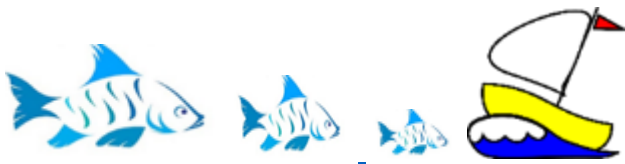


Hi Everybody,



How long do you think we can carry on showing the wonderful daybreak before the weather gets to us? Before that happens, the Brass Monkeys are still out there again. Our beach is still a fabulous place to be. Lovely.



### Sailing Events & Angling

As you may have experienced, Saturday was a very hot day with absolutely no wind. So, with sailing cancelled the youth of our Club went paddleboarding and swimming, some of them treated to a ride in Andy Stuart's rib, helmed on by our youngest PB2 Molly. We were all very impressed by her boat skills so our congratulations to her teacher as she was taught very well!

I never thought I would say this but.....doesn't this look like Pagham-On-Sea? Aren't we lucky to be here?



Below is one of our families enjoying kayaking on Saturday. Just look at the smooth water????



Sunday morning saw a warm, albeit overcast day with very little wind. We did however see nine boats ready to sail. Race officer Sally set the course with David and RC Sailing Kevin going out on the rib to lay the course. This proved to be very slow going with the wind dropping to virtually zero. Eight of the nine boats did manage to finish the first race but despite this, between the rib crew and the race officers they decided to cancel the second race. I'm told that it was quite funny to watch Kev Robbins paddling ashore and Joe Atherton jumping of his boat and swimming it in. Ah, bless him!



Many thanks to race officers Sally and to Joe also and to our ever-present winch man John without whom it just couldn't happen.

From Guy H he wanted to say that it was an amazing days sailing with a good turnout despite the lack of wind in the forecast. He wanted to comment on the superb course for the conditions with an innovative start (leaving the start buoy to starboard) and all the rest to port. Crikey did it shift – 360 degrees during the race making sailing difficult as you couldn't tell what was coming next. He really noticed how well the new sailors are improving rapidly and he wanted to give his thanks to everyone for giving up their time to make it happen.

Really nice to hear comments such as this – thank you Guy!

## Angling

From George, two boats went out on Wednesday in lovely conditions with Bass, Mackerel, Black Bream, Bull Huss, Smooth hounds, Dogfish, Pouting, Gurnard, Thornback, Undulated and Spotted Rays caught. Also, a couple of Dolphins were spotted in the distance! What an amazing thing to see in our waters!

Over the weekend six boats went out again in these same wonderful conditions. It does make a change for George to say that Conger, Mackerel, Scad, Thornback Ray, Pouting, Smooth hound Dogfish, Bass and Bream were caught. Well done to all of the fishermen who, no doubt, enjoyed a great BBQ over the weekend.

The Bass competition fished for Dons Cup resulted in a tie with Rocky and Pete both each catching a 42cm Bass.

The next competition is on 24<sup>th</sup> with an 8.30am start until 4pm with Plaice the target species.

## Calendar

### September

16 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
17 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY BARTS BASH RACES 1 & 2	11.00
23 <sup>rd</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
24 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00
30 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30

## Fishing



Don't forget we have an Inter Club Beach Competition between Bognor Regis Amateur Angling Society and Pagham Yacht Club and Thorpe Bay Angling Association on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October to be fished at Pagham beach, 9:30am to 14:30pm. Do contact John Small 0799 762377 if you are still interested.

## Paddlers and Snorkelling



Wednesday proved to be a fantastic evening, despite being a bit misty out to sea. Making the most of the late summer sunshine we had over 20 kayakers and paddle boarders out on what can only be described as a mill pond. On their return to the shore, they were greeted by a patio packed with members and an impromptu BBQ. A great night followed and was enjoyed to the full by all!



Further along the beach one of our members took this stunning picture of a young man diving from one of the water high tide markers. (Yes, I know that is not the proper name but someone will tell me later). This is not to be advised or encouraged please - and we don't know who it was but.....what an amazing photograph!

## New Years Eve Celebration

Another reminder that Tickets for our New Years Eve celebration are now on sale from behind the Bar with a cash only sale at £40 per head.

## Training & Youth Room

If you have been in the Club over the weekend with a child then you may have noticed that we have put a notice on the door to the Training Room advising that it is closed to be used as a Club Youth Room until after the meeting of the Management Committee next Thursday. This has followed more damage, namely to the IT routers which feed our till. They have been pulled off the wall and took Kevin H several hours to sort out the electrical connections to ensure that we didn't lose use of these essential pieces of equipment without which we couldn't use the Bar.

This is despite my warning two weeks ago about parents **WHO MUST BE MEMBERS ON THE PREMISES** ensuring that their children who use the room do not take food up there and that they must remove any rubbish when they leave. Unfortunately food and drink cans were left scattered around.

