

Hi Everybody,



Mid summer's day at dawn.



## Sailing Events & Angling



From RC Sailing Kevin, Saturday saw mild southern winds and a slightly choppy sea state. There were eight boats on the water for leisure sailing, mainly consisting of youth sailors apart from one new adult sailor, John B taken out on a pico by Clive. It didn't take him long to master as he has sailed before - but not for a long time. A good sailing session with no dramas!



Sunday saw a nice warm south westerly wind, being a consistent Force 4, absolutely perfect sailing weather and, with clear blue skies, thirteen boats were rigged and ready for Races 5 & 6 of the Mulberry series.

With race officers Sally and Chris setting a very challenging course, which did seem to confuse a few sailors, thankfully David and RC Kevin only had to lay the marks.

With such a consistent wind they weren't expecting any capsizing but, there is always someone out there who wants to get your attention, and Simon O managed to capsize on the start line! A brilliant way to start the first race and there followed some great racing throughout both races.

Well done to everyone involved in the organisation on and off the water (as usual!).

### Results 25<sup>th</sup> June **Mulberry Series**

#### Race 5

1 <sup>st</sup> Guy Hickman	Laser Radial
2 <sup>nd</sup> Joe Atherton & Bertie Kirby	Topaz Race X
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman	Wayfarer
4 <sup>th</sup> Simon Orde	Laser
5 <sup>th</sup> Steve Greene	D Zero
6 <sup>th</sup> Sam Atherton	Topaz 14
7 <sup>th</sup> Kevin Robbins	Dart 15
8 <sup>th</sup> Guy Lawson	Topper
9 <sup>th</sup> Charlie Donoghue	Topper
10 <sup>th</sup> Scottie	Fusion 2
11 <sup>th</sup> Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18
DNF Clive Briggs	Laser Pico
DNF Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips	Topaz Xenon

#### Race 6

1 <sup>st</sup> Guy Hickman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Steve Greene
3 <sup>rd</sup> Charlie Donoghue
= 4 <sup>th</sup> Simon Orde
= 4 <sup>th</sup> Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman

6<sup>th</sup> Joe Atherton & Bertie Kirby  
7<sup>th</sup> Scottie  
8<sup>th</sup> Clive Briggs  
9<sup>th</sup> Sam Atherton  
10<sup>th</sup> Kevin Robbins  
11<sup>th</sup> Guy Lawson  
12<sup>th</sup> Andy & Carol Grout

### Sailing Calendar

#### July

1 <sup>st</sup>	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	SUNDAY	THE MULBERRY SERIES RACES 7 & 8	11.00
8 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
9 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	RNLI MIKE COLE MEMORIAL RACES 1 & 2	11.00
15 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
16 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACE 7 & 8	11.00
22 <sup>nd</sup>	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
23 <sup>rd</sup>	SUNDAY	SUMMER SERIES RACE 1 & 2	11.00
29 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
30 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	SUMMER SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00

### Angling

From George, four boats went out to sea this week and caught lots of Mackerel - some of them were used for bait and lots of Dogfish were caught as the fresh Mackerel proved very appetising to them. Also, a good number of Bream were caught by the anglers along with Undulated and Thornback Rays and a few small Bullhuss, which do grow much larger up to 22lbs than the normal Dogfish of up to 5lb.

The next competition is 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 8am until 4pm with the largest Smoothound the target species.

### Paddlers and Snorkelling

A fantastic number of all ages again turned up on Wednesday to enjoy the glorious weather and smooth sea. RC Sailing Kevin had a group chat beforehand regarding the use of and signing out of the club equipment to ensure its safety and care as it had been seen that some members of this group were not signing in at all. Some Club equipment had been left at the end of the previous week without being put away, simply abandoned and all were warned that they would not be allowed to borrow equipment again if this continued.

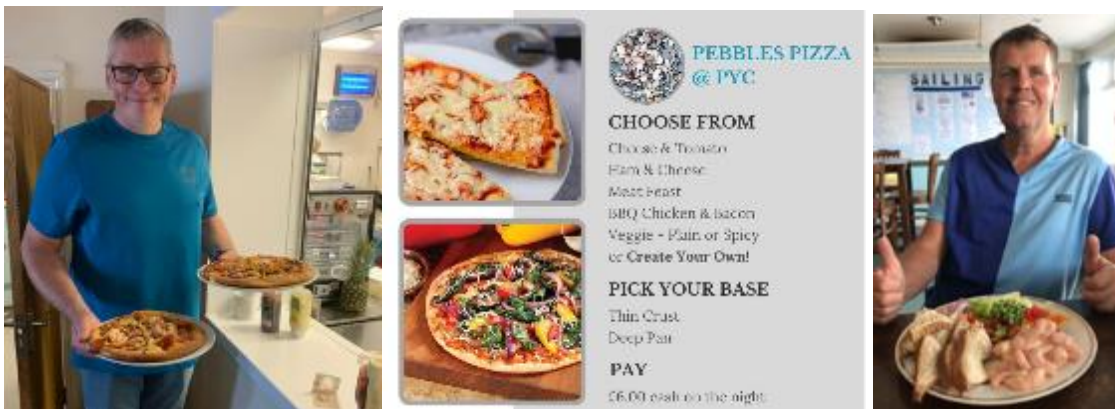


If you haven't made it to the Mulberry and wondered what it is like, have a look at the photos. Very different to what we expect. Have a look at the "chasm" which shows you the life below the Mulberry harbour relic on our shore.



