

Hi Everybody,



The last of the Brass Monkeys wanders out of the sea, enjoying the warmth of the sun after another early morning dip.



Sailing Events & Angling

From RC Sailing Kevin, he wants to start with a big thank you to our Commodore Paul who was on the Safety boat on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, just about making up for him spending two hours underneath the jet ski on Saturday morning removing the paddleboard lanyard that had wrapped around the impeller shaft. (I think he wasn't entirely happy about having to do that.)



On Saturday afternoon, following the amazing thunderstorms that morning, we saw a calm sea and light breeze with only three boats and four youths going out. Well done to Charlie for taking out Teddy for his first sail. And his first capsize! That is what it is all about.

Mike Cole RNLI Event 9th July



Sunday saw light winds and a calm sea state with twelve boats rigged and ready for the two races of the annual Mike Cole RNLI memorial event, with the ladies from the RNLI shop setting up their stall. It was already looking to be a great day when Commodore Paul and Tiff laid the course that RC Kevin thought was a simple triangle sausage. Having made that assumption, it of course seemed to confuse a few sailors, to the extent that Simon O beached his laser to come up to the bridge to ask for directions! I'm told that they have never had that before! Nevertheless, all boats managed to complete the course but, with the light winds it took over an hour and half.

Because of that, it was decided that the second race would be just two triangles, with only one boat deciding not to go out.

It was a great day with truly fabulous racing and a big thanks for all the support both on and off the water!

One final note, we all wish John the Winch a quick recovery from a muscle strain as we missed you yesterday.

Results

Sunday 9th July RNLI Mike Cole Memorial

1st John Nash

2nd Guy Hickman

3rd Simon Orde



Calendar

July

15 th	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
16 th	SUNDAY	COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACE 7 & 8	11.00
22 nd	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
23 rd	SUNDAY	SUMMER SERIES RACE 1 & 2	11.00
29 th	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
30 th	SUNDAY	SUMMER SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00

Angling

From George, four boats went out on Sunday with a lovely calm sea and caught Thornback Ray, Dogfish, Bream, small Congers and Mackerel. Sammy the seal was just off the beach first thing and late morning and he joined them around 3 miles out to sea, just in case there was anything for him. Or maybe he just likes their company?

The next competition is Sunday 16th starting at 8am until 4pm, with Bass the target species. Having said that, the long-range forecast for next Sunday does not look promising for the competition to take place so.....

Paddlers and Snorkelling

Wednesday saw a really good turn out with around 11 youth sailors, kayakers and paddleboarders out enjoying themselves. Unfortunately, the weather changed after an hour or so and the wind and the tide pushed everyone towards Bognor. Commodore Paul on the Jet Ski picked Bertie up and they headed out to collect and tow a kayak with a youth member who was struggling to get in against the tide. They then had to turn out again to collect two youth members who were struggling on a paddleboard with the wind and the tide. They were also towed back in to safety and the Commodore wishes to commend Bertie for his calmness and assistance rescuing the youth members whilst under pressure. It also showed the versatility of the Jet Ski as a rescue vessel. It all happens around PYC!



Bar

Right, some good and some bad news that we need to let you know about now.

You may be aware that over the past few years our Club has absorbed many price increases that have arisen in the beer and spirit industry, and have been able to keep our bar prices more or less the same. You will also perhaps be aware that in March the Chancellor increased duty levels on these items. Unfortunately, because a large number of the levies have been increased by 10.1%, we are bringing to your attention that on some, not all bar products we will have to put on a slight increase in price from 1st August.

That was the bad news.

The good news is that the Bar sub-committee, with a large input from Natalie and Paul G, have negotiated a deal with a new brewery Molson Coors. Hopefully, this will allow us again to keep most prices the same so do watch this space for more news once we have all the details and prices worked out from the duty level changes and any savings from Molson Coors. We will try to keep these to a minimum and will pass on any savings we gain from the new contract.

Boat Park

If you are a boat owner with a boat in our Boat Park and who hasn't visited it in a while, please can you have a look at the following pictures of two boats that we don't have any details of owners for and that we don't think have moved for quite some time.



If you are the owner or, if you think you know who the owner is, please can you contact RC Angling Paul angling@paghamyachtclub.com or Andy Day the Membership Secretary membership@paghamyachtclub.com before they are removed.

Sam's Pizzas

On Wednesday, Richard Forsdike was the winner of the free Pizza with his number being pulled out by Simon T. You may remember that last week's winning ticket was pulled out by April – who doesn't like pizzas!



Not to be outdone, Sam made her a Hedgehog with an apple as the body and the head/face was the end of a cucumber, all wrapped in foil with melon on cocktail sticks as the spikes. All as a thank you so she didn't feel left out. Oh – what imagination can do in a kitchen! Love it!

Pebbles wasn't open for the usual goodies on Saturday due to that thunderstorm putting doubts on sailing – but I hear it didn't stop bacon butties being provided on Sunday morning!

Sue's Charity

Another reminder about Sue's **Charity Day and Night** in aid of Cancer on **Saturday 22nd July**. Have you asked your friends to come along with you to support Sue in raising funds for this great charity? Have you let her know of any items that you are donating for the Tombola, Cake Stall or as Raffle prizes?

We would really appreciate your help. Please look at the poster on the website and let your friends know.

<https://paghamyachtclub.com/gallery/2023-07-22%20Charity%20Day.pdf>

I did say last week that as well as help on the various stalls, we will need help during the day and also in the evening behind the Bar as we have live music with Louise Connolly with the Raffle being called at 9pm. Hopefully, it will be a hugely prized Raffle – well worth entering!

Please can you speak to Sue or myself if you are able to donate any goodies, or if you are able to help with a stall. If you are able to help behind the Bar then please text Natalie on the PYC Bar app with the hour or hours you can do.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Social Events

A really good Saturday night with Keith's Casino Night!

I have to say that I was doing really well at one stage but, as always happens when you think you are winning – someone else beat me to it!



I'm pleased to say that Geoff won the pot of money and very kindly donated it to Sue's Cancer Charity Day on the 22nd so, a big thank you from all of us.

Firstly, my apologies to Paul Kerswell, as I said last week that his 70th birthday celebration party this **Saturday 15th** is in the evening BUT it starts at **3pm with The Smilies first performance at 4pm!**

Never mind my mistakes as all are very welcome to come along and join in and enjoy The Smilies so, please do come and celebrate Paul's noteworthy birthday (and not my errors)!

Other Future Events

July

Sunday 16th Search For Solitude band (after Raffle) 3.15/3.30pm

Saturday 22nd Sue's Charity Day (We need your help please)

Sue's Charity Evening 6.30pm till late

Sunday 23rd Rewind 3 Piece Band (after Raffle) 3.15/3.30pm

Saturday 29th Joint Birthday Party

Sunday 30th Adrian Fraser (after Raffle) 3.15/3.30pm

August

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

Right, time for the bad joke. I think we'll pick on anglers this week:

Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

See you soon,

Jill

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