

Hi Everybody,



What a difference a day makes! Don't you just love living here?



Sailing Events & Angling

A really good evening starting out with a delicious buffet food that seemed to go on and on, thanks to the skill and work of Sam despite the storm bursting outside on the shoreline.



A huge thanks to Sam from the Commodore for making sure all in attendance enjoyed a good relaxing introduction to what was coming!

I have taken numerous photos of the stars of the evening but this blog is just not big enough to post them all. I will print them out and hand them over to the RCs responsible to publicise how many prizes are achieved by both the Sailing and Angling/Fishing sections of our Club.

In the meantime, I will print just a few to let you know who were the real stars – or performers of the evening!

Well done to all of our prize winners!

Sailing 2024 Prize Giving Results

Spring Series

1st Guy Hickman

2nd Simon Orde

3rd Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman

Mulberry Series

1st Kevin Robbins

2nd Joe Atherton

3rd Andy Grout & Carol Grout / Jenna Ridgway

Summer Series

1st Stuart Ashwood & Sam Atherton

2nd Nick Cook & Martin Horrocks / Bridget Branagan-Freeman

3rd Andy Grout & Carol Grout

PYC Regatta

1st Stuart Ashwood & Sam Atherton

2nd Nick Cook & Bridget Branagan-Freeman

3rd Mike Naish & Jenna Ridgway

1st Youth Joe Atherton

Barts Bash

1st Joe Atherton

2nd Jack Goodland

3rd Simon Orde

Commodores Cup

1st Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman / Martin Horrocks

2nd Kevin Robbins

3rd Sam Atherton & Joe Atherton

Final Fling



1st Stuart Ashwood & Sam Atherton

2nd Joe Atherton

3rd Kevin Robbins & Birtie Kirby

Most Improved

Ryan Ridgeway



Best new comer

Jacob Ebsworth



Best Assistant Race Officer April Ridgeway

Pagham Yacht Club Angling Section 2024 Trophy Winners

From George, please find below the Angling section trophy winners at the Prizegiving evening which was a very enjoyable, despite the fairly low attendance.

One angler fished the beach last week and caught Dogfish and Channel Whiting.

RC Angling Paul Cooper held the fishing meeting on Wednesday evening with ten anglers joining him, having an enjoyable evening whilst fully discussing the agenda and points raised. A couple of suggestions for the future were supported.

Just to confirm that the Sunday competition is cancelled due to the BRAAS match.

Pagham Yacht Club Angling Section 2024 Trophy Winners

Beach Competition THE JOHN SIBLEY CUP 1st DEREK BOOKER 234pts 2nd GEORGE SNELL 200pts 3rd GARY HAMMOND 83pts 4th Paul COOPER 53pts

Best Beach Specimen PETE WARREN BASS 62CM

Best Conger SIDNEY BOSLEY CUP GEORGE SNELL 11b

Best Bream SEA ANGLING TROPHY CHRIS SMITH 41cm

Best Bass CHARLWOOD TROPHY PETE WARREN & GEORGE SNELL 62cm

Best Plaice GEORGE GREENHOW TROPHY GEORGE SNELL 32cm

Best Ray DIXIE POT & RUSHBOWL DEREK BOOKER 11.08oz lb

Best Boat Caught Specimen DEREK BOOKER Undulate Ray 76% of specimen size

Best Smoothhound GEORGE SNELL 102cm

Mug of the Year Best Whoopsie Moment KIAN COOPER While out fishing for Bass and washing a bass to clean it, let go of it so, not for his tea that evening

Ladies Champion LADIES CUP 1st SALLY SMITH 117pts

Junior Champion JUNIOR CUP MATHEW GREEN 68pts 2nd KIAN COOPER 49pts

Top Orkney Skipper & Top Boat Angler PATERNOSTER & ORKNEY BOAT TROPHY GEORGE SNELL

