

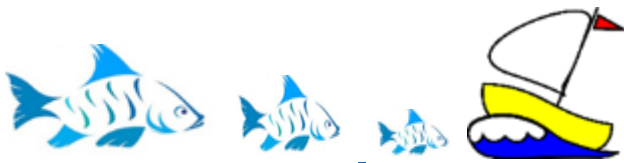
Hi Everybody,



What a wonderful day Sunday was! We could have been in the Mediterranean. I have just looked the temperature up today (Sunday at 1.30pm) and AccuWeather tells me the real feel is 20°. Of course, the BBC tells me 14° but I think I know who to believe. But oh, just look at the skies! Absolutely wonderful!!!!

Unfortunately, along with the sunshine came placid water and no breeze, making competitive sailing impossible. Oh dear. And now on Monday, the breeze has returned with that Autumnal dampness, cloudy and 14° temperature that makes us realise why the clocks go back to give us an extra hour in bed!

Whilst I'm talking about Autumn, did you enjoy reading last year's blog about what we were up to at this time last year? Sorry about that – tired eyes and fingers I'm afraid. The good news is that I did have responses to say what I had done so I now know that at least five members read the blog!!! Whohoo!



## Sailing Events & Angling

As I have said, despite the sailors gathering on the shore willing the wind to rise above the water – it really just did not want to play with them and sailing had to be abandoned.

As this would have been the FINAL FLING TROPHY RACES 1 & 2 11.00, RC Sailing is looking at running the races on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, dependant on weather conditions. Members are advised to keep an eye on the Sailing WhatsApp for more information this week.

Fortunately, the Paddle Boarders did not need any breeze to persuade them to just get out there and enjoy what could be the last team effort on the sea to make the most of what this beautiful coastline has to offer.

Having said that, I was interrupted by a huge friendly dog who wanted to say hello whilst I was taking my photos, that I missed Tracey falling off her board in the shallow water in a dramatic way. Apparently, this was her second time in falling off in half an hour so it would have been good to give you a dramatic picture – especially as it was such a calm sea! If you can't see, Tracey is the tiny spec at the rear of the abandoned paddleboard awaiting help to save her from possible drowning. OK – they were in the shallows by now, but you never know? Maybe it's me, but they don't look in too much of a hurry to help her? Perhaps it was just them staying cool as they knew I was taking photos.....?



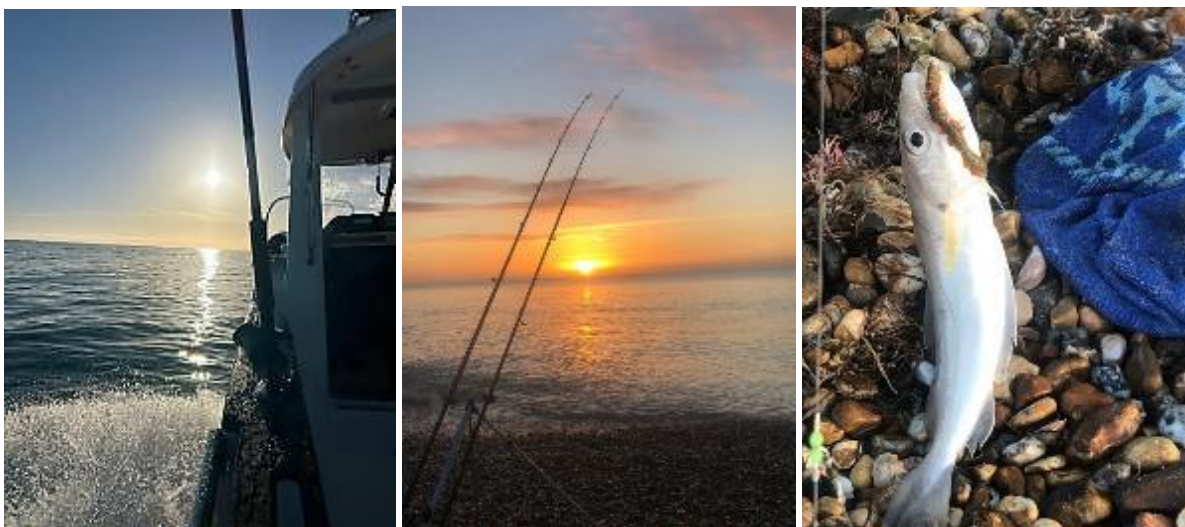
## Fishing

Again, not a huge amount to let you know about. Pete Warren took his boat out on Sunday to enjoy the weather and managed to catch a Conger Eel, a couple of Dogfish and four small Bass – all of which were put back.

Paul Cooper was also out early in the morning at 5.30am on the beach with bites from two Dogfish, two Straps, three Pout, seven Whiting – some of a really good size, and he tells me that he lost a really good fish at 6.30am. Oh dear.

The final photo is from Jim Ellis and Paul says that now the Whiting are back, it is a sign that winter is coming.

