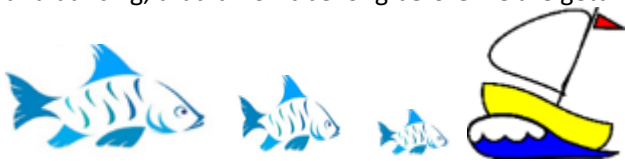


Hi Everybody,



Yes – I'm back! Did you think I couldn't stay away when there is so much going on to let you know about? I thought I'd start this blog off with a webcam shot of the beach this morning to show that Autumn is really here and that the Sailing season is about to end. Oh dear. That's the bad news but, the good news is that so much has been planned for the coming months to keep us busy, active and dancing, that it won't be long before we are getting ready to greet Spring and the join the Rigging party!



Sailing Events & Angling

Unfortunately, the weather and the wind have conspired against us again this week, preventing sailing on both Saturday and Sunday. Let's hope that next weekend it will be kinder – and especially for the Final Fling races. Keep your fingers crossed.

Calendar

19th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

20th SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 7 & 8 11.00

27th SUNDAY FINAL FLING TROPHY RACES 1 & 2 11.00

NOVEMBER

23rd SATURDAY DE-RIGGING & WORK PARTY 10.0 and PRIZE GIVING SUPPER 19.00

Fishing:

18/10/2024 22.00pm 02.30am 00.51 5.95m COD NIGHT BEACH MATCH

03/11/2024 09.00am 14.30pm 11.57 5.37m Beach Match

17/11/2024 09.00am 14.30pm 11.48 5.84m Beach Match

01/12/2024 08.30am 13.00pm 10.57 5.30m Beach Match

15/12/2024 08.00am 13.00pm 10.46 5.59m Beach Match

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 have changed to the following:-

Wednesday 5pm – 11pm

Friday 5pm – 11pm

Saturday Afternoon and Evening - 1pm until 11pm, but the closing time may be much earlier at the discretion of the volunteer bar staff, taking into account their personal commitments and the number of members in the Club using the

Bar. Do watch out for any evening social activities that will be posted on the Social WhatsApp, in the blog, on Facebook and in the Bar when you know the Bar will be open late.

Sunday 1pm – 6pm

Christmas 12 noon till 2pm

Boxing Day 1pm till 4pm

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.

AGM

It's that time of year again! Our AGM will be at 10.30am on Sunday morning 24th November and all are welcome to attend. As you will be aware, only Full members are able to vote but this year there are several matters where your opinions will count. If you are a Full member and unable to attend then don't forget to use the proxy vote.

Election of Officers

Hopefully you will have seen the Election of Officers notice which has been posted in the Bar area showing who will be re-standing and the vacancies for posts on the Management Committee.

These are very important roles and we need proposals to fill them by Sunday 27th October. So far, we still have vacant positions for:

Bar Manager – this could be shared with another person if you are willing to take on certain elements so, do speak to Paul the Commodore who has been Bar Manager in the past and knows what is involved

Assistant Secretary – mostly minute taking at monthly meetings with some research to assist the HonSec. A good way to find out about how the Club is run and any future roles of interest

HonSec – this role is now vacant after very many years and would suit someone who enjoys "housekeeping" – advising, managing and keeping us in check to ensure the Club is still in line with any legal matters or Government regulations and other more mundane stuff. An interesting and varied position. This role would be supported until the person taking over feels confident so, if you are interested, do speak to me.

Planning

If you have been in the Bar you will have seen the display showing the proposals for improvements/changes to four areas of the Club. The Management Committee are aware that some areas highlighted for development have not met with support or enthusiasm by some of the members spoken to and, as a result of this, the opinions of a wider range of our members is now being sought about this.

RC Mike Naish will be circulating a questionnaire about the proposals to all present at the AGM, both Full and Social members and the questionnaire will be anonymous. This is an ideal way for you to express your opinion about the proposals.

For those of you who haven't see the proposals which are posted in the Clubhouse, basically they cover the following:

Phases 1 – 3 Initial Works; Works to refresh the beachside appearance of the Club, enhance the usability of existing space and provide better access both inside and out with the patio and beach.

New side entrance with wheelchair access (subject to Council granted access permission), allowing members in the Bar area vicinity to monitor people coming and going, whilst also creating a better route for those coming from the water, allowing us to consider alternative flooring for our main area.

On the north side, allowance for boundary improvements, a cycle store and coded gate access, which is safer for our children, as the existing system as little or no security, as well as improving boat store operational security. Budget to improve vessel launch and retrieval.

Phases 4 & 5 Major Works (follow on); New women's changing facility located where the sail loft is, with a better laid out multi-function room in its place. Expansion of the main Club area by extension, whilst preserving the character and aesthetic of the railway carriage on the eastern side, relocation of the Bar and ancillary facilities. Likelihood for Club closure, or sectional zonal closures for sustained periods.

Please do have a look at the 3D plans posted in the Club to get a fuller explanation and picture of what is involved – and do attend the AGM to express your opinions and complete the questionnaire.

If you have anything you wish to raise at the AGM such 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 27th October** when the time for change expires. Please ensure your membership number and full details are included.

The agenda and full details for the AGM will be sent out by email the weekend of the 9th November so do please remember to check your Spam folders as I have been told that notifications do disappear in there. Those members who don't use the internet will have to rely on either myself walking the dog around Pagham or the postal service. I'm cheaper!