Club Championship

6TH SALLY SMITH 117pts

5th STEVE GREEN 138pts

4th PAUL COOPER 168pts

3rd CHRIS SMITH 309pts 3RD OVERALL CUP

2nd DEREK BOOKER 455pts 2ND OVERALL CUP

1st GEORGE SNELL 801pts COMMITTEE SHIELD OVERALL CLUB CHAMPION



Fishing:

01/12/2024 BRAAS Annual Competition

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

AGM

I am pleased to say that, despite Storm Bert hitting our coastline and making getting to the Club and opening the door difficult, we still had a good number of members turn up for the AGM on Sunday (44 Full and 7 Social).

I won't go into complete details of what was decided, just a brief outline so those of you who weren't able to attend will have an idea of what was agreed. For new members, as the minutes are not agreed until the next AGM they will not be displayed until they are agreed and signed. Sorry about that but I didn't make the rules.

Firstly, the "new" members of the Committee – as some were re-elected, are as follows: (I have marked the new ones in black)

Commodore	Paul Palmer
Vice Commodore	Rocky Robinson
RC Sailing	Stuart Attwood
RC Angling	Paul Cooper
RC Social & Fundraising	Tina Brown
Hon Sec	Jill Palmer
Committee Member	Val Young
Child Protection Co-Ordinator	Jenna Ridgway
RC Building	Mark Cooper
Hon Treasurer	Sarah Strickland
Membership Secretary	Geoff Lewis
RC Planning	Mike Naish
Assistant Secretary	Sue Beeby
Boatswain	Kevin Mason
Youth Officer	Allan Fry

Other Appointments

Auditor: This was a proposal from the Committee and the Trustees to change to an external independent examination of the Club's books to ensure that now are going in the correct direction as we have changed our recording of data from paper and the direction of the Club's finance etc. Matthew Hanton of Aldwick, were appointed

For 38 Full plus 9 proxy = 47. **Against** 8 Full plus 2 proxy = 10

The Commodore praised the work by Simon Tomsett over many years who had been acting as our Auditor and said that this was not a reflection on the valuable work that he had done for the Club – that he had stepped in at a point in the beginning years ago to retrieve the Club from bad or non- auditing. This had not been forgotten and he could see that his valuable knowledge would be called on and used again if he was still willing to help out.

President of the Club (Five years from Nov 24): Edward Chantry - All agreed including 11 proxy votes.

Vice President (Annually): All agreed including 11 proxy votes. Terry did say that after all his years as a member, although he is now a Social member, it would be good for members such as him with a vast knowledge over many years of the Club to have a vote at the AGM. This was noted by the Commodore for further discussion by the Committee.

Honorary Members – both Kevin Harris and John Sibley were awarded Honorary Membership. Congratulations to both of them by all present!

Other Proposals

I won't go into too much detail for the following as they are on our website for further information if you need to know more but:

Proposal to replace S.3 Rules Membership – Paragraph 7 – "temporary membership". This was approved.

Proposal to approve the new role of RC Board Sports. This was approved with a proposed for co-opted member Alex.

Proposal to amend S.8 Item 59 Sailing or Fishing boats stored on the Boat Park must be launched on our water from our beach at least three times per year (with more details regarding fees and insurance). This was approved

Proposal for Subscriptions and Fees to be increased by 3% for 2024/25. This was approved.

MacMillan Cancer Support

I am delighted to update you on our fundraising for the Macmillan Charity for which the efforts of our Club members - led by Sue, who has been our RC Social and Fundraising member until yesterday, stood at £2,500.

Now, thanks to the effort of Tracy Robinson who, as part of her work for Zurich had heard about their **My Impact scheme** which matches any donation towards a well deserving charity, have agreed to support our efforts and we are now in a position to donate ...

£5,000 to Macmillan!

