

Hi Everybody,



Friday night with a full moon before the rain came in. What a beautiful sight after 8pm at night. Stunning, It's like another world – a bit cold but with no one around. What a wonderful world!



And then the morning. And what we have been experienciencing for the last few days.
Don't tell me that you don't love it?



Sailing Events & Angling

Just like last weekend, the weather and the wind decided well ahead of time to prevent sailing on both Saturday and Sunday with the Autumn Series Races 7 and 8 being abandoned.

This leaves the **Final Fling Trophy Races 1 & 2** next Sunday from 11am so let's hope that Aegaeon decided he likes us and behaves with us. Let's face it, what do I know about what Greek Gods will do?

Fishing

Paul Cooper tells me that last week I missed two great photos off the blog of Stuart and Pete W catching a Codling off Sel-sey on a rainy evening (!!!!) and a lovely Bass weighing just under 6lbs off the Harbour mouth. My apologies for that so do have a look and enjoy as it – as it now gets worse!



This week, we only had three anglers – George, Derek and non-member Pete W fishing on Friday night catching one doggy each. Paul C fished Saturday and caught one doggy, one Thorn Back and one Conger but the weed was the winner. He had to Pack up at 10.30 as the weed was becoming a problem with wind rain and waves were increasing. End result, two dogs caught and no cod 😞 I did warn you it was getting worse!

Sailing Calendar

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:

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

AGM

Just a reminder that if you have any important matters or proposals that you wish to raise at the AGM such as a change to the Rules or as an amendment that it must be submitted to the Hon Sec before **10am on 27th October** when the time for change expires. It must be supported and contain your membership number and full details.

There are still lots of vacancies on the Election of Committee notice so do have a look and see if there are any roles that you may be interested in. This may include roles where someone is re-standing again. Don't be put off by this – what keeps a committee moving forward is **CHANGES!** Do speak to the Commodore or myself as we have been involved for long enough to fill you in on what may be involved for you to make a decision as to whether or not to apply.

Don't forget we are running out of time now.

If we carry on with the same people year after year then we will dig a hole in the ground for the Club. We need fresh ideas and fresh attitudes towards whatever is going on around us and what we are involved in.

Work Party

Hopefully, it was only due to the poor weather forecast but the Work Party on Saturday was badly supported with only three members turning up to help Paul Cooper 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.



The good news is that the Commodore was relieved that he didn't have to cook 20 bacon butties BUT he was horrified at what the Work Party discovered in their limited time around the outside of the Club house. This is just one picture of the pebble dash side wall of the Bar that has come away and is now badly leaking and rotting.

Paul C has taken lots of photos to be presented at the AGM to show the membership the effect of the years of a Club house on the shore of a salt sea where there are metal stairs, beams and foundations and the effect that this has had on the structures of several places that need urgent replacements and/or repairs.

I do hope that you will be able to make the AGM to be held at the Club on the morning from 10.30am on Sunday 24th November to hear what needs to be done and the cost involved. Whether or not you are a Full and voting member, this is an important issue for the Club.

Social Events

What a brilliant new band we were introduced to on Sunday afternoon called Citizens of Somewhere. Two guys who were absolutely fantastic! I'm pleased to say that, despite not running the Meat Raffle which as been put on hold till after the AGM, we had a full audience who were able to enjoy their music.



This band played a wide range of music but, they judged their audience well. On a miserable afternoon with the wind blowing, they took us back to the 70's and 80's in a smooth way and ended with a couple of dancing songs. I have to say that my favourite was Don McLean's Vincent's brilliantly performed. I have never heard any band do a better version of that song. I have heard that we are getting them back again soon but I haven't got the date yet. I'll let you know asap so you can join in something special.

Take Your Pick

This week we had a very low turn-out for the game – especially this time as it was a number of the female members of our Club being called to a more important alcoholic event in Bognor. Never mind girls, as it usually the male members who find the need to elsewhere.



I had to leave my ticket to be drawn due to Binky dog who has had enough and guess what? Don't get too excited..... I won a fishing reel!!!! Groan.....

Events Coming Up!



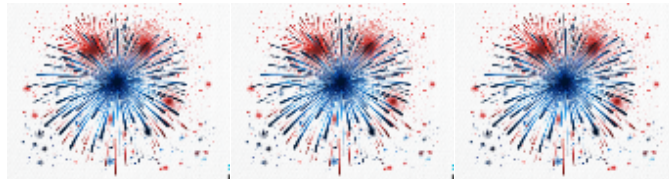
Halloween

Children's Halloween – the list is now getting full (yes!!!) so do come into the Bar area of the Club to post your 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 I said last week, 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. I still think that is the 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 those sad people amongst us, including me, who want to make the most of having an excuse to dress up and behave madly then we only have two weeks to find the ideal frightening costumes. Recognise these from last year?



You won't need tickets, just very bad taste in clothes and a sense of humour! See you on Friday night 1st November for some food and fun! Yes, yes, I did say food! See you there! And no prizes to see if it was Mick or Gary or whoever in the white makeup, And who in the Heidi outfit????? You must know who Morticia is? Don't you? Just love this!!!! 8-)



Fireworks Night

This is one thing that you will need a ticket for and I am pleased to say that they are selling very well!!!! If you have already paid for tickets for this Firework, bonfire and a BBQ event on Saturday 2nd and haven't actually collected the tickets yet,

can I remind you that you will need them for the food so, just ask at the Bar as we keep a copy list there to give you yours with your name on it.

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 with no charge made for children if their name is on the list.** There is still space on the list for all who are still interested so please do get your name down and make sure we have your money to enable us to let you have your ticket.

Tickets are available from behind the Bar now, **cash only** until 1st November to enable us to anticipate how much you will be eating. Please do purchase them in good time and don't be one of those who wait until the night or you may miss out on the food as we are doing this to ensure we can provide a fantastic fireworks display – not spare food! You have been nicely warned about that.

Dinner Dance

I seem to be talking lists and tickets this week! Well, the good news is that the list for the Dinner Dance is filling up nicely and, even better, that tickets are being paid for and are looking very pretty! Well done to Rocky for organising a very posh voucher for us to hold onto once payment was made! (Was it me – or did the poster and the tickets bear the very creative mark of Tracey B, our Assistant Secretary?)

For those who missed last week's Blog, our annual Dinner Dance is being held at the Beachcroft Hotel in Felpham on **Saturday 16th November from 6.30pm** and we are advertising it now so you can book in baby or dog sitters, or taxi or car sharers so, do think about it now as this 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.

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 rather than purchase them via the Bar and so far, this has worked out very well.

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.

Let's all I look forward to a good evening of dining and dancing before a New Year! Did I say that??? But I haven't mentioned Christmas yet.....oh crumbs.....

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! I have no idea what's coming so far!

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