

Hi Everybody,

What a week this has been! I could have filled this blog with hundreds of photos covering all ages and so many different subjects and enjoyments. The Club has been a really fun family place to be! Well, apart from watching the final football score but, I'm sure we can forgive the Lionesses for that after all they have achieved. Spectacular works.



A big thank you to Commodore Paul who donated bacon, sausages, eggs and rolls to supply those members who came into the Club to support the English football team in return for a donation to the RNLI. I'm delighted to say that the donations from our members exceeded to more than £60 – well worth giving us your pocket money Paul!



Sailing Events & Angling



Despite there being no sailing on Saturday due to high gusting winds and rough sea state, Sunday saw lighter and more consistent winds and eight boats were rigged and ready to sail the Summer series Races 7 & 8.

It was decided to use the Olympic course set by our Youth Officer Allan last week for this week's sailing so, the Safety Boat crew of David and Tiffany launched and set the course.

The first race was excellent and, although the wind was gusting and shifting around, all eight boats completed the course. For the second race the wind picked up and proved more challenging with Stuart and Allen capsizing on the approach to the leeward mark. The Safety Boat was quickly on station to help with the boat very quickly going turtle. David (rib helm) jumped in to assist the righting which was proving a huge challenge, with Joe and Bertie approaching the mark, they decided to ditch the race and Bertie went into the water to assist. RC Sailing Kevin was told by David at the conclusion that he would not have been able to right the boat without Bertie so, a massive thanks to Bertie for his unselfish act to help his fellow sailors! After finishing their race, other boats went over to see if they could assist. After righting the boat, it was de-rigged and towed back to shore with all the other sailors waiting to help recover.

It's incidence such as this that just goes to show what a great sailing club this is - competitive but, everyone there to help each other! Just love it!

Another thank you to the rib crew, race officers, beach crew and winch man John S.

Results 20th August Summer Series:

Race 7

1 st Guy Hickman	Laser Radial
2 nd Simon Orde	Laser Radial
3 rd Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman	Wayfarer
4 th Joe Atherton & Bertie Kirby	Topaz Race X
5 th Scottie	Fusion 2
6 th Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18
7 th Stuart Ashwood & Allan Phillips	Topaz Xenon
8 th Kevin Robbins	Dart 15

Race 8

1 st Guy Hickman
2 nd Simon Orde
3 rd Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman
4 th Scottie
5 th Kevin Robbins
6 th Andy & Carol Grout
DNF Joe Atherton & Bertie Kirby
DNF Stuart Ashwood & Allen Phillips

Angling

From George, three boats went out on Wednesday with only a few Mackerel caught despite the efforts made by the anglers, also Black Bream, Dogfish, and a Thornback Skate. There was also a Red Mullet caught by Derek which is not a common fish to catch locally, as well as the first Plaice of the season and a very nice Bass (by George) and a Blenny.

A couple of craft went out on Sunday with Pete W catching a nice Bass with two smaller ones as well a Skate Mackerel and a Bream also being caught. Two members also started fishing the beach over the weekend but George has no knowledge of anything being caught at this time.

RC Angling Paul tells me that he had a couple of trips out on his kayak but without success.

Next Sunday's competition is for the best specimen landed as a percentage of the current specimen list with a 7.30am start until 3pm with hopefully so fish to Monday Sailfish BBQ.

Calendar

August

26 th SATURDAY PYC REGATTA RACES 1 & 2	13.00
27 th SUNDAY PYC REGATTA RACES 3,4 & 5	11.00

September

2 nd SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
3 rd SUNDAY TYTHE BARN @ FSC	11.00
9 th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
10 th SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 11 & 12	11.00
16 th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
17 th SUNDAY BARTS BASH RACES 1 & 2	11.00
23 rd SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30

24th SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 1 & 2
30th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION

11.00
13.30

SailFish

As SailFish had to be cancelled over the last two weekends due to rough seas and the high winds, RC Angling Paul is harking back to the original version of silliness on the Bank Holiday Monday, which you will well remember if you have been a member as long as I have. Well, in fact we use to do this before covid hit us so it wasn't that long ago. RC Paul is talking about a Tin Can Alley with pebbles (I wonder where he's going to get them from.....?), a raft race and eating cold beans and crackers – I have to say that I may put a ban on anyone sitting close to me afterwards who partakes in that as we all know what happens to your digestive system when you introduce it to cold beans!!! He then wants to follow this with the Toss a Wellington and, of course, a tug of war! Details will be posted in the Club this week so do watch out for that!

