

Hi Everybody,



What an amazing week and Bank holiday weekend this has been! Stunning photos, too many to include on the blog, plus a fantastic effort by many people to make it a truly memorable time. A huge thank you to everybody.



Sailing Events & Angling

Sadly, the threat of a stormy weather front coming through made RC Sailing Kevin have to make a tough decision on Saturday. If he allowed sailing to go ahead and the weather front hit us, it would have been carnage. Wonderful word. If he said no to sailing and it didn't come through, we would have just called him an idiot! Another good word. So, RC Kevin decided to come down on safety (and to allow us to use the second good word if we were unhappy). Hence, no sailing on Saturday and I didn't hear the second word used, thank heavens.





Sunday saw good winds and fourteen boats getting ready. What a fantastic turnout with winds constantly moving around, making the setting of a course challenging. Nevertheless, a course was set and Race officers Paul and Jo went up to the Bridge as David and Tiffany went out on the rib to set the marks.

Racing was fantastic to watch but, with so many boats competing on the start lines the inevitable coming together happened for a few boats. All boats managed to start and finish all three races with little drama but a sudden gust of wind in the third race saw both Simon O and Jack G being knocked out of their boats! Also, Simon capsizing after having to make a very quick tack to avoid colliding with the Lady Margaret after Nick and Kevin correctly called starboard! Oh dear.....

On the positive side, a very well done to Scottie for winning his first ever race, taking the win in race one.

From RC Kevin, a big thank you to the rib crews, race officers and to John the winch without whom we just couldn't race! And did you see the photos that Tiffany took? Wow!!!!

Just a reminder that next Sunday is the Tythe Barn at Feltham Sailing Club with the race starting at 11:00am with boats on the water by 9:00am for the journey down. There will be the rib to escort you down so let's get as many PYC boats to take part as possible!

RC Sailing Kevin has put the course on the sailing watts app and more information is below. He is looking forward to seeing you all next Sunday!!!!

Results

PYC Regatta 27th August

Race 1

1 st	Scottie	Fusion 2
2 nd	Guy Hickman	Laser Radial
3 rd	Simon Orde	Laser Radial
4 th	Jack Goodland	Laser
5 th	Charlie Donoghue	Topper
6 th	Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman	Wayfarer
7 th	Joe Atherton	Uno X
8 th	Graham Salter	Laser Radial
9 th	Steve Greene	D Zero
10 th	Kevin Robbins	Dart 15
11 th	Jay Steer	Topper
12 th	Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18
13 th	Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips	Dart 18
14 th	Nathan Wyborn	Topper

Race 2

1 st	Guy Hickman
2 nd	Simon Orde
3 rd	Jack Goodland
4 th	Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman
5 th	Charlie Donoghue
6 th	Scottie
7 th	Steve Greene
8 th	Joe Atherton
9 th	Graham Salter
10 th	Kevin Robbins
11 th	Andy & Carol Grout

- 12th Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips
- 13th Jay Steer
- 14th Nathan Wyborn

Race 3

- 1st Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman
- 2nd Simon Orde
- 3rd Guy Hickman
- 4th Jack Goodland
- 5th Steve Greene
- 6th Joe Atherton
- 7th Graham Salter
- 8th Scottie
- 9th Kevin Robbins
- 10th Andy & Carol Grout
- 11th Jay Steer
- 12th Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips
- 13th Charlie Donoghue
- 14th Nathan Wyborn

Tythe Barn Trophy

Please have a read of the following email sent to RC Sailing Kevin as we need you to follow the rules if you are taken part in the Trophy :

Dear Steven and Kevin,

I hope that your clubs are both having a great season on and off the water in 2023. I am your race officer for the Tythe Barn Trophy hosted at FSC this year and look forward to welcoming your members to the race next Sunday, 3rd September. The warning signal will be at 10:55 for an 11:00 start.