## Sam's Pizzas

Pete W drew out the name of Terry from the jar of the persons who made an order of a pizza on Wednesday evening to give them a free pizza! Well done to Terry! What a brilliant idea from Sam. Best we watch out she doesn't leave us to set up her own merchandising business somewhere as she has such good ideas. Simple but effective. And.....I've just noticed that she's spoiling Olive! Prawn salad? Dear oh dear.....



Advance notice that Pebbles will not be open for the usual goodies this Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> due to Sam's other commitments on that day, but it will back to normal on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## Sue's Charity

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, RC Social & Fundraising Sue is doing a **Charity Day and Night** in aid of Cancer. Please do come along and support Sue for raising funds for this great charity and do bring along guests - but don't forget to have your card and sign them in.

During the day will be a number of things going on; Tombola, Cake stall, Face painting plus kiddies Games, Raffle tickets on sale and Roll a Pound to Win a Bottle amongst others!

And then the evening.....Live music with the lovely vocalist, Louise Connolly, BBQ, Jugs of Pimms with the Raffle being called around 9pm plus more going on.

Don't forget that if anyone would like to donate money, Raffle prizes or Tombola prizes then please see Sue as she will be delighted!

We will also need as much help during the day/ night behind the BAR as possible so all can all enjoy what is going on so, please do message Natalie for bar duties.



## Together On Water

Something new is coming to the RYA...

The water is for everyone and the RYA believes that we all deserve the opportunity, and encouragement, to enjoy being on the water and to do so in a safe environment.

On **Wednesday 28 June** they will be launching **Together on Water** – their vision for the future of sailing and boating.

Save the date and find out more in their special RYA Live broadcast RYA Live

Join them at 7pm on Wednesday 28 June or watch them on their social media channels, as they delve into the detail of their new vision with host Dee Caffari, RYA CEO Sara Sutcliffe and Director of Sport Development Rob Clark.

<https://youtu.be/oREIczGBL24>

They'll explore what Together on Water means, and how you can play your part. They've also been visiting some fantastic clubs and centres across the UK to bring us stories that highlight the positive impact boating and spending time on the water can have on health, well-being and in protecting our marine environment.

The host and guests are Dee Caffari MBE **British sailor and ocean advocate**, Sara Sutcliffe MBE **RYA Chief Executive** and Rob Clark **RYA Director of Sport Development**.

There will be an opportunity for you to ask your questions and to find out more about what Together on Water means for boaters and the future of the sport we're all passionate about.

Email your questions to [askrya@rya.org.uk](mailto:askrya@rya.org.uk)

## Car Park & Boat Park

Another strong series of messages from me about what is going on in this area. On Monday morning, as I'm writing the blog, one of our members found that the padlock to the main gate was missing! What is going on?

I have now just got back from checking the area and it seems that the offender has taken the padlock with him/her, leaving the gates open and making everything stored within there easy pickings! Frankly, I am disgusted at this lack of thought or concern for others who are paying to insure their property and to keep it safe. I have no idea if this was a member or if this was a guest who was allowed to park their car in there BUT they have affected all of us. Please can we start treating this area with a bit more respect or access rules will have to be changed.

Speaking of which, a number of notices have been posted on boats asking the owners to come forward. This is because we are unable to identify who the owners are. Other boat owners are reminded that it is a Club Rule that boats and their trailers are named and labelled. Trailers should have the name of the boat, the owners' surname and a mobile contact number otherwise, we will assume that these are owned by a person who is no longer a member, and action will be started to remove them from the site.

And while we are talking about removing things, there are lots of piles of dog poo in the boat park. This can only have resulted from owners who have let their dogs loose in there and this is not acceptable. Owners must clear up after their dogs in the same way they would in public areas.

As important, around 6pm on Thursday Paul Cooper is asking for help in the Boat Park with strimmers etc to clear the undergrowth as the hot weather is making it a very vulnerable area for potential fire - any spark or any cigarette ends etc. He used an angle grinder in there over the weekend and it started a small fire which he was able to put out but it showed how dry everything is. He wants to cut down the dried long grass and it may involve some boats needing to be moved out to clear the greenery where required. If you can help it would be very much appreciated.

