

Hi Everybody,



A picture from this morning. What a difference to earlier skies in the weekend to bring in cloudy skies and heavy rain but, having said that – what did this afternoon bring us apart from sunshine?? Do you remember that CofE hymn that we used to sing - Afternoon the sun the rain, afternoon the sun the rain, that is the way of life! They really got that well and truly right for us.



Sailing Events & Angling

From RC Sailing Kevin, Saturday leisure sailing saw only four boats out despite it being a good day for sailing. Allan Fry, our Youth Officer, did the Safety on the jet ski for the first time after completing his PWC course the previous weekend. All had an enjoyable sail.



Sunday morning saw light onshore winds with a calm sea and a great turnout of twelve boats ready for races five and six of the Spring series.



A challenging course was set which all sailors seemed to enjoy, despite some good personal battles going on the water mainly between Guy H, Jack G and Simon O. Also, the youth of Jay, Nathan and Charlie - all in toppers, having their own personal race! Only three times did a second separate Charlie and Nathan in the first race and one second in the second race, with both taking bragging rights in one race each. However, Jay was in front in the first race but last in the second between the toppers, so it was good to watch all the personal races going on out there.

On a final note, a message to all sailors from RC Kevin; well Kevin Robbins to be exact - we do sail TWO back-to-back races on Sunday.

Just to let you all know, Kevin radioed the bridge to let them know he was going off for a sail elsewhere after the first race, only to realise when the bridge announced to the rib crew that they were about to do the start sequence for the second race, when he then radioed, "Wait for me, am on my way back, forgot about the second race". Silly boy....

Many thanks to all that helped to make this happen, rib crews, race officers and our great winch man, without all the on-shore and offshore volunteers, sailing wouldn't happen.

Results

Spring series race 5

1 Guy Hickman	laser radial
2 Jack Goodland	laser standard
3 Simon Orde	laser standard
4 Joe Atherton/ Bertie Kirby	topaz uno
5 Kevin Robbins	dart 15
6 Scottie smith	topaz fusion
7 Stuart Atwood/ Allan Phillips	topaz xenon
8 Jay steer	topper
9 Nathan	topper
10 Charlie Donahue	topper

11 Clive Briggs
DNF Guy Lawson

laser pico

Spring series race 6

- 1 Jack Goodland
- 2 Guy Hickman
- 3 Simon Orde
- 4 Stuart Atwood/ Allan Phillips
- 5 Kevin Robbins
- 6 Scottie smith
- 7 Joe Atherton/ Bertie Kirby
- 8 Charlie Donahue
- 9 Nathan
- 10 Jay Steer
- 11 Guy Lawson
- 12 Clive Briggs

On a final note, Leisure Sailing as usual from 11am next Saturday 6th May with one major difference – **Best Fancy Dressed competition** for sailors competing! There will be a prize for the sailor who manages to be dressed to attract attention away from the others. And no Guy, we don't want to see you dressed as Pamela Anderson thank you.

Sailing Calendar

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
- 30th SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 5 & 6 11.00

Angling

Two boats did go out on Saturday but the fishing was difficult due to the easterly breeze. We had Bream Pout Conger and a small Brill caught, which is quite unusual.

One boat went out on Sunday and one boat on Monday and unfortunately no results of what was caught.

Next Sundays competition starts at 8.30am until 15.30pm with Black Bream the target species.



The picture shows a 36cm Black Bream, the best one caught on Saturday being held by Chris S for his grandson Matthew who showed the four senior anglers how to catch them. That is what it is all about!

Angling Calendar

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

Golfing Section



On Friday, 19 members of the Golfing Section met at Cams Hall at Fareham for the PYC Green Jacket Masters. I'm told that despite a cloudy morning, it finally turned into a sunny great days golf with great company.

First Nearest the Pin on Par 3 was won by Rob P, second was Steve G, third Alex H and fourth Mark C. Longest Drive was Commodore Paul with Nearest the Pin in two shorts on a Par 4 was Dave W. The Yellow Ball Team Challenge was won by Team 5 with Guy L, Andy D, Ben S and Scottie.

Birdie 2 winners were Jim S and Dave W and on the Betting Sheet the money was picked up by Steve G and Guy L.