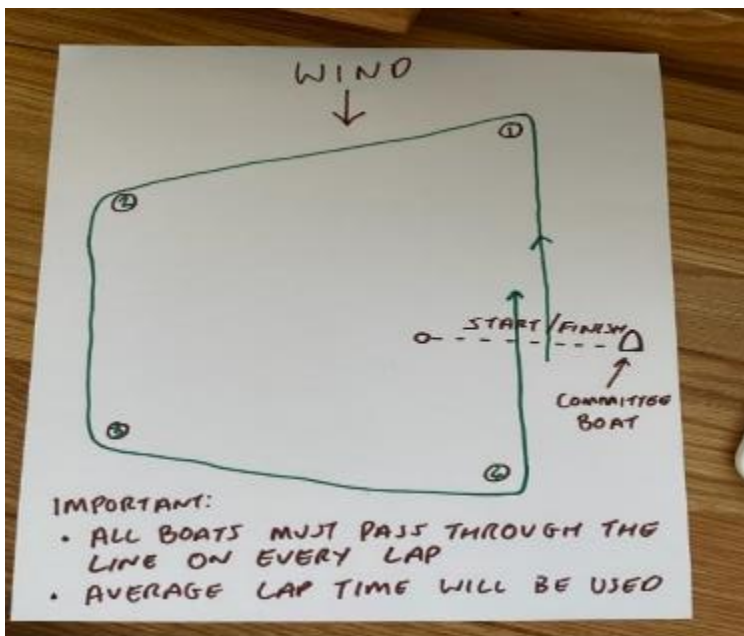
The race will be run from a committee boat, to allow us to set an accurate, pre-arranged course whatever the wind direction. I have attached a photograph of what the course will be, I'd be very grateful if this could be circulated to all prospective competitors to make the logistics on the day simpler.

The race will be run on average lap time basis, as we are likely to have a very wide range of boats taking part so we will be looking for a target race time of 60 minutes with boats then finishing as they complete their next lap. Flag S (blue square / white background) will be displayed on the committee boat along with 2 sound signals as the first boats to finish round mark 4.

If you could email me, no later than 0900 on the Sunday, the details of your competitors including Helm, Crew, Boat Class and Sail Number that would be greatly appreciated and will negate the need to come ashore to sign on.

Any emphasis you can give to the importance of passing through the start / finish line on every lap would be appreciated! Any questions please feel free to get in touch using the details below and we look forward to welcoming you next Sunday.

Best regards, Chris Whitney 07590 535065



Angling

From George, only one boat went out last Monday the 21st and the picture of young budding angler Matthew G by his own efforts catching his first ever Bass - the biggest of the day, showing his father Steve and grandad Chris how to catch Bass! Well done to Mathew.



Three boats went out on Sunday with the fishing very poor due to a lumpy sea, along with the wind over tide not helping at all. Plaice, Gurnard, a Thornback Ray a very small Smooth Hound and, of course a few Dogfish being caught. Also, despite efforts by two boats very few Mackrell were caught.

Unfortunately, to make it a bad day overall, two boats also had engine troubles once out there with RC Angling Paul struggling to return to the beach at a very slow speed under his own steam with George gratefully being towed back in by Chris. Doesn't that show the wonderful spirit in our club by our membership?

It also proved safety at sea is so very important and being out there on your own has its own dangers so don't forget that.

Calendar

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
24 th	SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00
30 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30

Fishing

An Inter Club Beach Competition between Bognor Regis Amateur Angling Society & Pagham Yacht Club & Thorpe Bay Angling Association on Sunday 15th October to be fished at Pagham beach, 9:30am to 14:30pm.

Booking in and draw for pegs 8:30am at PYC Club house. Catch & release one rod three hooks. Pool money £5.00.

Please contact John Small 0799 762377 if interested.

SailFish

What can I say? What a day!!! This is when I want our web site to be one of those when you can put a hundred photos on as it has been a very busy Bank Holiday with the raft building and racing, tin can alley, baked beans & crackers with drinking pints or ½ of beers?? and Wellie Wanging and finally the Tug of War! Oh, and the BBQ that we had all forgotten about. More peaceful to have spent it at work but we wouldn't have had the free food! Well done to RC Angling Paul C for arranging all of the incidents that didn't get us arrested or to call out the Ambulance Service again.

If you want to know who the winners were – Rocky, who has a past history of Harlequins Prop and a power lifter won the Wellie Wanging by reaching the Isle of Wright, or was it Dordogne? Never mind....it was a good distance so don't upset him as he is always armed! I've lost track of which team won the Baked Beans eating competition but apparently all members, males, ladies and the youths survived and I haven't heard of anyone running off to get rid of their stomach contents afterwards. Glad I wasn't involved!!!



