

Hi Everybody,



Last week we had two of our new members - who are also members of a photographic Club, taking pictures of the Coronation Regatta on Sunday and they produced some fantastic images for us. Unfortunately, the blog had already been dealt with but these are two images that show a different side to the sailing that went on that day. Don't you love the second image of the yachts that look like they are floating on air? Many thanks to Ian and Julia Roberts for all of the photos sent to me.



## Sailing Events & Angling

From RC Sailing Kevin, for sailing on Saturday there were only four boats out with a reasonable wind, one of them being a brand-new youth member, Harry, who was sailing in a Club pico. Bertie managing to get out on the trapeze with Kevin Robbins on the dart 18 and Jo A went out on his own boat. Kevin R who was testing out the newly rigged Catamaran boat so, a big thank you to Allan F for keeping an eye out on the jet Ski as a Safety vessel.

For all the youth members, Joe and Bertie are working on transforming the training room to be more youth friendly, so do go talk to them about it and what you want.

Sunday, due to lack of wind, there was no racing.

Another reminder that in two weeks' time, spring bank holiday weekend, we have Shearwaters here for a TT, so all help that anyone can offer, on and off the water, will be greatly appreciated!!!!



Sadly, the weather let us down again on Sunday and after getting out all of the marker buoys and ribs it was decided that there just wasn't enough wind for any races to proceed.

### Sailing Calendar

#### May

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

### Angling

From George, a couple of Kayaks went out on Sunday with RC Angling Paul catching two nice Bass with the best one 54cm along with quite a few small Bass. Five boats also went out with a wide number species caught with Pollack, Pout, Conger, Dogfish, Ballan, and Cuckoo Wrasse including Smoothhound. Also, several fairly large Smoothhound saying hello to the Anglers before deciding not to join them in their boats and, quite a few Bream with a 43cm specimen caught by George being the biggest. The successful baits used were lures for the Bass and Squid Mackerel and King Ragworm for the other species.



From RC Angling Paul, he enjoyed a BBQ on Sunday evening with Kian catching two Bass at 44 and 45cm with his own capture of 53.5cm. Is it me or do they seem to get picky about that ½ cm don't they???

Anyway, Tommy made a good catch with his Dogfish again. It seems that something he does attracts this fish!!!

Next Sunday's competition is from 9am until 4pm with the Best Bream the target species and hopefully, a few boats and anglers who have not yet been out in their boats this year joining those who have! Come on out boys – don't be afraid!!!!

### Angling Calendar

21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am 16.00pm 13.18 5.5m Bream
4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am 16.00pm 12.02 5.4m Bream
18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am 16.00pm 12.20 5.2m Bream

### Management Committee

On Thursday evening the Management Committee welcomed Natalie, our new Bar Manager, to her first meeting. As part of our discussions, there were several items that we need to bring to your attention:

**Bar Opening Extension** – Nat's is hoping to extend the Bar opening hours to include Thursday from 2 – 7pm and perhaps Wednesday and Friday an hour earlier from 4pm. All of this, of course, is dependent on getting Bar staff! If you are a new member and you have indicated that this is an area in which you are willing to help then please do come forward. Please be aware that we will be chasing new members to keep their commitments on their application forms as just one hour would be very helpful – and we will talk you through what needs to be done and stay with you until you are happy.

**Bar Staff** – on a slightly different note, we would like to remind members that whoever is "on duty" behind the Bar is in charge of that area, of the stock, of the till, and if you wish to join him/her for whatever reason that you must ask. This is not an area where you can just help yourself to a drink because there is a queue. If there is a queue, ask if you can help by serving or just wait. I always ask "Permission to come on board!" Easy.

**Card Payment for Membership** – this is advance warning of a cost that will come into effect for the new Membership year from April 2024 when payment by card for Social or Full membership will incur a 2% charge. This is due to the fees incurred by PYC this year using the card system but, please be aware that payment by cash, cheque or BACS will not be affected.

**Fake Notes** – Speaking of money, please be aware that we have been warned that there are now many dodgy £20 notes in circulation. We will be checking all £20 notes on our Fake Note machines but it would be very helpful if you would check your notes beforehand and, if in doubt, do not present them to us.

**Work Parties** – two lots of jobs that need undertaking at the Club on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 10am if you are free and willing to help: Firstly, are you any good at painting? We need to get the noticeboards down and paint the main corridor in a new colour as we are getting tired of magnolia. (Quite like it actually!) And then, if you don't mind getting dusty and have a sander, we need to sand down the outside benches and tables and paint them with the dry quickly stuff. You can tell I know all about creosote. The more help the merrier and I'm sure we can provide refreshments for the willing!