You have been warned!



## Sailing Calendar

### NOVEMBER

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> FINAL FLING TROPHY RACES 1 & 2 11.00 Possible

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

Well, the list for Election of Club Members is now down and the papers for all items and proposals will be sent out by email to Full members around the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> November. Do remember to check your Spam folder after this date in case they end up in there.

Along with these papers will be sent proxy forms in case you cannot attend the meeting and they will have instructions regarding the date when they need to be handed in etc.

The list for Election of Club Members contained one vacancy for Bar Manager, which I am hopeful that any member could chose to stand for. It also contained two positions where the existing member re-standing is now being challenged by a new member. These positions will be dealt with by a secret vote on the day:

Commodore	Paul Palmer		
Vice Commodore	Rocky Robinson		
RC Sailing	Stuart Ashwood		
RC Angling	Paul Cooper		
RC Social & Fundraising	Tina Brown	Proposed Sue Briggs	Seconder Jenna Ridgeway
RC Planning	Mike Naish		
RC Building	Mark Cooper		
Hon Sec	Jill Palmer		
Hon Treasurer	Sarah Strickland	Proposed Val Young	Seconder Phil Young
Membership Sec	Geoff Lewis		
Bar Manager	<b>VACANT</b>		
Child Welfare Officer	Jenna Ridgeway		
Club Member	Val Young		
	<b>Nominee Chris O'Brian</b>	Proposed Mick Bentley	Seconder Kevan Page

## Non-Voting

Auditor	Simon Tomsett		
	<b>Nominee Matthews Hanton</b>	Proposed Kevan Page	Seconded Derek Haverly
	<b>Chartered Accountants</b>		
Boatswain	Kevin Mason		
Assistant Sec	Sue Beeby	Proposed Jill Palmer	Seconded Paul Palmer
Youth Officer	Allan Fry		
President	Eddie Chantry	Proposer Paul Palmer	Seconded Andy Day
Vice President	Terry Bartley	Proposer Paul Palmer	Seconded Jill Palmer

The Management Committee had hoped to introduce the projected future development of the Club for agreement on some of the proposals at the AGM. However, as there are still many issues that members are still not fully content with, it has been decided to circulate a questionnaire to all members, Full and Social, to gain more information.

It will be a tick the box with comments

This questionnaire will be sent out by email and will ask for your surname and membership number to ensure we are dealing with answers from only one member. Copies will be available at the AGM if you don't have a printer. The results will be circulated once all collated and roughly around the end of November.

## Work Party

The Work Party on Saturday was badly understaffed, due we think to a bad weather start and it was ended early. This was after several important issues were spotted including badly rusted exposed areas that need replacing to prevent them becoming a hazard. This is the danger of having metal areas exposed to salty water on the beach including gate supports, stairs and other building materials that are nearing the end of their life. Watch this space.

## Social Events

### Take Your Pick

Sadly, Keith was suffering last Friday evening and wasn't able to join us. Let's hope he is feeling better soon. 8-)

## Events Coming Up!



## Adult Halloween

Don't forget about Friday night and make sure you look absolutely horrible!!! I can think of one or two who couldn't look any worse even if they tried or had help!

**Children's Halloween** – the list is now getting full and will be closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> so, do come into the Bar area of the Club to post your children's names who wish to attend on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3.30pm urgently. The cost will still be £3 per head to include party food, games and a gift. 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. Happy days!

## Fireworks Night

Tickets are flying off! If you haven't got them now then you only have Wednesday to buy them or you will be too late!





## Dinner Dance

Tickets are going well and if you haven't bought yours yet, they are £60 per head – cash only from Rocky or from a member of the Committee.

It is being held at the Beachcroft Hotel in Felpham on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30pm** for a three course A La Carte Dinner with Coffee and Mints, with £500 in Raffle prizes and disco – black tie and Cocktail dresses please.

There is a list up so it may be a good idea to see if there is someone on there who you could share a taxi with, or if you could arrange a shared lift with.



## Bar Times

From Friday we are entering the Winter season and the Bar will not be open until **1pm at lunchtime** on Saturdays and Sundays,

We will carry on until further notice to open up at **5pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings.**

If this changes. I will let you know.

## Future Events

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|---------------------------|---|
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Halloween Party with Disco from 7.30pm  |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Kiddies Halloween Party 3.30pm – 5.30pm, followed by Fireworks, Bonfire & BBQ from 5pm    |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Hi Tide band from 8pm   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> | Greece v England 7.45pm Bar   |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> | Annual Dinner Dance at Beachcroft Hotel from 6.30pm                                       |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | England v Republic Ireland 5pm Bar  |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Prize Giving Evening with Sam's Pizza Buffet 7pm (buy tickets by 17 <sup>th</sup> please) |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | AGM 10.30pm   |
| December                  |   |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>  | New Years Eve Celebration! I have no idea what's coming so far!                           |

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