Overall winners were Andy D with 38 points, second place with 40 points Dave W and the winner with 42 points and the Green Jacket was the Commodore! (Who has had 4 points cut from his handicap – serves him right!!!)



The next Golf Tournament is 2nd June at Littlehampton so if you are interested, please do contact Dave W to get your name down now.

PYC Cocktail Ladies

So, having watched what the boys get up to when they gather together away from PYC, the ladies of the Club have also been exploring what the world has to offer them. They have recently treated themselves to an evening enjoying Chinese food which went down very well but then, did think that perhaps Bognor could offer them something slightly different and more unusual. Perhaps if they started with a few Cocktails? And then.... perhaps more Forbidden Nights?



It's called supporting the local economy in case you are worried about what we got up to. Just a local theatre with some keep-fit displays by young men – couldn't be more harmless! At least, I think that's what they were doing. And then supporting another local hostelry afterwards – with one of our singalongs to make sure they remembered us. Bless 'em as I'm sure they will remember us. Much better for your soul than playing golf!

Social Events

It has been a very busy weekend again! I must find another way of saying that. After the Golfers returned on Friday evening for their speeches, Golf presentations and take-aways, Keith entertained us again with Take Your Pick. I know you have been waiting to hear what Commodore Paul won. Weeeell, a packet of batter mix. There. Bet you are dissappointed that it wasn't your choice! Ken won the money – I think it was £50. Which would you rather have won ? Batter mix or £50? Hum.....hard one that.

Maggie's 80th Birthday – Saturday night saw a fabulous evening with the Club full of Maggie's friends and relations as well as Club members celebrating her birthday and enjoying High Tide's music. We also had Keith subjecting Maggie to This Is Your Life. Absolutely brilliant!





Maggie has asked if I can pass on her thanks for the numerous presents she received and to tell you that had so many cards – some of which were parted from the presents that she can't let you know personally. I'm sure she will be happy if the next time you see her you let her know which gift was from you if you think your card was loose. It is always the thought that counts.

After all that excitement, Sunday saw a peaceful afternoon with the Raffle and the nibbles and the delicious cake left over from Maggie's buffet keeping us happy. Those hot mini sausages coated in whatever were simply wonderful! You can tell that I'm easily pleased.

As today is a Bank Holiday Monday, of course we have seen the return of rain. Well, we should have known. Never mind – we have another long weekend coming our way so fingers crossed that it will be dry and sunny and we can make the most of it.

Coronation Weekend

Finally, the Coronation Weekend!

Saturday 6th May – starting at 11am the Coronation event via TV in the Club with the Bar open.

Leisure Sailing as usual from 11am (with the Best Fancy Dress sailors) The special PYC Afternoon Posh T-Time gathering and celebration from around 4pm on our tables. Please note that non-members/guests will have to pay a fee of £2 pp.

This will be followed by High Tide and dancing to enjoy the evening

Sunday 7th May – King Charles Sailing Cup am. Fantastic singer (after Raffle at 3pm) to keep you entertained - Eve Lesedi

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday (Sail Fish am) Please bring Your Own Big Lunch to the Beach to join everyone else to celebrate

Other Future Events

Last week I mentioned the charcoal/wood pizza/BBQ oven that RC Sailing Kevin had ordered for us to enjoy some food over the summer season when the sun is shining and the Bar is open. Sorry, I should have said that when the sun is hopefully shining! Now, all we need is some fish or burgers to try it out!



May
Saturday 6th Afternoon Posh T-Time gathering and celebration from around 4pm with King's Coronation on Big Screen in the afternoon. As mentioned, non-members and guests will have to pay a £2 fee to enjoy any food on offer
 High Tide band from 7.30pm

Sunday 7th King Charles Sailing Cup am. Singer (after Raffle) Eve Lesedi, a singer and a saxophone player (possible outside event dependent on weather)

Monday 8th Bank Holiday (Sail Fish am) King's Coronation Events with Bring Your Own Big Lunch to the Beach

Saturday 13th Tripel X - 3 Piece Classic Rock Band from 7.45pm

Sunday 14th Adrian Frazer from 3.15pm

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

Sunday 21st James Golden (after Raffle) 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)

Have a lovely week and keep your fingers crossed that the weather forecast I have just looked up for next weekend will change dramatically or we will all be wearing our wellies to watch the Coronation!

Jill

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