Paddlers and Snorkelling

What amazing photos our Assistant Secretary Tracey took of Paddlers on Wednesday. Just have a look as I needn't say what a brilliant couple of hours this provides. Do have a look on PYC Face Book for more information. Stunning!



Boat Park & Parking

I know that it's getting really boring but someone has left the code exposed on the main lock yet again. It must be the same person who doesn't give a damn about your property. Please do spread the word and keep an eye out for when this is happening and do let me know if you suspect who is doing this. This is proving hard work dealing with a simple problem.

Sam's Pizzas

Wednesday was the last time that Sam has undertaken the cooking of pizzas until September as she is having a well-deserved break. Did I hear her mention climbing Snowdon with a friend? Blimey Sam! Nothing like a change. Oh, and the winner of the pizza this week was Jenna so a very well done to you! 8-)

Golf



On Friday, 17 of the boys were at it again at Horsham Golf Club under the supervision of Olive. As usual, the day started miserable with the rain pouring but this didn't put these sad persons off. It must be something in their DNA that makes them want to walk around in rain, chase their balls, suffer the indignation of losing them, being beaten and having to wear a hat to show how useless you are. It does worry me that in the future they may need to be referred to a consultant somewhere but, in the meantime, it does keep them happy and out of our way so we'll just leave them to it. And fortunately, the weather improved and it turned out to be a hot day with burnt necks all around. Paul C won the longest drive and 2 nearest the pin. Alex won the £70 with Mark C in second place with Scottie winning the you know what hat again. Happy days boys!

New Years Eve Celebration

MEMBERS AND YOUR GUESTS
CELEBRATE SEEING IN 2024
WITH US!

NEW YEAR PARTY

PAGHAM YACHT CLUB

Ticket Only Event to include...

- All Drinks From The Bar
(excluding Champagne)
- Buffet
- Entertainment

DAY	TIME	PRICE
31 DEC	7.30PM	£40

**TICKETS ON SALE AT THE BAR
CASH ONLY!**

I'm pleased to say that tickets for our New Years Eve celebration will be on sale from behind the Bar from this Wednesday. It will be a cash only sale at £40 per head and, on your entry on the night, the tickets will be exchanged for wristbands. As we have intimated previously, this year family members can be invited to join you when you purchase your tickets if numbers continue to allow this to happen. We will warn you nearer the time if numbers are looking a bit more rigorous for non-members.

Training & Youth Room

I'm sure you will have heard that we are encouraging our Youth section, ages 8 to 18, to take more responsibility to entertain themselves whilst their parents, who are members of PYC, and are on our Club premises.

This has taken the form of allowing them to use the Training room during Club opening hours, plus the provision of a TV and fridge to encourage this, plus access to games and other items to ensure a safe environment for them.

A policy is currently being drawn up by the Youth Officer, Allan Fry, to clarify to both the Youth members and the parents on how the room may be used. ie. no glasses, no vapes (from anyone to use!), keeping the room tidy and waste free and that parents or a delegated person must be on the premises to supervise them.

Please be aware that if you are not attending PYC then your child cannot simply wander into the Training Room and treat it as a Youth Club. Our insurance will not cover such use and, in any case, the Management Committee will not allow it. That is not what this room is about and, please be assured that if this happens then the child will now be asked to leave. Once the policy is finalised it will be posted in the Club for you to take a look at and I will let you know when this happens. In the meantime, do encourage the younger members of our Club to treat the room and each other with respect and thoughtfulness so we can ensure that they can continue to use it.

Social Events

We are always encouraging our members to consider using or hiring our Club premises for an event where they would usually go to a privately run establishment to take pleasure in. This week we saw two very different occasions happening which were a delight to see happen as they were both very enjoyable and covered all ages.

On Monday the Club enjoy Dee's Hen's Night prior to her wedding next month with Mark, our RC Building. We had the Commodore Paul on the Bar to prevent any outbreak of trouble from too much champagne and those lovely salmon nibbles consumed – well you never know what can happen with these doos. I'm pleased to say that, besides the dancing, the competition to make the most desirable costume from foil and toilet rolls (I'm not telling you who won – have a look!) and the inevitable secret questionnaire, we were all very well behaved! Even the Commodore managed to escape by midnight! A very good evening so, a big thank you to Alison, Rosie and Jackie who know about how to organise these things!



