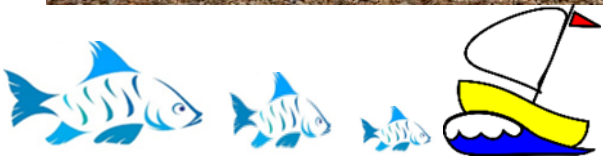


Hi Everybody,



Well, what can I say? The Christmas trees and decorations in the Club are down, it hasn't stopped raining and the wind is blasting across the shore. And they described us as "in a grip of January". Looks to me like we are back to normal!



Sailing Events & Angling

From RC Paul, yesterday's Beach competition had to be cancelled due to wild conditions - great for kite surfing but not fishing. There were some windsurfing pictures and a discarded fishing net near the outlet pipe that he let me have that I couldn't print - someone not taking care of their equipment, but he is looking forward to the next match in two weeks' time. Let's hope for better conditions for all that are involved.

Future Beach Competitions: 2023

22nd January 09:00 till 13:30

sailing@paghamyachtclub.com angling@paghamyachtclub.com

Membership

From Andy Day, just an early forewarning that the new Membership year will start on March 1st. Details and forms have been posted in the Club and of course online at www.paghamyachtclub.com/membership. Don't forget that we also ask that for renewals that you still complete the application form as we continue to update the information we collect as we are very keen to capture those that are able to volunteer their skills and time to help the Club! (The exclamation mark was from me!!!)

On another subject, following a batch of new member applications the percentage of social members will now be above 40%. Our Club Rules state therefore, that we must now put Social membership on hold. Sorry about that but these are the Rules of the Club and, don't forget that applications for **Full membership** can still be submitted so do have a look at what we can offer from our Sailing Club.

Please, don't forget that we are a Sailing Club not a Social Club and that we need members to offer their services to us in all of the various areas to make our Club work for us. xxx

If you can't do it and haven't filled the form in to say that you will help out and why.....what are we going to do about your membership? Best we get a bit stropopy now!!!!????

Let me and the membership know as we can cancel membership if potential members think they can use this as a means to gain membership.

Really sorry but we now need "active" members who will take an active role in moving things forward. Do please come forward as we have so much to offer you.

Social Events

RC Social & Fundraising Sue has been at it again!

* With Carole, her team-mate in this venture taking on the full responsibility yesterday, we saw the first "Meat" Raffle of the year. As usual, I didn't win despite picking two colours and mugging my husband for his tickets! I must be doing something wrong. Perhaps my Feng Shui is wrong? Did you know that in Feng Shui it is always recommended that you systemically close toilet seats to avoid misfortunes and financial loss? If you have been in the men's toilet in the Club recently then I don't need to state my case about this!

So, moving on rapidly.

* On Saturday 21st we have Allan our Youth Officer, inviting our Youth members back to prove their expertise in another **Fifa Tournament** at the Bar starting at 1.30pm. Hopefully if you missed it last time then you have been warned that this is a good set up with snacks and drinks to keep you going until someone wins!!!! No doubt you will have seen the WhatsApp but do get in touch with Allan for more information if needed.

* For the more high-ranking members – do not tell me that was a bad choice of term!!!where was I? For the first born who have been members longer, we are being treated to our own **High Tide Band** from 8pm on the same evening. You will remember that they have adapted their name slightly last year to fit in with who they are and their music is now so fantastic to listen and dance to. What else can I say except get your dancing kit on and just enjoy!

* You will see that due to demand, Sue has decided to introduce a **Sunday Roast dinner**, starting on the 22nd at 5.30pm for around 30 members. The cost is £7 with an additional £3 if you want a pudding. The list is up in the Bar but we are asking that payment is made at the time you put your name down due to limited numbers. Sue will see how this initial event goes and let you know about the date for another one.

* Another one to look forward to is **Burns Night** on Saturday 28th. We have been very lucky with this one as Skudder, the man the Scottish decided to expatriate – even though he wasn't born or visited there, but he looks pretty enough to get away with it.

