

Hi Everybody,



6am sunrise on the Paghham beach.



Sailing Events & Angling

From RC Sailing Kevin, although he was unable to be there on Saturday, he was told that we had eight boats, including a number of our youth sailors, plus some adults and a prospective family go out to test the water.

We had David G on the safety boat, with Allan F repairing the rib trailer whilst we had a successful trial run of the new Bluetooth starter horns. This system, which will now be placed on the start and finish line and operated from the bridge, stops the loud deafening noise which has disturbed some of our neighbours. Many thanks to Allan for building this system!

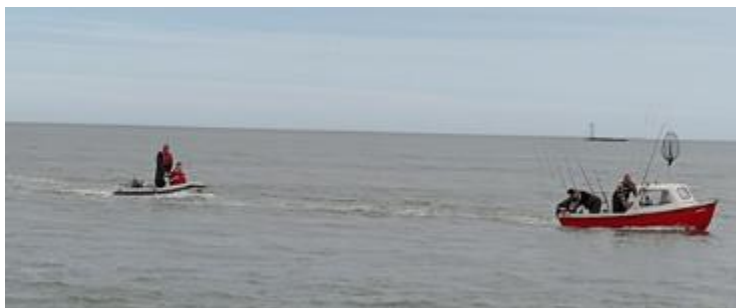




Sadly, a beautiful Sunday saw a zero wind and, although we waited in the hope that the sun would burn off the clouds allowing a sea breeze that just didn't happen. So, no sailing on Sunday.



It was good to see nine fishing boats for the first dinghy competition of the season and RC Kevin tells me that it was hilarious to see our RC Angling officer being towed back after breaking down. Thanks to Steve for providing the lift back as Paul tells me he didn't fancy the swim!



On another note, we have been contacted by our insurance company that due to new Health and Safety regulations that all members have to be trained and signed off for using the winches. This makes sense as we are now approaching the Summer season when we will have visitors wondering around the beach and stepping over the winch ropes when in use – or even worse, setting up their beach chairs and towels on our slipway as we have seen in the past! Paul Palmer Commodore, John Sibley, Paul Cooper RC Angling and Kevin Mason RC Sailing will train members. So, from this Saturday between 11am and 1pm and, the following Saturdays either Paul P, Paul C or Kevin M will be available to train all members that need to use the winches. John if free. Whilst this may appear to be unnecessary if you have been a member for years and think you know the procedure, please accept that it has to be done and unfortunately, no members will be allowed to use the winch until trained and signed off.

Sailing Calendar

April

- 22nd SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
- 23rd SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 1 & 2 11.00
- 29th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
- 30th SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 5 & 6 11.00

May

- 6th SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 3 & 4 11.00
- 22nd SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
- 23rd SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 1 & 2 11.00
- 29th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
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Paddleboards/Snorkelling

Another reminder of the Open afternoon/evening on Wednesday 17th May from 6 – 8pm for you and your children to come along and try out paddleboards/kayaking/snorkelling with Dave G and Andy G and a few other Committee members. This is a good opportunity for you to discuss what is involved and get yourselves on board – well, figuratively speaking that is.

The Paddling and Kayaking evening will be running throughout the summer on Wednesday evening from 6-8pm, weather permitting, and the snorkelling will be running on Thursday evening from 6-7pm – again weather permitting.

Angling

From George, 9 boats with 15 anglers and one very wet Angler who decided to take a fully clothed early morning dip in the sea before fishing, with the anglers targeting Skate. Unfortunately, the Skate decided not to take the baits provided but despite this, the anglers caught Smoothound, Bass, Pout, Conger, Black Bream and, of course, Dogfish.



One of our new Anglers Ed, displaying his catch.

George tells me that a pod of dolphins was spotted and also 3 swallows making towards Pagham. Wonderful, but only 3? Let's hope that more will follow as many birds die from starvation, exhaustion and in storms during their migration to Africa, India or Arabia. Really sad for such a beautiful bird. George did send me a photo of the dolphins but they were 2½ miles off the pier heading west so they couldn't be clearly seen. Sorry about that.

The next competition is on Sunday 30th April with Plaice the target species with a 10am start until 4pm.

