may have to increase our insurance for male heart attacks or buy another CPR machine as the evening went down terribly well! Perhaps I should go out and buy myself a clinging pair of pink trousers and a tight top? What do you mean – waste of time. Bah humbug! I think we can safely say that the band as a whole went down extremely well and, despite the increase in noise they were very well received by our neighbours. You and I know, keep everybody happy whether they are paying your fees or not.

## AUGUST

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>      Happy Hour 6.30 – 7.30pm  
                         One 4 The Road - Trio from 7.30pm  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>    Sarah Saville 7pm  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>      The Lightening Bros Soul Band from 4pm  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>    Malc de Redding & Sean Ward from 3pm

## Bar Rota

A very heartfelt thankyou to those who have stepped forward to help behind the Bar over the past weekend as it has been extremely busy. If you have never done a bar duty, don't forget that those members serving you are not paid, that they would like to listen to the music as much as you and would really appreciate it if you would bring your glasses and rubbish back to the Bar – even if you would like fresh glasses for your next drink.

If you don't support them then we will have a problem as our current saviours will drop out as they will get fed up of being put on, time and time again. We need members to volunteer for only 2 hours a week – or even a month!!!! to keep the system going.

Two hours a week - or split it up into one-hour shifts!!!!

I am now looking for someone to do:

7 – 8, 8 – 9, 9 – 10 or 10 – 11 on this Saturday during Sarah Saville's performance (7 till 9) or

4 – 5, 5 – 6 on Sunday (during The Lightening Bros)

Have you contacted me so I can put you on my WhatsApp so you can see what's going on and volunteer when you know you have a free hour or two? Do it. Let's move ahead, relax and smile 8-)

## Any Other Business

**Pond Dipping** – photographs you haven't seen as we didn't have time to include last week but, just have a look at what some of our youth members have been up to on a morning out!



What a fabulous location – Pond dipping and Bug Hunting, a morning out and just down the coast in Pagham Harbour visitor centre!

**Work Party** – it's another reminder to all of those strong chaps we have out there (yes, I know we have some strong women but that we need as many helpers for the work party on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am** to help clear the PYC site of any needless rubbish. I know you will remember that hot butties, coffee and tea will be provided to make it a more pleasant experience. Actually, in this heat I still think a cold drink would be much more appreciated! Ok beer if you are going to be awkward...

**Sheerwater** – I will keep on reminding you that the visit from Sheerwater for their Nationals is rapidly approaching. We have all got to work together to make this a successful visit and to show us in a good light. Please do come forward with any suggestions about any favourable publicity if you have any contacts! We need you to help us as you are our members and you are basically the Club!

*Jill*

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