Well done to Tracy, who assists Geoff in his role as Membership Secretary when he's busy, and is now ready to notify our local papers to cover this story once the payment is made, raising awareness of what the Club is about, its fund-raising efforts, Sue's retiring and the Zurich scheme. A brilliant scheme and well deserved by a charity such as MacMillan.

PS: We still have Communications & Press Officer vacancy if you are interested Tracy as you have proved you are up to this? Tracy?.....

Social Events

Lots of events coming your way in December, either a booked entertainment by our new RC Social and Fundraising member of the Committee Tina, who has booked Adrian to entertain us on Sunday 8th from 3.15pm afternoon. Some of you may remember him as he has been with us before and is very active!



Or, the generous invitation by Jamie to join them to celebrate his 65th birthday on the 14th. Nice to know you can come along to the Club to join in the fun as there will be a DJ and food to keep you going beyond your bedtime!



New Years Eve

7.30pm on Sunday 31st December and we will still call it a New Years Eve celebration!

The posters and the lists are up already so do ask at the Bar if you would like to buy tickets – as they are behind there already for you to purchase!!!

We have spoken to Jordens and they will be providing us with a superb buffet of Gala pies, Pork pies, Chicken legs, three different sliced meats (not that Turkey Meat that we didn't like from last year), Coleslaw, Salad, etc. etc. etc. Do I look like I'm being picky in my old age? Yes, yes, I know....

Don't forget that we have Sarah Woods coming in to entertain us. Oh yes! It's going to be a really good evening!!!

I'll keep telling you what's going on when I've finished printing all of those award-winning photos off – life can be so busy when you are Hon Sec!!! (Why did no one stand for this position this year? Speak to me later).



Tickets are now available from behind the Bar – **CASH ONLY!**

Please be aware that your ticket allows you full access to any alcohol for the entire evening from 7.30pm (without Champagne which will not have stored on our premises to provide) and the buffet and entertainment provided by Sarah Woods the Singer,

As a ticket holder, if you wish to bring your own Champagne to celebrate the New Year then that will not be an issue.

Any Other Business

If you couldn't make it to the AGM then you weren't responsible for making off with all of the black biro pens that I carefully placed on the unopened box by Mike Naish's questionnaire – knowing that they had followed Paul from when he was a Custody Sgt 20 or 30 years ago and that I had stored in a cupboard next to our boiler. Well, I am Aries, and if they don't work and you can't bring your own pens to a meeting then why are you here??? Having said that, I got 15 working ones back! Oh yes!!!!

So, Mike did get back quite a few of his questionnaires which Dave – our Treasurer on Sunday has said, was to gauge how much money we need to set aside to sort short/medium/long term investments to get the best deal for any work that the membership think we need to move ahead on or put aside.

This is your money to make the best of your Club so speak now about what you want.

If you are in the Bar and haven't done the questionnaire – which is a simple 4 questions and comments forms, do fill it out to give the Committee an idea of what you would like to move ahead on - or not.

Can you place them in the **SUGGESTIONS BOX** before the end of the month please.



Guess what is coming????? Christmas!!!!

Well, I left the Club after the AGM on Sunday with the Bar opened early to keep every body entertained after a good session of deep thinking and voting but when I went in there today... Christmas has arrived early! Well done to everybody who made it look so lovely xxx Brilliant xxx

Future Events

December

Sunday 8th Adrian Fraser Singer 3.15pm

Saturday 14th Jamie's 65th Birthday 7.30pm

Date tbc Christmas Raffle and Commodore's Turkey & Pork Rolls

Wednesday 25th Commodore's Christmas Drinks from Middy until 2pm

Tuesday 31st New Years Eve Celebration with Sarah Wood with food & drinks included in your ticket from 7.30pm

Bad joke time:

In line with my pen comments above....

It was just before Christmas, and the jailer was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, 'What are you charged with?'

The prisoner replied, 'Doing my Christmas shopping too early'.

'That's no crime', said the jailer. 'Just how early were you doing this shopping?'

'Before the shop opened', answered the prisoner.



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