

Hi Everybody,

I'm sorry that I am starting this week's blog off on a sad note to report the death of a member from our past, Roy Westlake.

Roy was the eldest son of Margaret and Vic Westlake, two of the original founder members of Pagham Yacht Club and was himself a very good pacer sailor. (Pacer is a 3.8m one design sloop rigged family dinghy). I'm sure that memories of his racing with us can be raised and shared amongst some of our senior sailors who will enlighten you about his past history with us.

Our thoughts are with his family during this especially difficult time.

Although Christmas seems to have just landed with a bump all around us, when we look at the Club there appears all sorts of things to do in preparation for just simple enjoyment as the bad weather - and now the drop in temperature, has taken its toll. Oh dear.....



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, a big thankyou to everyone that turned up Saturday morning to help take down all the masts in the boat park. Yet again a great team effort by all the sailors, despite the cold which prevented any further works being attempted.

Angling

From George, he is unaware of any fishing taking place in the last week. As BRAS are using our club for their annual Christmas Open Fishing Match with a good turnout expected, he has decided to cancel this Sundays match. Maybe a couple of PYC anglers will fish this competition? Let BRAAS know as their competition details are up in PYC Clubhouse.

Future Beach Competitions:

11th December BRAAS Annual Open Fishing Match

2023

8th January 09:30 till 14:00

22nd January 09:00 till 13:30

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World Cup Football

Well, what can I say? The game on Tuesday against the Welsh went down very well with members being treated to a wonderful selection of cheeses and biscuits by Sue – oh, and England won. I did ask for photographs of the magnificent display of cheeses provided but I was told that Guy got in there first and managed to devastate the effect so that didn't happen. And then we had Saturday night. England v Senegal with Sausages and Roasties and the Chef Paul who was in the Galley every time our team scored! Just have a look at that face when he found out what he has just missed when he went out to check the roasties. Bless him! And when I asked for photos of the food that had dragged him away from this breath-taking game? None were taken as they were busy either eating or celebrating the 3 – 0 score!



For those football supporter members amongst you, the Quarter Final is next Saturday 10th at 7pm with England v France. As the Commodore and myself will be away on this date, I am not sure at this time if any plans have been made to keep the Club open into the evening but we'll all be there on Sunday to celebrate if not!!!!

Bognor Regis Sailing Club

I'm delighted to say that Rachel, the Commodore from BRSC invited our Commodore Paul and myself to join their members for Christmas dinner, which was held at their Club on Saturday evening.



Lovely to see what other Clubs are doing and great to share ideas and ways of doing things which we can bring back to our Management Committee for discussion, and visa-versa. From a personal point of view, quite liked the way they dressed the male youth members up who were serving the food! Cheered me up enormously!

Entertainment

Coming up –



Don't forget parents

that Sue needs to have all monies in by Sunday 11that the latest for the Children's Party as it's less than two weeks away! And don't forget to tell them that Father Christmas will be there!

The Christmas raffle tickets are now going well with popular favourite numbers selling fast BUT it has been realised that you can add in a 1 or 2 or 3 beforehand to **up** your chances! Say, if 21 has already gone you can have 121, 221, 321 and 421! And it's **only £1 per square!** Go on – have fun with this and see if you can still win with your birthday or wedding anniversary or the day of your joining PYC!!! The draw will be on the afternoon of Sunday 18th so Good Luck!

The New Year's Eve party is proving to be popular and the tickets are still selling well. Don't forget that it's food, all drinks (non-alcoholic if you prefer) and entertainment by Sarah Woods to welcome in 2023. Just a gentle reminder that if you have put your names down that we do need your money as well!

Slight technicality but we know you'd eventually remember 8-)

DECEMBER

Saturday 17th Children's Party with Santa!

Until Sunday 18th - Christmas Raffle Squares still available to purchase!!!!!!

Sunday 18th Pork & Turkey Baps and the drawing of the Christmas Raffle – will need extra help behind the Bar please

Friday 23rd Smileys Christmas Show from 7pm (extra help behind the Bar please)

Sunday 25th Christmas Day Commodore's Tot from 12noon till 2pm

Saturday 31st From 7pm New Years' Eve – Singer, buffet and drinks for ticket holders!

See you all soon,

Jill

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