The Burns Night cooking will be undertaken by Skudder, best known as Colin, with serving from 7.30 for 8pm with a two-course meal, a tot of whiskey at £10 pp. I have no idea of who will be doing the speeches or whatever goes with it so you may be risking your alcohol consumption! Be warned that there is a limited number of approximately 40. The list is up, cash payment only to the safe behind the Bar when putting your name down so please make sure both lists are signed.

* Looking well ahead, we have on Saturday 25th February the **Commodore's Curry** at the end of England v Wales Six Nations Rugby. This is a 16.45 kick off and who knows if the Curry may be a celebration or a sinking of the alcohol that had been consumed at the end of the game? Do watch this space as I have no idea of it, or no responsibilities for it! (and I have spoken to my solicitor and he has absolved me from this!!!)

Family Affairs

As promised, more gossip about our members. This is what happens in the Cooper household when you have twins who are put in separate classes at school and they want to invite all their friends to their 6th birthday party. Fifty kids+ for two hours of entertainment! Groan.....no wonder they had to hire a hall to accommodate them. (Thank heavens they didn't want to come to PYC as we just couldn't have dealt with escorting 50 x 6 years olds to the loo!) And, just think about the

number of Party Bags and cakes? Not to mention clearing up afterwards. That has to be worse than clearing up the Bar after some of our older members! Never mind that – a double Happy Birthday boys!



Don't forget that you can "hire" out the Club for any event be it for a private birthday party, wedding or perhaps a more formal gathering such as a meeting. Please do contact us and we will give you a price or, if it is for a charity event or something similar then we will enter discussions about what is required. Please contact us before dismissing us or we may be able to give you a better price other than local concerns as we are not a business.

Bar

Just a mention to those of you who have helped with the Bar in the past that now we are busying ourselves to engaging lots of indoor entertainment which means for the next few months we will need a few extra helpers to take on the odd hour here and there.

This applies to those of you who haven't even given it a go! Where are you????? And why did you not sign up to help in anything!!!!???? Bah humbug again.

Don't forget that we are all volunteers and need to help each other out when it comes to running the Bar and it can be a fun thing to do – well, provided you don't accept all those drinks that members buy you as you still need to make your way home afterwards! Not my concern!

Do have a look at the gaps on the Bar rota or, if you are interested in finding out what's involved, let Scottie, Emma or myself know and we will talk you through it. We will always stay with you until you are happy to be left alone – and this may take several sessions so don't be worried about it. Again, don't forget that there will always be someone sitting in the Bar area who can help as they may have been members for years and have done their Bar duties to keep your fees down! Whoops.....yes, that is why your fees are low so, do think about it.

Future Events

January

Saturday 21st Youth Members – Fifa Tournament in the Bar with Allan, 1.30 pm start
High Tide Band 8pm start

Sunday 22nd Sunday Roast dinner at 5.30pm, £7 or £3 extra if you want pudding. The list is up, cash payment only.
Payment to the safe behind the Bar when putting your name down please or it will be discounted.

Saturday 28th Burns Night from 7.30 for 8pm. A two-course meal, tot of whiskey, £10 pp. Limited number c.40. The list is up, cash payment only. Payment to the safe behind the Bar when putting your name down please or it will be discounted.

February

Saturday 25th Commodore's Curry at the end of England v Wales Six Nations Rugby 16.45 kick off. More details to follow and a list will be posted in the Bar.

April

Saturday 29th and Monday 1st May (Bank Holiday) – SailFish starts – more details to follow

Hoping that this New Year has been kind to you so far. Don't forget that this Club is made up of nearly 400 members at this stage and that we need the support of all of them throughout this year to move forward, whatever their abilities or talents.

We have proved that we are an inclusive Club and that we support our members where we are able.

Let's carry on and encourage more youth members to take us forward and support existing members to see what they can achieve if they move from Social to Full membership in what we can offer them, and visa versa, to improve their existence/lifestyle/practice means by joining our Club.

Lets' move ahead with a smile – and an amazing positive attitude xxxxxx

Jill

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