

Hi Everybody,



Dawn on a Sunday at Pagham. Whooo!



Sailing Events & Angling

Please note that all official Saturday sailing has now finished for the season. Sorry about that but we do have the Prize Giving Supper at 7pm on 18th November just around the corner to cheer you up!

On Sunday, six boats competed against each other in a very light wind. Race Officer Sally set a very interesting course that maximised the wind that was available, resulting in a very competitive race between the classes of boats that were on the water - Andy and Carol on the Dart 18, Kevin R on his Dart 15 and the two Lasers belonging to Guy H and Shorty who were engaged in a nose-to-nose battle with the markers!



A special mention to Jay sailing a Topper, left to the rear because of the class of boat he was sailing, but who fought all the way!

Due to a lack of winds resulting in the time it took to compete the first race; the second race was cancelled.



Sailing Results 8th October

Autumn Series

Race 5

1st Guy Hickman	Laser Radial
2nd Simon Orde	Laser Radial
3rd Kevin Robbins	Dart 15
4th Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18
5th Jay Steer	Topper
DNF Anya Dickinson & Lola Stewart	Laser Pico

Angling

From last week, RC Angling Paul took the boys fishing for a couple of hours not thinking we would catch anything until we caught a 59cm cod just over 3 Lbs! He did try to let Louis reel it in but I'm told that he needs to eat more shredded wheat to do it! Just have a look at the end result!!



Thinking luck was on their side, Paul and Bob did try it again on Saturday morning on the kayak but the birds were diving around 1 ½ and half miles out. As they got closer the birds moved further out and, yes, you guessed it, they had to turn around as the out-going tide was making France look like the next call. Fortunately, Bob caught his first Schoolie Bass, returned safely to water. Paul wasn't so lucky and his excuse, this time, was that Sammy the seal turned up and followed them all the way back stopping them from further fishing. Sometimes you just have to enjoy nature!

On Sunday their luck was back and Paul went out with Bob on a kayak again and caught three Bass at 42cm and three at 43cm. A lovely Sunday morning with Alan catching a 29cm Gunard which the cat had a feast on the left overs. Share and share alike!

From George, five boats went out in the last week with Bass, Wrasse, Garfish, Bream, Conger, Smoothound, Horse Mackerel, Undulated Rays and Dogfish caught. Also, as you will see, RC Angling Paul caught three nice Bass on his Kayak. The first beach match is on the 29th October. Next Sunday the open fishing competition is being held at our club with a few PYC anglers attending the match. It is hoped that several PYC anglers will enter the inter-club angling competition being held at PYC on the 15th October with a 9.30am start until 2.30pm.

Our first Beach Competition is Sunday 29th October from 8.30am until 13.45pm. Other fishing events coming up are a Youth match, date tbc. An Adult beach match for Club members with prizes for the usual cash entries and prize funds which will be advertised shortly.

Pizza

Guess what!?! I'm really pleased to let you know that Sam is back to do the Wednesday's Pizzas! This time it will be every other week, starting Wednesday 18th October from 17.30pm onwards. Please can you get your orders in to her via the Social or Sailing WhatsApp by early evening of Sunday 15th. Each pizza will be £6 and a salad £2.

As Sam has said, come along, get the dartboard down for a bit of fun and have a night off from the kitchen – or just come down for the social side.

Car & Boat Park etc

On Saturday, I'm pleased to say, that we had a really good turn-out of members to clear out and re-stack and sort out all of the debris and furniture that had been accumulated over the past year in various areas of the Club site. It was a really good session with good space made in the outside accessible storage cupboard, the clearance of the slipway and the walkway to the remembrance Mulberry stone, as well as the tidy up of the storage containers of the Car and Boat Park and the surrounding grass that was invading the fencing. The "boys" were treated by the Commodore Paul and Race Officer Sally to highly calorific rolls full of previously requested bacon, fried eggs and sausages – dependent on their requirements (or weight!!!). Just a personal opinion but, I don't think their weight came into it.

This is quite important about what we found - if anyone has either surf boards or kayaks stored in the boat park steel containers, could they please contact either RC Sailing Kevin or RC Angling Paul as there are more stored in there than have been paid for. Be aware that the Club intends to have a clear out of those that have not been paid for (on 5th November) and that should not have been stored in there to make space for others – that have already been paid for.

Calendar

October

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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Bar

Now that we are approaching the Winter season, which officially starts in November and lasts until the end of March, you may recall that the opening hours of the Bar will be changing to the following:-

Wednesday	5pm – 11pm
Friday	5pm – 11pm
Saturday Afternoon	1pm – 4pm
Saturday Evening	Open only for advertised functions
Sunday	1pm – 6pm
Christmas	12 noon till 2pm
Boxing Day	1pm till 4pm

Please note that the closing time may be earlier/later at the discretion of the volunteer bar staff on any of these days, taking into account their personal commitments or the potential revenue for the Club and the number of members in the Club using the Bar.

As the Bar will only be open on Saturday evenings from November for advertised functions, do keep an eye open for these in the Blog and on Facebook as they will be publicised well in advance.....and don't forget that we will also have New Years Day and Good Friday when the Bar will also be open for certain published hours!

Rugby

Just a reminder that the next big get-together to watch England in the Quarter-Final will be Sunday 15th October with a 16.45pm kick off if anyone is willing to sort out a get together at the Club.