## Social Events

I think I am going to run out of space to print all of the fantastic events that have been running in the Club recently!



As usual, Keith started the entertainment with Play Your Cards Right on Friday evening with no one winning the rollover sum of £101! This means that next week is going to be well worth you while turning up.

And then, of course, we had the stunning 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for Zena and in memory of Marion Page's 70<sup>th</sup> as they had planned to share this spectacular birthday together. What an amazing evening!



Kevan P engaged Turnpike Alley to entertain us – and boy were they good! Lots of food, rockets to brighten the sky and, of course, Zena had to be subjected to This is Your Life by Keith.

And then.....it was Zena the Warrior - married to Colin the Barbarian with only four other warriors left to bring in her apparels (clothing). The four warriors were: Rob The Bald One, Olive The Chippie, Russell The Caveman and Palmer The Commandant who presented her with her Warriors' Hat, Shield, Sceptre and Warrior's pendant. Looking good girl!



I'm pleased to say that, despite a bit of a hangover, Zena managed to make it back into the Club on Sunday to thank all of those who gave her endless cards and presents. Well, at least she has another 10 years before she has to go through all of this again! Start saving up now Zena!



Sunday was filled with more music from our two favourite performers, Malc and Elvis! With a refreshing breeze from the sea, it made for a welcome afternoon to enjoy the entertainment in the sunshine in a relaxing way. Maybe we just like Malc and Elvis back with us!!!! (Nice shirt Elvis.)

## Other Stuff

\*A big thank you to Russ and Andy (a new member) and to several other people who have helped over the weekend to put the gazebo up and down on Saturday and Sunday in just a few minutes to provide cover and protection for our entertainments during this very busy period. With help such as this it has been possible to manage the gazebo quickly with few people involved, making it a good investment. For those who may not be aware, this is not a "permanent" structure and can only be left up for a day's event to give some protection from the sun, rain or light breeze – not overnight.

\*On a less positive note, people over the weekend have been taking chairs from inside the Club to use on the beach area and then, when deciding to go home - just leaving them where they were placed. Probably along with their empty glasses and cans! Question: Who is going to move them? If you picked up a chair from inside the Club and carried it outside for your use then it is your responsibility to take it back. We are not paid to look after you. Remember - we are not paid at all!!!

\*Still nagging as it's after 5pm now and I can do this as it's been a long day. Yesterday, someone was being helpful by switching the water heater off at the plug socket in Pebbles. This is the water heater where you can provide instant boiling hot water for coffee or tea. That would have been a good move except that whoever did it switched both of the plug sockets off – which had the under counter fridge attached with food in it! Groan..... please, please do not just rush in and think

that you know what you are doing when perhaps you don't. Just ask. Simple. Phone or text me, I am available most of the time to help.

## Brass Monkeys

A fantastic turnout from the Brass Monkeys on last Wednesday morning at 4.30am on Solstice, with 20 swimmers for the longest day swim!



They are hoping to have a few more members in there as it is great fun and there are lots of women members as well if you will need friendly encouragement. I meant the other women as the men just don't need any help or encouragement!!!!

And.....I have heard that the Commodore Paul is partial to wearing a lime green Mankini specially ordered and now delivered in aid of Sue's Cancer charity which, he has been told will be supported by a rather large sum of money by one of our members. Want to know more? Best you either watch this space or join the Brass Monkeys to find out more! Whoohooo.....! If you talk to me nicely, I might be selling photos at a highly inflated price. 8-)

## Other Future Events

### July

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Lou Taylor (re-appearance Singer/dancer) c.3.15pm after the Raffle
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Mike Cole RNLI Event
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Paul Kerswell's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party with the Smilies – all welcome!
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Search For Solitude band 3.15/3.30pm
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sue's Charity Day (We need your help please)  
Sue's Charity Evening 6.30pm till late
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Rewind 3 Piece Band 3.15/3.30pm
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Joint Birthday Party
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Adrian Fraser 3.15/3.30pm

### August

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

For those of you who have been missing my odd jokes.....I've just heard from one of our male members who has let me know that he has now got a date with a lady who self identifies as a Wheelie bin. Unfortunately, he can't remember if he's taking her out Tuesday or Wednesday. Boom, boom!!! Yes I know – I didn't say that they have improved. It could have been much worse; I could have told you the one about the ants. You know, five ants rented a house with five other ants and then they all become tenants! So, aren't you glad that I didn't tell you that one?

Never mind all that, I've looked at the weather forecast and we still have glorious sunshine towards next weekend so do get the BBQs out again and let hope that our fishermen and anglers can provide us with some fantastic sustenance.

See you soon,

*Jill*

*Honorary Blogger*

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