

Hi Everybody,

Another hectic week when the weather couldn't decide what it wanted to do. I have been really pleased to see that members have still been coming down to the Club to enjoy a drink and each other's company, despite the cold and the wind and, above all, have still been trying to get out on the water. Really a quite dramatic scene to look at isn't it? I can feel a BBC storyline coming on if I can only get a producer.....

Sailing and Angling Report



From RC Sailing Kevin, just to let you know that there was no youth sailing on Saturday due to severe winds.

As for Sunday, despite it looking good early on when he called for race sailing - and had a good turnout, with three lasers and five cats rigging, unfortunately the sea state got really quite bad. As high tide approached, with a nasty tide dumping on the beach, after talking with his RIB helm Bailey, race officers Trenchard and Bob and the sailors, it was decided to wait till after high tide. Having given it a good hour, after more discussions with all concerned it was finally decided that it was unsafe to launch the RIB in those sea states and with a very light onshore wind the sailors would have struggled to make it off the beach.

RC Kevin would like to thank all the rib crew, race officers and sailors that were all ready to go on time with great efforts from everyone. What a shame the Weather Gods let us down!

A personal thanks from RC Kevin to Andy Grout and Kevin Robbins for the work they have done on the Club's dart 18 and RS Feva, which is very much appreciated.



On the fishing front, those members who did make it out during the week didn't catch much but, one pair Chris and Sally performed much better behind the Bar on Sunday instead! Steve and Tommy fished the beach yesterday and caught one dogfish each. Oh well. Otherwise, it's been too damn windy to go out. (That was the official notice).

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Membership

From Andy Day, a warning that applications for new social membership have been temporarily suspended as we are receiving too many applications from social members and not sufficient for Full members as required by our Rules. This situation will be constantly monitored as applications are being submitted on a regular basis.

Andy asked that current members, both Social and Full, who know that they are re-joining to get their applications back asap so we can confirm their membership.

Bar Duties



You will remember that last week the Weather Gods decided to uproot our Marquee and fling it, along with its' framework, along the beach – not around any of our neighbour's houses as wrongly reported! I'm pleased to say that the Club Bar has survived this latest incident and our steadfast members are still enjoying their pints and glasses of wine at our benches in our outside beach area. We have been looking at hiring a replacement marquee with sufficient strength to withstand another beach breeze but, it seems as if the entire south of England has already put their orders in ahead of our enquiry. I will let you know what the outcome of that is.

In the meantime, I am pleased to let you know that Guy Lawson has volunteered to be our new Bar Manager. Well done Guy – took some guts to replace our well-organized and effective Andrea! Guy has his own business and, although he will be taking on the responsibility of managing the Bar such as ordering stock etc, we cannot ask him to take on too many of the Bar duties that we always rely on members to fill. I will carry on circulating the list weekly to you and I hope that you will support Guy and the Club by filling one or two of those treasured shifts. Those of you who have done this know what fun it can be – and hopefully, we may be able to throw those masks away at some stage in the future so we know what you are saying (or maybe not!).

Social Events

Don't forget that Jo, our RC Social & Fundraising is selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the Sussex Snowdrop Trust. When the Bar can be opened to members sitting inside on the 19th I'm sure you will be able to have a look at the amazing prizes on offer to you – only if you buy some tickets!!! Let's all be tempted.....

Sea Week - a reminder that Sea Week, Monday 23rd – Bank Holiday Monday 30th August, is just around the corner so do put it in your diary, on your Calendar or on your phone now! Jo has booked lots of entertainment for us and our sailing is already off to a really good start so I can feel a busy week on the water! All we need now is for the weather to be kind to us!

Pebbles

More good news, Pebbles will be open every Sunday from now on with the hope of more exciting evenings of food to be offered in the future when we know what the regulations allow. We will let you know what Sue has in mind but, in the meantime, get yourselves to Pebbles for a bacon or sausage buttie or something a bit more sophisticated such as a tea or coffee! Prices are listed at the side of the opening to Pebbles if you are concerned about how many sausages you can afford!



It won't be long before we can all socialise in the warmth of the Bar so keep safe until then. I look forward to seeing you all very soon,

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