This is not good enough when we have other outside activities, such as BRAAS who want to use the room for a meeting on a Monday night and they come in to set up their tables to see such mess when its main purpose is to be a Training Room! Fortunately, some of the older Youths have spent last Saturday, and Sunday afternoon and evening clearing up the mess and reorganising the furniture and filing cabinets to make it a more sensible layout.

Hopefully, we have now heard from two parents who want to take responsibility for the room to ensure we can carry on with this effort. However, despite this wonderful news, if it is going to work, please be aware that parents will still be responsible for supervising and checking their own children when they are using the room at all times if we allow it to continue as a Youth Room.

I will let you know what the Management Committee decide to make this continue as a workable idea.

In the meantime, that area is closed apart from its use as a Training Room until we let members know.

## Social Events

Friday saw a good turn-out for Play Your Card Right for the jackpot sum of £321 which had been rolled over from previous weeks and which all thought must surely be theirs. Wrong again! This week we now have a "final" sum of £415 in the pot! I've just looked this up on the internet and for that, I could take Commodore Paul away for 7 days all inclusive to the Red Sea, Egypt or to the Algarve or to Puerto de La Cruz and still have change to buy a couple of bottles of Champagne! See you there then to see who may be the winner?

Speaking of Commodore Paul, he gathered together the rugby fans on Saturday around the Bar TV screen in the evening to enjoy the England v Argentina Rugby World Cup game which, I am pleased to say that we won 27 – 10. It proved to be a good evening with plenty of beers and take away food consumed which is what rugby is all about!

Sunday proved to be a much more animating day as the weather closed in on us despite Malc and Elvis coming back to visit us again! Just love 'em!!!!



Sorry about the picture Malc – you were first on and your picture is under the umbrellas somewhere!!! And that's me with Elvis. Boogie on down!



Moving on to next week when we have the Bart's Bash Race followed by TreeAnna, a Motown, Soul and Disco singer who will be entertaining us after the Raffle. Should be a really good mornings sailing followed by a soulful and funky afternoon!

Right – I saved the best bit for the end!!!! Are you ready for this?

### **MANKINI CHARITY SWIM!**

For those of you who are delicate or can't bear to see anything such as an animal that needs medical attention then, I must warn you that you that must avert your eyes from what you about to see. Oh, and if you are underaged and then yes, you certainly must avert your eyes or you will certainly be taken into medical care or a hospital after this!



Well, the good news is that he survived! And so did the lime green Mankini! Commodore Paul did the dip in his Mankini on Sunday afternoon as the clouds came in as a bet for the Cancer Wise Charity for initially a £200 bet with Pete W. This has now risen to a £220 donation and lots of laughter. Well done to Paul!

PS: We are selling the ruder photos in my and Pete's possession for £50 a head if you want to get people out of your holiday house in a hurry or you are thinking of opening one of those Haunted Houses tours.

Oh, as an after-thought, perhaps his actions is why the Dolphins did not come to close to shore for the angling boys.....?

Double PS: Pete has some back shots that I can sell for £60 if you are really desperate and in need of a poster of losing a few pounds or two!

Triple PS: Any donations to Sue's Cancer Wise Charity would be very gratefully appreciated if you could give any sums to help PP's attempt!

### **Bar**

More good news in that we have two Bar persons of the month nominated by the Bar Committee for their services to the Bar (and to us!)! Look out for our hero Phil Young and Bill Boorer!!!!



Don't tell us who is which!!!!!!

## Future Events

### September

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Bart's Bash Race followed by TreeAnna, a Motown, Soul and Disco singer.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Bustin A' Groove Band 7.30 – 10.30pm - Funk soul pop and rock onto the dance floor!!

### October

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Macmillan's Coffee Morning (all day event) 10.30am followed by.....  
Keith's 90 plus disco in the evening

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Kiddies Halloween Party followed by Adults Party – Full details to follow later

### November

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Bonfire Event - Details to follow later

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> High Tide Band in the evening

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> AGM - Advance warning for your diaries

### December

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

Still on the future events, can I warn you that we have the AGM coming up on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November when we will asking you to vote for various members for assorted positions and also for various items that need your approval.

Before that, can I ask you to think about whether you were ready to stand for one of the positions on the Management Committee?

These are all volunteer positions in various areas – Child Welfare, Bar manager, Building and so many other diverse areas such as the commercial writing for advertising. I have done the Hon Sec role for I think about 16 years - not that I'm super good at this but no one has come forward to take this off me despite my pleadings! It could be you.

It is a great "job" to be involved in so do have a look at what the Management Committee roles involve on our website, or contact me and I will talk you through what is involved in all of the roles in case you think it is too much for you.

Let's move ahead and get some more of our members involved!

If I've lasted 16 years doing this then you will survive me doing just one or two years!!

*Jill*

*Honorary Blogger*

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