The Raft competition was won by the Pagham Warriors but, I have been told that there are many other scores to be taken into account. Please be aware that the final results, of which will be taken into account at the prizes giving in November, cheating will of course be taken into account!!! ie who won by sticking within the cheating rules.

For future reference, if you compete next year, cheating is allowed once you set off so don't put too many people on board – use them as swimming “motors” so they can drift and cut ropes and any other stuff they can think of! If you can think of anything else, do let me know and I will ensure that everybody else is made aware before next year 8-)

Paddlers and Snorkelling

Sorry I don't have any photos of the paddlers (and I'm running out of room for any more photos!!!) but on Wednesday, Sue our Rear Commodore Social & Fundraising member, thought it would be a good idea for us all to get together outside the Club when the Paddlers had finished to enjoy a BBQ from 6.30pm onwards and I do have photos of that.



New Years Eve Celebration

Tickets for our New Years Eve celebration are now on sale from behind the Bar. A reminder that it is 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 but, we will be keeping an eye on numbers to make sure that guests don't outnumber member numbers as it is proving extremely popular so far!!!!

Training & Youth Room

Hopefully you will have read what was printed in last week's blog about encouraging our Youth members (aged only 8 to 18 years) to treat the Training and Youth Room with more respect and keep it tidy and waste free whilst their parents are on the premises.

I think you may be able to guess what I'm going to say now about what has been happening since last week, bearing in mind we have been so busy with members bringing in guests.

The Commodore was called up there on Saturday by two of our responsible Youth members to see that children had been allowed to wander around by their parents, without supervision, and had raided the fridge in the Training room for items that would normally be sold and had left debris on the floor and on the furniture.

Some of these are not children of members. If you are inviting guests into the Club and they have children, or you are bringing younger family members on board who are not included in your membership then please note that these Rules still do apply to you. You must supervise them by accompanying them if they wish to go into the Youth Room and they must be told that by you. They must not be allowed to roam the Club!

I cannot emphasize enough that despite it also being a real pain towards what we have set up for our Youth members to encourage them into grow in our Club's way of life - our insurance does not allow the presumption that any Youth member is babysitting underage children! Enough said.

Social Events

Well, it finally happened with Take Your Pick on last Friday night. Mary was the first one to choose an envelope – and she choose the one with the money in it! Just have a look at the expression on her face – sheer shock. You didn't see the look on my face either when I realised that I hadn't won on the first go!



Don't forget that next week we have the roll over for Play Your Card Right for the final sum of £321 in the pot! This is going to be a good night!!!!

So, the important stuff! Did you make it to Olive's birthday on Saturday night? What a simply fabulous evening! If you didn't then you truly missed out. Well done to Keith for the music and to Sue and Dee for the food – and the cake that Dee did was stunning! Enjoy the photos.



Wayne Woodward joined us outside on Sunday afternoon with a great variety of songs to delight our members and their guests. Unfortunately, one lady who was enjoying dancing to the music, overestimated what the heat was doing to her and PYC greeted our wonderful Ambulance Service to whisk her away to ensure her care. I bet Wayne hasn't had too many women falling at his feet before then – eh? Or maybe he did.....



Future Events

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.

A big thank you to Don from The Lamb who contributed £60 to our Club when RC Sailing Kevin assisted by using the club RIB to allow his family in remembering a past member to deliver their wishes for them to be recalled when they were within the sea environment. Something like that is what we are all about.

Another thank you to two guys who were renting a property just down the coast who approached the Commodore and had permission to use our slipway for their jet skis – I have to say that it was totally against my advice when I found out about it! Yes, I know. What happened is that they were very professional, kept well away from our space in the water on launching and came back in due time. They were so impressed in what we had going that they are now looking at buying homes in our areas AND have donated £150 to our Club for using our slipway and our winch with John's help. Alright – I was wrong.

We have also had the help of the Beach Club who have relieved us of some of our draft stock due to our change over to the Molson Coors that has shown that we can still have a mutual exchange that will benefit both clubs. Members of both Clubs enjoyed a day out at Ladies Day at Fontwell Park with Clive winning £290, Sue £2.50 and Rosie £115! Definitely the way forward!

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