That was the beginning of the week but, you will not believe this!!!! This Friday again we had the roll over for Play Your Card Right for the final sum of £259 and with about 40 plus members turning out thinking they were on a winner.....it happened again! Vinny, Dee's grandson reached the final card with £321 in the pot and made the wrong decision with a card of 7 and chose higher - and it was a 6! We now have another roll over for Friday 1st September. Whoohoo! Now you know why I hate gambling – hate the stress.

That was the grown-ups. On Saturday we had Summer's birthday party and, I have to say that given the choice, having had three kids of my own, I would rather have organised a grown-ups birthday party or a gambling evening!!!! Having said that – if you called into the Club, wasn't it so well organised and weren't the kids on top of the world? They just loved it and they are so much more simple to please than adults!



Well done to Phil Y for his extended time behind the Bar to help me out as I'm deaf as a post when there's music on as they had an up-and-coming DJ Alex, age 10 who knew the current music and was getting everybody up to dance. I had to give in on that. I know my place. In fact, I knew my place the instant when I saw the entertainer! Balance a balloon on his nose????



Unfortunately, I missed the Middlemen on Sunday due to a family celebration BBQ of the Commodore's birthday after we had finished serving the breakfast at the Club - but what I have heard was that they were fabulous and that we need to get them back again. In fact, what I have heard is that they were one of the best bands we have had! Do have a look on PYC Facebook where we have videos of their performance to see what you have missed!

This coming Wednesday, Sue our Reat Commodore Social & Fundraising member, thought it would be a good idea for us all to get together outside the Club to enjoy a BBQ from 6.30pm onwards. Bring whatever food you like as we will set up our BBQs ready for you to join us! Let's make the most of the dry evening and enjoy the summer while it is with us. Let's enjoy an unexpected evening together.

Moving forward to spending time together to knowing your music, don't forget that we have an entire evening of strutting our stuff at Olive's birthday next Saturday at a 70's and 80's night. I need to let you know that I've been practicing moving my bits around in different directions so watch out for my interpretation of the Hustle or maybe The Freak? Hmm? Not sure about that are you? Just wait and see and no, I cannot balance a balloon on my nose!



After a lie in on Sunday morning, we know you will be ready to join us again to listen to the astounding voice of Wayne Woodward. If you have any energy left, I'll join you to get up there again and show the beach that we can still boogie to Wayne's songs! I'll warn the neighbours so they can come and join us if they are not too keen on what we are doing with our bits.



Future Events

August

- Saturday 26th Clive's 70's & 80's Birthday Party!!!!
- Sunday 27th Wayne Woodward c.3.30pm Singer and entertainer – you know that he was a runner-up on the Britain's Got Talent competition so do come out and listen and dance to his music!

September

- Sunday 17th Bart's Bash Race followed by TreeAnna, a Motown, Soul and Disco singer.
- Friday 29th Macmillan's Coffee Morning (all day event)

October

- Saturday 28th Kiddies Halloween Party followed by Adults Party - Details to follow later

November

- Sunday 5th Bonfire Event - Details to follow later
- Friday 8th High Tide Band in the evening
- Sunday 26th AGM - Advance warning for your diaries

December

- Sunday 31st New Years Eve Celebration! Ticket entry only to this event and now on sale behind the Bar, cash only.

I wasn't going to end with a joke this week but, sorry about this, I have heard so many that I really cannot help myself. You can stop reading now if you have had enough.

As I have been a bit naughty with the Golfers then I think that it must be their turn:-

Three of our members, the Commodore Paul, Scottie and Olive were on their way back from a golf game and had their van destroyed by one of the losing team in which they snuffed it. In heaven, God greeted them and said that because of what had happened they now had full use of a wonderful Golf course and he hoped that it made up for what had happened. The only thing they needed to watch out for was that there were ducks that lived there and that they mustn't stand on them while playing or there were dire consequences.

Firstly, Scottie completed a round and stepped back to see where he was and realised he had put his foot on a duck. Immediately, God appeared with the most ugly looking woman you can imagine, no teeth, no hair and said that he would now have to spend eternity with her – with no golf.

Secondly, Olive tried to T off and immediately fell backwards and onto a duck. Oh no! God appeared with the most hideous, ugly, awful looking female thing who he was told he would have to spend eternity with. And again – no golf.

Finally, Commodore Paul, who was shaking by now – thinking no golf for eternity and could hardly hold his golf clubs, tried to T off and dropped his club onto a duck! You guessed it. God appeared with the most beautiful looking woman and told him he would have to spend eternity with her. Paul was confused. But why as she was so gorgeous? She replied instead of God – “I was the one who stepped on the duck! You’re my dire consequence!!!!!!”

Keep smiling xxx

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