

Hi Everybody,



What a wonderful sunrise to start the Sailing Season!



### Sailing Events & Angling





From RC Sailing Kevin, what a fantastic first day of sailing! Eleven boats out on the water for the Spring launch which he thinks is a record number - he can't remember having that quantity of boats to begin a new season. Hopefully this will be a sign of things to come.

Good sailing displayed out there even though, in RC Kevin's opinion, Shorty cheated by using a girl's sail (laser radial). Glad to see he was nearly caught by Louise! Great to see Sam A back race sailing with a good effort, finishing first in both races but, due to handicap not winning. We only had one capsized, Joe and Bertie in the topaz uno going over twice. (Personally, I think they enjoy getting wet!) We have to say a well justified win in both races to Simon O with a great day all round. A big thanks to David G on the Safety Boat, to Paul P the Commodore, Molly S and Andy G on the Bridge and, most importantly, Guy and Clive for providing the bacon sandwiches before sailing. Brilliant effort by all.

From George, only a couple of anglers fished the last beach competition on Sunday. A very disappointing turn out and the fish also nearly never turned up with only a Flounder which was caught by George.

The first boat match in on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April with a 11am start, ending at 15.30 pm with Skate the target species. A reminder to all anglers, please do help with the launch and recovery of all craft to ensure a prompt start and finish times for each competition, plus the removal of the boats from the ramp and slipway asap. We will make the decision if this

competition is to go ahead or to be cancelled on the Saturday morning and posted on the anglers WhatsApp pages so do keep your eyes open for this.

Hopefully a good number of boats will fish this match.

## Other News

I'll start off with the bad news. One of the Committee had to be called out last night by one of our neighbours to lock the gates to the Car/Boat park as they had been left wide open. We have only just started the sailing season and the boats are now fully equipped with removable and highly saleable gear! If you are not a sailor or an angler, please just think of the other members when you drive your car out and lock the gates!!!!

Right, having said that we can move on to the good news. We have a stock of just out of date 330ml Budweiser bottles 330ml that are now on special sale at the Bar at £1 each over the Easter holidays until the stock runs out.

Speaking of bottles, now that the sailing season has started, I want to remind you that we have the PYC reusable water bottles still on sale for £4.75 each.



Great to take out on the boat with you and they make a really good present for a family member for the gym or for school. Ask behind the Bar as I'm sure we would be delighted to help you.

Don't forget that we do have a stock of Club Hoodies £30, T-Shirts £25 and Polo Shirts £20 that you can purchase. Sorry about not providing a picture but I'm sure you will have seen how good they look on members!

## Galley Opening

Now that the sailing season is underway, I have taken on the responsibility of opening up the Galley on Saturday from 12.45pm until approximately 4pm as Lisa now has family commitments that will make it difficult for her to continue this year. Fortunately, Guy will be opening up early on Sunday mornings 2 or 3 times per month to feed the early sailors. To make this work, the "menu" will be Bacon or Sausage Butties in a roll with onions, or a Cheese and Tomato Roll – and all will be £2.50 and well proportioned. The income from this will be re-invested back into the goods so it is important that members do use the facilities. We will also ask that a donation of 50p is still made towards tea and coffee if no one is in the Galley to ensure that fresh supplies and milk can be bought. Cans of coke and orange juice etc can be bought from the Bar.

Please do support both myself and Guy in this to ensure that all the effort and the paperwork is still worth it!!!



## Social Events

Take Your Pick with Keith in charge on Friday evening in aid of the RNLI proved an enormous success with more than 22 members all winning a prize ranging from a Noodle Pot to two bottles of Champagne. You can guess what I would have preferred. Alison proved herself again and won £40! I think she is the person I would stand next to at horse races when you are choosing who you are laying bets on.....

One 4 the Road were their usual fantastic selves with an amazing variety of songs ranging from Simon and Garfunkel hits, the Beatles to John Denver. Well, I still think it was Olivia Newton John that sang Take Me Home Country Roads despite arguing with know-betters. Anyway, can they come back again Sue?!!! And who gave Olive a tambourine?



They attracted a huge audience and thankfully we had a lovely afternoon and sitting outside to listen to the music was such a pleasure for some of us. Ah well, come on Summer!



Looking ahead, a reminder that we are starting Bingo this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> in the evening with Keith as the Caller. Sue tells me that the books and daubers are on sale from 7pm, ready for a 7.45pm start. Oh, and of course the Bar will be open in case you were worried.



The Kids Party starts at 12.30pm this Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> with the entertainer from 1 – 2pm. If you haven't already put your child's name down then do let Sue know now on [social@paghamyachtclub.com](mailto:social@paghamyachtclub.com) because of food and other goodies.

And on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> we have more entertainment from Slim Jim & The Wildcards, after the Raffle at 3pm.



I'm told that they are Toe-Tappin', Finger-Snappin', Swing and Rockerbilly mixed with all time classic hits and rarities, all delivered in the Slim Jim and the Wildcards style. Their repertoire covers tracks from the 30s through to the current day, but changed and adapted, souped-up and swung out 'til your toes start tappin' and your fingers start snappin'. Yes – I have to admit that I did copy that!

## Future Events

### April

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – till Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekend (Bank Holidays)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Evening – Bingo! with Keith from 7pm and our new Bingo machine!!!!

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> **Kids party 12.30 -3.30pm with entertainer from 1-2pm. The list is now up so please fill it up!!!!**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Slim Jim and the Wildcards after the raffle c.3.15pm (Inside event unless the weather is good)

#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Bank Holiday) – SailFish starts – please look out for more details

Evening - 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash/Party for Maggie with High Tide playing from 7.30pm. All members are welcome to join in her celebrations so do put this in your diary as it looks like a great event!

### May

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Posh Tea with King's Coronation on Big Screen  
High Tide band from 7.30pm

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Eve Lesedi, a singer and a saxophone player (possible outside event dependent on weather)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> King's Coronation Events – details to follow

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sheerwater arrivals. \*Be warned that the Car park will be closed

### August

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Lightning Brothers c.3.30pm (outside event)



As there will be no more jokes from me, I thought you should instead enjoy a photo of the Brass Monkeys who are still enjoying the early mornings and cold water of our sea in April. Well

– I have to admit that it makes me chuckle when they keep inviting me to join them! This is the “after” photo. They did send me one of them frolicking in the surf in their swim trunks beforehand - but I do have to remember that we do have youth members read the blog as well!

Take care everybody!

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