

Hi Everybody,



The calm before the storm.....



Sailing Events & Angling

Saturday saw Bertie and Joe out on the water in a Hobie, with John on his Catamaran. Just take a look at the relative calmness of the sea. Who could tell what was coming our way in the next 24 hours?



Sadly, the weather let us down badly on Sunday with heavy rain, gusts of 25 to 28 knots, thunder and the most amazing lightning storms. This meant that a wise decision was made early on to cancel the Barts Bash and the RNLI ladies from attending PYC with their goods for sale. I'll let you know when we can do an alternative race.

On another subject, we encourage our members to make the most use of PYC kayaks, paddleboard and boats. Regrettably, RC Sailing Kevin has now found kayaks rammed into the storage undercroft which had broken the paddles making them unusable.

We also found one kayak on Saturday morning abandoned on the beach in front of the Club instead of being returned to the kayak container. What can I say? These are paid for by you and they are being treated like garbage by some of our members. Enough said.

Angling

From George, not much to report due to the weather. He is aware that one boat went out last week but they haven't let him know of their catches.

One thing that I omitted from last week's Blog was that Pete W and Steve P had both caught a Bass each of 5.7cm! This is the biggest fish caught in the Club for the past 4 years when Josh was the champion. These things are important when you fish!!!!



The next competition is on Sunday from 8.30am until 4pm with Plaice the target species. The last boat competition is on 8th October. Blimey – it's really getting closer to Autumn!

Calendar

September

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

October

1 st	SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00
7 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
8 th	SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 5 & 6	11.00
14 th	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
15 th	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 13 & 14	11.00
21 st	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
22 nd	SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 7 & 8	11.00
29 th	SUNDAY FINAL FLING TROPHY RACES 1 & 2	11.00

November

18 th	SATURDAY PRIZE GIVING SUPPER	19.00
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Paddlers and Snorkelling

Due to the evenings drawing in and the Safety Support team becoming reduced due to other commitments and holidays, it has been decided that the Club cannot continue with any more Paddler Wednesday evenings. Sadly, last night Paddlers was the last for this season. Never mind.

On a brighter note – look at the fabulous photos from our Assistant Secretary Tracey that show that it was a brilliant season!



Training & Youth Room

If you have been following what has been happening with the Training Room then you will be aware that, following the brilliant idea and work put forward by two of our youth members to the Committee, the room has been used as a Youth space with games installed on the TV by those boys, plus other items to make it appealing to all youngsters.

Despite their hard work, during the times of their absence when the Club has been open, other young members have been taking advantage of the space, plus the lack of supervision, and have repeatedly "trashed" the room.

Unfortunately, attempts by the boys to remedy this by ensuring that the mess was cleared up by those responsible has resulted in false stories. As you can imagine, they have had enough, no longer wish to be involved and have withdrawn their contributions. This has now resulted in a loss to the Club and to the younger members.

As I have said last week, we now have two parents, Jenna and Tessa who, along with Rocky our Vice Commodore and Lesley our Child Protection Officer, will be taking over the responsibility for ensuring the supervision and safety of the room, which will now be called a Family Room. A new set of rules will be drawn up by them and the room is now open to member's children - **provided the member is on the Club's premises.**

Please be aware that parents will still continue to be totally responsible for supervising and checking their own children as we need to emphasize that PYC cannot be responsible or insured for child care, nor for any damage that they may cause to themselves or to the Club's premises whilst left in the Family Room.

What I cannot emphasize enough is that parents will always have total responsibility for their children whilst they are on the PYC premises, whether or not it involves the Family Room, unless they are engaged in organised sailing events.

As always, the Family Room is still primarily a Training Room and if it is needed to be used as such, then it will be closed as a Family Room for that period.

Bar

Just a quickie on this as we have had a complaint about young children being allowed behind the Bar. For those of you who think this is unfair when you are trying to entertain your children when you are doing a Bar duty, the Licencing Act 2003 prevents us from allowing anyone below the age of 16 years behind the Bar – and it makes no difference whether or not we are a private Club so, please do not allow your children or grandchildren to join you as we risk losing our licence. Thanking you in anticipation.

Other items that were raised by members via Mick, the Committee Member for discussion at the Committee meeting, were the need for all dogs in the Bar area to be kept on a short lead. We do have rules about this and it seems that some of our newer members have forgotten. Even if you are confident about the behaviour of your dog, please can you follow this so that everyone knows what is going on.