Harking back to the notification about training to use the winch, all of the anglers would like to thank John S for operating the winch to allow retrieving the boat trailers after launching. We all know that it couldn't be done without such help. You may have noticed that RC Angling did have extra help with retrieving his boat.....(engine failure). Was that Evie hauling the boat up the shore?

Angling Calendar

30 th April	10.00am 16.00pm 08.06 4.3m Plaice
7 th May	8.30am 15.30pm 13.04 5.5m Bream
14 th May	9.30am 16.00pm 07.32 4.5m Smoothound
21 st May	9.00am 16.00pm 13.18 5.5m Bream

Boat Park

Another reminder to owners of boats stored on the Boat Park that if fees were not forthcoming without any agreement for an extension with Andy Day, our Membership Secretary, that we would be taking action to have the boats removed and/or sold to pay any outstanding fees. Please do contact Andy if this applies to you and you haven't already done so.

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Other News

This is a serious item that I really didn't want to put in a blog but unfortunately, someone has been helping themselves to food items that have been stored in Pebbles. This has mainly affected the prizes of the Sunday Raffle where items have been taken when they have been stored in the Galley fridge overnight, meaning each of the prizes was limited by missing certain quantities.

For example, in one week, ½ dozen eggs, Kale, sachet of sauce plus other individual food items went missing which would have been placed in each basket - making it pre-meditated as the person thought that the item would not be missed when the basket was put together. As you can imagine, Carol has been very upset by this.

As I have said, we don't know what else has been misappropriated.

The result is that instead of leaving the Galley door open over weekends to allow members free access to make tea or coffee, we have taken the decision that it will now be locked unless someone is in there for a cooking purpose.

We will also be changing access to the key to prevent any unauthorised access.

Don't you just intensely dislike whoever makes us do this?

Galley/Pebbles Weekend Opening

Having mentioned the Galley, last Saturday was very quiet for me for the first time to have Pebbles open for sandwiches - but the Bacon butties were very popular! This is what you get for £2 – lots of bacon (and/or sausage) and a big roll! Hope to see you next Saturday to try it, or a Cheese and Tomato roll.



Social Events

The weekend started on Friday evening with a good number of competitors for Keith and his Play Your Cards Right, with Gish winning. She is getting very good at this winning lark! Do you think we can ban her until I win? No? Oh.

On Saturday we had the Grand National 2023 Sweepstake at £3 per draw increasing to two attempts this time. I don't know why I'm telling you, but surprisingly I didn't win. Andy Tolladay romped home as the winner with Jo R in second place! All very good fun and no one tried to glue themselves to the TV screen in protest!

On Sunday afternoon we then had Sarah Saville, an amazing singer who has come back to join us after the raffle. What a fabulous voice and an amazing range of songs!!!! This is someone who is well worth getting back – especially for a disco night as she was singing songs from all eras that were highly get up and go! Diana Ross, Gloria Gaynor(!

Will Survive), The Pretenders, Dolly Parton, Tina Turner, Fleetwood Mac.....endless choices to get up and dance to!
Well done again Sue.



Future Events

Friday 21st Evening - Keith with His Entertainment (he's going to let us know what he decides to do!)

Sunday 23rd Men Behaving Madly after the Raffle c.3.15pm

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

Saturday 29th Evening - 80th Birthday Bash/Party for Maggie with **High Tide playing from 7.30pm**. All members are welcome to join her in her celebrations so do put this in your diary as it looks like a great event and she is looking forward to you joining her!

May

Saturday 6th Posh Tea with King's Coronation on Big Screen in the afternoon

High Tide band from 7.30pm

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

Monday 8th King's Coronation Events – details to follow

Saturday 13th Eddie Renouf - 3 Piece Band

Wednesday 17th Open Evening for Paddleboard/Kayaking/Snorkelling 6 – 8pm

Sunday 21st James Golden from 3.30pm

Friday 26th Sheerwater arrivals. *Be warned that the Car park will be closed

August

Sunday 13th Lightning Brothers c.3.30pm (outside event)

Just couldn't resist sharing this photo. One of our members found the place where the sea did have enough waves to launch our boats for racing! Where were you when we needed you???



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