As I said last week, Commodore Paul will be away for this so any help behind the Bar would be much appreciated to enable you Rugby fans to get a get-together! Down to you!

AGM

It's that time of year again! Please do check your Spam folders as I have been told that notifications may be disappearing in there. So, in the meantime get your Calendar and your notes out. Who do you want to represent you or.....are you ready to show this Club that you can do better than what has been going on? The lists are up in the Bar area by the window to show who is willing to stand again and, more importantly, it also shows the gaps for those who have done their

bit and want to step back and spend more time with families, or just enjoy being part of our Club without having to work for it!

Oops! I shouldn't have said that but, it does show where we need people, such as you, to join the Management Committee to share your knowledge and skills and ensure that this Club can continue to move ahead.

If, on the other hand, you are interested in one of the roles where someone has shown on the list that they want to re-stand – that is also not a problem.

When you are confident that the role is one where you know what is involved by speaking to who is involved or to someone else who can help, put your name down and find someone to support you and another person to back you. I would be extremely happy for someone to show that they would be happy to take on my role and I would talk them through what is involved. If they were still confident about taking over, I would withdraw and back them, and act as a support for the future. Easy!

The same is clear if you have anything you wish to raise as a change to the Rules or as an amendment, or as a Bylaw. Be sure to look up the procedures in our Rules, have it supported and submitted to the Hon Sec before **10am on 29th October** when the time for change expires, with your membership number and full details.

I am so looking forward to my replacement finding me!

New Years Eve

I know I keep doing another reminder that tickets are available for the New Years Eve celebration at the Club to welcome in 2024, but I keep being asked about it. Tickets are £40 per head, cash only and are available behind the Bar. The ticket price will include a wristband for entrance on the evening to allow buffet food, all drinks (non-alcoholic if you prefer) and entertainment by Sarah Woods the singer. It's only 12 weeks if you need to save your pocket money for a taxi home 8-)

Work Party

A big thank you to all who took part in Saturdays' Work Party to make it a very successful event, both in terms of the work completed and the food consumed! The next one to finish off certain bits will be on 5th November so, if you have a boat or other equipment stored on our site and you weren't able to come along the first time then please, do come along now and help out.



Social Events

Let's start with the **most important event** that has happened, **Macmillan Coffee Day**. We have now counted the money raised and it was the most amazing sum of £1,262.25! Well done to everyone involved. A stupendous effort!!!!

Speaking of money, I can't believe that I am saying this again.....but no one has won the Jackpot at Play Your Cards Right yet! We now have the sum of £535 to carry forward until Friday 20th October. Blimey – that is going to be a good evening!



I have to say that we enjoyed a really good time last Friday following the game with lots of Karaoke and dancing so let's hope we still have that to look forward to – even if we have a winner (and can it be me, huh, can it ...????!?)

On Saturday, following the Work Party, we thought we would have a fairly peaceful day with a good supply of members tired and full of their sausage, egg and bacon rolls, and that Bar would close early. My mistake! A dry and warm day brought a second supply of members out in the early evening to enjoy the last of the Summer wine (or beer) and the Rugby, so the Bar didn't close until after 11.30pm. Well, that'll teach the Commodore – he did the Bar from 2pm till closing! Hah! See what I mean about putting your name forward?



I'm happy to say that on Sunday, with the glorious weather continuing, it all started again with Melissa Smith joining to entertain us outside. And what a performer she is! And what a wide variety of songs and an amazing range of vocals!!! A fantastic performer. Whoever takes over on the Social & Fundraising - can we have her back again please?

Bonfire Event

This event will take place on Saturday 11th November. It is being advertised inside the Club and on the WhatsApp, not on the Blog or on Facebook to prevent outside interest. For further details, please can you look on these areas. Tickets are available from behind the Bar, cash only until 1st November so, please do purchase them in good time.

Halloween

Children's Halloween – a list is being posted in the Bar area of the Club for children's names who wish to attend. The cost will be £3 per head to include party food, games and a gift. Don't forget that the children are asked to bring along their own decorated Pumpkin for a Best Pumpkin prize, photographs of which will be posted in the blog! Best bit of the day! (personal opinion)!

Adult Halloween – for the grown-ups, the party will start at 7.30pm with a disco and buffet and a prize for the most horrific outfit! I was going to say, for the most atrocious member - but we may have lots of competition for that one and I'm not sure my budget could extend that far!!!! Watch this space – or watch what I can come up with – arrghh!!!!... writhe, feel pain!!!!????? I'm in the mood! (Could come as an evil dentist? No teeth? Dr Gumstumps?) I'll let you know.

Future Events

October

- Sunday 15th Rugby TV Screening 4,45pm start
Saturday 28th Kiddies Halloween Party 4pm – 6.30pm followed by Adults Party 7.30pm
Sunday 29th 10am AGM Notice down
One 4 The Road 3.15 – 5.30pm

November

- Wednesday 1st Winter Bar Opening Hours commence
Sunday 11th Bonfire Event
Sunday 26th AGM - Advance warning for your diaries

December

- Friday 8th High Tide Band (not November!)
Sunday 31st New Years Eve Celebration! Ticket entry only to this event and now on sale behind the Bar, cash only.

It's going to be a good end to the month!

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