These are just some of the items raised at the last meeting but the minutes of the previous meeting that have been approved are posted as usual, on the noticeboard, if you are interested to see what else has been discussed.

## Paddleboard/Kayaking/Snorkelling

Don't forget that we have a meeting of interested parties next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> for an open Evening for Paddleboard/Kayaking/Snorkelling from 6 – 8pm where we will be telling you all about our plans for the season. We will be asking you to register your interest, helping out with checking all the equipment is present and correct and getting all the paddleboards inflated and the kayaks washed ready for use. If we have enough time, we will be spending some time on the water. No Jet Ski will be launched as we will be so close to shore for the first time.

This will be a sort of "house keeping" evening to sort out what we have and we will be needed to start the season off. The Bar will be open so come along with questions and equipment ready for the start of the season for Wednesday and Thursday evenings,

## Golfing Section



They've been at it again! Friday saw the PYC Golfing section gathering together at Gattton Manor to celebrate Guy's birthday (don't ask me how old he is as all men tell lies about this!!!). Eleven golfers took up the challenge on a difficult course with scoring equally also difficult when you had a few beers. They welcomed a new member, John Sweeney, who is a single handi-capper (please don't ask me what that means....). Overall winner was Guy's son, Grant, second was the Commodore Paul who he tells me is very quickly reaching Bandit status. On the way home, they stopped and took over a local pub, The White Heart in Pulborough to celebrate Guy's birthday. Well, we all know that they won't be allowed there again! They returned to PYC to continue the celebrations and join in the fun of Play Your Cards Right. Good move boys.

## Pebbles Galley

Apologies to all that we haven't been able to open up the Galley on Saturday in our promised way due to a failure with one of our freezers that saw stock being discarded. Whilst we are waiting for repairs to take place, we are also looking again at the hours Pebbles is open on Saturday, with perhaps opening it later in the day for when the sailors are finished and hungry. We are also looking at opening it for Paddlers on Wednesday after school and work finishes. This would mean a change in what we provide and we are looking forward to putting ideas – and tasty bites, in front of you to see if we can improve in what we offer. Do watch the blog as we are hoping to put option ideas forward in the next couple of weeks. With regards to the Sunday morning bacon or sausage butties for the sailors, that will continue whilst one of the water babies puts themselves forward to do it, take orders and buy the fresh ingredients.

Having said that, please remember to the regulars that this isn't a freebie just to keep your stomach out on the water. You have to pay for what you eat so, if you haven't paid yet for your last week's consumptions, let's face it - £2 for a bacon



or sausage buttie ??????? so do get your money in now!

## Social Events

Last week I mentioned the Shot Board that Olive (Clive) had done and presented to the Club to celebrate the Coronation. I am pleased to let you have a closer look at the Coronation Shot Board, along with the one he did to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Celebration. Wonderful work!



What an eventful weekend we have had! It all started on Friday evening with Keith introducing us to a very busy Play Your Cards Right. Who are those blokes with you Keith? Have they won or have you asked them to buy the next round? They don't look too keen to part with their money.



I'm pleased to say that Olive won the first round with the second round was won by Graham S. Well done boys! Having recovered from Friday, Saturday evening saw Tripel X, a 3 Piece Classic Rock Band join us on a wonderful sunny evening. Are we still in May???

Speaking of May, we had several visitors to the Club on Saturday night to watch the band Triple X, one of whom we think was Sir Brian May from Queen. Well, it does look a lot like him, doesn't it? And is that Cher with him? Thank you to Keith for providing the introduction!



If you missed out on all of the famous persons that were wandering around, I'm afraid that you also missed out on a sensational band!



Sue has done it again and we all had to release all of our hidden elements and get up and well, behave in a raw, raucous and highly satisfying manner! Can't think of a better way of describing our dancing.

This was followed by a sunny Sunday afternoon with Adrian Frazer. Well, what can you say? Bloody amazing singer that covered a whole lot of music – and body movements!!!! And didn't he include everybody in that! Whoohoooo!



Did you like the action portrayed here? If you did you should have heard the singing as it would have stunned you! And who invited a (fake) USA cop to entertain one of our under age youth

who was obviously having a really good time and was “getting it on!”!? Its ok as he was unarmed – the child I mean as they can be really dangerous! Small feet, nappies and loud crying .....

## **Other Future Events**

### **May**

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

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> James Golden (after Raffle) from 3.30pm

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

### **June**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> The next Golf Tournament will be at Littlehampton. If you are interested, please do contact Dave W to get your name down now.

### **August**

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

Don't forget to let me have any photos or any details about what is going on around you that members of the Club would be interested in as it all helps to keep us informed of where we live. Hope to see you all soon.

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