The other issue which, judging by the change in the weather I don't think will be a problem until next summer, was members coming into the Bar with bare chests. That would be the men, I hasten to add! This, I think, would be an unwritten rule about showing a bit of decorum rather than making us appear like a Working Men's Club. Not that there's anything wrong with Working Men's Clubs – but we are a Yacht Club 8-) so, bear this in mind for next year.

On another note, we are still asking for anyone who might be thinking of giving the Bar duties a go to get in touch. I know we keep saying that it is fun but it is also a good way of getting to know a variety of members that you wouldn't normally meet or talk to. Let me know and we can pick a quiet time so you won't feel rushed while you work out where things are.

Rugby

Last night was the second gathering in the Bar of the England Rugby team followers who saw England beat Japan by 34 v 12. I'm not going to say that if they couldn't beat a Japanese team then we really are in trouble! Oh, I just have. There are two more games for England Saturday 23rd September 16:45 kick off England v Chile. Also, as an aside, 23rd September a big game of South Africa v Ireland – two of the favourites for the tournament. The other England game is 7th October 16:45 kick off England v Samoa and the same evening at 20:00 Ireland v Scotland. Anyway, the next big get-together to watch the quarter final will be either Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th October, dependent on how England performs in the early matches.

Commodore Paul will be cooking a Chicken tikka Masala or Chicken Madras with a Masala Veg to go with this exciting event and the option list with price will to go up soon.

Work Party

Now that we are approaching the end of Summer, it is time to get the Car and Boat Park in some sort of order ready to put the boats away for the winter season.

The suggested date for a work party is Saturday 7th October with RC Angling Paul C making the arrangements. Please contact him and let him know of your availability.

Social Events

Friday saw yet another good turn-out for Play Your Card Right for the jackpot sum of £415 with passports and cases packed in readiness for those holiday trips I had told you about but.....no one had the opportunity to head for Gatwick this week! The new roll over now stands at £472!!!!

And look at the competition! If she wins, I will show her how to throw a major strop!



The good news is that for that sum, plus any increase, we now can still fully inclusive holiday in the sun in Majorca, Costa Brava, Dalaman in Turkey, Tenerife, Kos and so many other places. The bad news however, is that prices have gone up since last week and it is now per person. So, if I win, I will have to go alone. Sorry about that Paul. Will I see you there on Friday 29th September? Of course, no point as I'm going to win!!!!

On Sunday afternoon, after the downpour, we were treated to TreeAnna a fabulous singer who spoilt us with Motown, Soul and modern music. If you missed her because of the weather, I can only say you should be sorry as she was absolutely brilliant! She was joined toward the end by Melissa and they gave us a rendition of ABBA. Stunning! Even Millie had to move it and groove it on her way through! Twice actually. I hear from Sue that she has booked Melissa in later in the season so that is something to look forward to.



Next Saturday 23rd in the evening we will be joined by Bustin A' Groove Band, a funk soul pop and rock group giving us an excuse to get back onto the dance floor and enjoy hits from the 60s to the 2000s – Fleetwood Mac, REM, Dusty Springfield, Coldplay, Stevie Wonder, Bill Withers, Radiohead, James Brown and many more! Sounds good to me!



Please don't ask me why I keep getting the date of this wrong but we are having a full day on **Friday 29th September** starting with the Macmillan's Coffee Morning!

We are hoping that you will be your usual kind selves and help us out with lots of delicious cakes or biscuits, plus any tombola or raffle prizes to raise funds for this wonderful charity.

10.00am Coffee, tea and cake sale commences with Raffle tickets at £1 each

12.30pm Lunch snacks available

8.00pm Chilli to be served, followed by an evening of entertainment and the raffle draw

Pleeeeeeeese..... do come along and join in the fun!

Future Events

September

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

Friday 29th Macmillan's Coffee Morning (all day event) starting at 10.00am followed by (see above) and Keith's 90 plus disco in the evening

October

Saturday 28th Kiddies Halloween Party followed by Adults Party – Full details to follow later

Sunday 29th One 4 The Road 3.15 – 5.30pm

November

Friday 8th High Tide Band in the evening

Sunday 11th Bonfire Event – this has been moved from the 5th due to the tide. More detail will follow but hotdogs will be involved!

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.

It has been a very busy week and it looks as if we will continue to enjoy lots of activities if the weather is kinder to us. Hope to see you soon.

Jill

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