Work Party

Just a reminder that next Saturday 19th we will be having a PYC Work Party from 8am till 10.30am to sort out lots of repair and maintenance issues that have arisen over the past year that need dealing with before the winter weather closes in. Some have become quite urgent. This includes the continuation of window repairs, the replacement of the door threshold to the boat store, work on external side lights, a temporary cover over the side wall to the beer cellar and the recovery of the launching mats. Also, there are works in the Boat Yard including a general tidy up and collection wood for the bonfire on Fireworks Night. Oh yes – the latter is quite urgent!!!!

Social Events



Let's start with the **most important event** that has happened recently, **the Macmillan Coffee Day with New and Nearly New Sale, the Auction plus the Raffle, the Tombola and games for the children** that has involved many days and evenings. The money raised - so far, is the most amazing sum in excess of £2,200! This may be more but a very well done to everyone involved. A stupendous effort – and great fun for everyone involved.

Special thanks to our mannequins who participated in the catwalk to display the donated clothes to entice buyers to purchase them. I'm not sure whose idea it was to use Commodore Paul in pink? Can I just say that it's really not his colour.....

Events Coming Up!



Halloween

Children's Halloween – a list is currently posted in the Bar area of the Club for children's names who wish to attend on Saturday 2nd at 3.30pm. The cost will still be £3 per head to include party food, games and a gift. As usual, don't forget that the children are being 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 – and despite the urge, you really mustn't help or we will notice. Do put names down or as soon as possible as this is usually a very popular event.

Adult Halloween – for the grown-ups, the party will start the evening beforehand on Friday 1st at 7.30pm with a disco and buffet and a prize for the most frightful outfit! Can I just say now that I have some absolutely appalling outfits but there is no way they would win a prize – just get me turned out of a decent hotel or pub – or Yacht Club. That is not what we are looking for.....we want a PYC member transformed into some gruesome, horrifying and horrible thing – more than usual I have to say. **No** Traffic Warden or Parking Attendant impersonation please.



And the makeup.....oh yes!!!! Do get as much as you can on to make the deception real! Remember this from last year? And who is it behind the lipstick??? No prizes for a good answer this time, sorry about that.



Fireworks Night

I am pleased to say that, with a huge thank you to our Bosun Kevin who has volunteered to risk his safety to entertain the members and their guests, that we will be having a Firework, bonfire and a BBQ event on Saturday 2nd November. There will be a huge firework display as Kevin has done his usual trick and has donated to the Cost of fireworks to make it well worthwhile so, be warned it's going to be a dramatic display from 7pm! There will also be a bonfire down on the beach which will be lit at 5 – 5.30pm with suspicious bodies on top to make you wonder who is missing from the crowd???? To keep you warm after this, there are burgers, expertly cooked outside by G and Olive – with the usual side bits to make it go down more readily. They will be available from 6 - 6.30pm for ticket holders only. As I have said, this will be a ticket event for only our members, their family and guests as we don't wish to encourage any members of the public to wander into our Club and surroundings on that evening.

The tickets are now the fantastic sum of **£8 per head for adults to cover the cost for the BBQ food and for a donation for the cost of the fireworks**. What a good price!!! No charge will be made for children as we are assuming they will be filled up with food from the Halloween party earlier in the day.

Just so you know – this decision followed a meeting of the Management Committee when we all thought that events such as this should be an encouragement to our members and their families to spend more time at our Club and enjoy what we have to offer. And what a lot we have to offer!

Tickets are available from behind the Bar now, **cash only** until 1st November to enable us to anticipate how much you will be eating so please, do purchase them in good time or you may miss out on the food! You have been well and truly warned.

Dinner Dance



It's that special time of the year again when we get our posh clothes out of the wardrobe in readiness for a great night's eating and dancing and find that they don't fit! Aarghh! OK, we now have time to deal with this as our annual Dinner Dance, which is being held at the Beachcroft Hotel in Feltham, isn't until **Saturday 16th November from 6.30pm**. What we do need to think about is that now is the time to book your tickets and to whom to give your money!

The cost is £60 per head for a three course A La Carte Dinner with Coffee and Mints, with £500 in Raffle prizes – black tie and Cocktail dresses please. That is a stunning deal as I have looked at what other restaurants are charging – without a DJ. Unfortunately, to purchase tickets we can only accept cash and we are asking that you approach Rocky our Vice Commodore or another member of the Committee to do this - or leave your contact number on the list. Regrettably, tickets cannot be purchased via the Bar for this event but we are hopeful that it shouldn't affect your purchasing power! Sorry about this inconvenience but we will sort out any problems with getting tickets to you.

There is a list of interest for tickets for this event and there is a list by the poster in the Clubhouse so do put your names down and we will mark you off when you make your payment.

I look forward to dining and dancing with you there!

Future Events

October

Sunday 27th 10am AGM Notice down

November

Friday 1st Halloween Party with Disco from 7.30pm

Sunday 2nd Kiddies Halloween Party 3.30pm – 5.30pm followed by Fireworks, Bonfire & BBQ from 5pm

Saturday 16th Annual Dinner Dance at Beachcroft Hotel from 6.30pm

Sunday 24th AGM 10.30pm

December

Tuesday 31st New Years Eve Celebration! Watch this space and see what is coming!!!!

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

Jill

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