

Hi Everybody,

Another busy week both on and off the water. Let's hope that the summer will take over from now on and we can just enjoy our freedom from the rainy weather and the Covid restraints. Please keep your fingers crossed and if not, let's keep smiling.

Sailing and Angling Report

From RC Sailing Kevin, another great weekend of sailing starting with the youth on Saturday afternoon. Four sailors turned up rigging three boats, Ben in a Laser radial, Joe in a Pico - the second Pico sailed by Charlie and our newest youth sailor Jay.



From RC Sailing Kevin, all had a good sail down to Bognor rocks then back around the Mulberry before what all youth sailors enjoy, a capsizing practice! We think they enjoyed it! Well, if they didn't....

Onto Sunday!

With light winds and overcast weather, it was great to see eight boats getting rigged. Two good courses were set by Race Officers Trench and Bob, one including the Mulberry again. The Sailors even got to see the very rare sight of RC Sailing in a dingy for a bit, having to sail a Pico in at the end so a big thank you to David who had to collect all the marks on his own. That is no mean feat so don't ask!



Many thanks again to Trench and Bob in the Bridge and well done to everyone involved including all of the sailors helping each other. That is great to see and that is what it is all about at our Club!





NB: UKLA Laser Super Grand Prix 17th & 18th has been cancelled.

RNLI

For those of you who may not have seen the profits from last week, the Raffle raised £200 for the RNLI and the ladies raised themselves £300 on their stall. A thank you to everybody who donated. What a difference a day makes!

Angling

From George, two boats were out on Saturday with Bream, Thornback rays, Smoothound, Tope, Dogfish and Mackerel. Also, a big pod of dolphins came within 200 yards of George, jumping clear of the water and spinning at the same time - a wonderful sight! You are a lucky man George to have seen such a breath-taking sight such as that just off our shore.

Three boats were out on Sunday for the competition for Skate - the target species, with Plaice, Congers, Bream Mackerel, Scad, Dogfish, undulated Thornback and Spotted rays caught with the best ray caught by George, just beating Derek, Chris and Sally. What a list of our wonderful sea fish species to be caught just off our coastline!

On a more serious note, George has also said that when he locked the inner Boat Park gate lock on Saturday late afternoon as it should be done, he found on Sunday someone had unlocked the lock and didn't correctly re-lock the gate which could have put the boats and engines at risk.

Having done that, one of our Committee members also discovered both the car park and slipway gates wide open at 9am this morning (Monday) with the tumble padlock displaying the code number!



This is someone – or perhaps several persons, putting your property at serious risk all over the weekend so please do keep an eye open for who may be so careless or carefree - and let us know who they are. It's really not good enough.

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Boat Yard

This may well unfortunately relate to the above. The Club are keen to ensure that membership and boat yard payments match the number of boats in the boat yard and it seems there are a good number more boats than payments at the moment! Please be sure that your membership and boat yard fees are fully paid, that the boats are clearly named, preferably on the trailers so that the names can be seen. If you have a boat, or you know someone that has a boat, but has not yet made a membership or boat park payment, please contact Andy Day membership@paghamyachtclub.com as soon as possible. Let's keep our records up to date and stop mis-use of our storage by what are now non-members. Let's get our keys back from them to prevent any future mis-use.

Golfing Section

Following the success of the Chiddingfold day out, Clive has been at it again and has arranged a PYC Golf Day for the Green Jacket at Bognor Golf Club during Sea Week on Thursday 26th August. It is 18 holes at £38 with 16 places available, arrival at the Golf Club from 12 noon. A list has been posted on the large noticeboard in the corridor so please do put your name, phone number and par on there. Good luck!

Wake

Just a reminder that the funeral of one of our well-known rock 'n rolling members Terry Brown is taking place this Tuesday 13th July at the Kingswood Chapel, Worthing Crematorium at 4 pm, with a celebration of his life after the service here at Pagham Yacht Club. Tina would welcome you to attend the service, Wake or both, so please do let her know on her Facebook or alternatively let us know if you only intend to come to the Wake.

Social Events

What a week! It started on Wednesday with that eagerly awaited Wine tasting that had to be moved forward by the odd 40 minutes as somebody decided that would be a good time to start yet another football match half way through our previously arranged event! They didn't ask. However, not to be outdone, those connoisseurs amongst us managed to down enough varieties of wine to make a choice about those that we really didn't like – and some that we really did. Funnily enough there weren't very many that made us grimace or, at least many that we could remember afterwards! The one that no one liked was a Chardonnay so, please don't expect to see that appear in the fridge. The other one that a couple of us weren't terribly happy about was the extra dry Prosecco which we felt tasted somewhat sweet – certainly not extra dry! A really good couple of hours that gave Guy, our new Bar Manager lots of new information to move forward with as he behaved himself and kept scores from around the 20 members that turned up. I so enjoyed myself that I can feel the urge to do that again please Guy. Guy? Guy? Oh.....

It also helped sweeten the atmosphere in readiness for the England v Denmark game, which the ladies (Marion, Sylv and Sue) improved by providing their infamous roasted-cheesey potatoes with chorizo at half time. I can feel the calories mounting up around my waistline as I write this!!! Well done girls – and isn't it great to see the Galley being used more frequently!







Well, having had a great evening on Wednesday we then pulled out everything on Sunday to make it a day to remember. Despite the football distracting some of our sailors mid-week, (and the rest of the UK as well!) good numbers still turned up for the sailing despite the calmness of the sea, the Bar was open all day and we had a brilliant band Audio Riot to entertain the afternoon away. AND we again had Gary, Caroline and Paul providing a lovely spread with skate on mini toasts with Marion and Sylvia supplying their famous roast potatoes with chorizos and onions. Fabulous food ably supplied before the game began to get us back into the football mood!





All of this was before!

You may have spotted that when the band were underway, we were joined by three local ladies on the outside of our barrier who were enjoying the music so much that we signed them in and invited them join us for a time. A bit of community interaction – makes it all worthwhile! I'm not too sure about that bloke in the pink jeans who was booging down. Anybody know him as he can move it and grove it (after a pint or two)?

So, you may have noticed also that we don't have any "AFTER" photographs. Never mind, eh? Best we forget until next year.

Minkees Party – Paghham Village Hall

From Lesley our Child Protection Co-ordinator, PYC are supporting this charity event by obtaining a Temporary Event Notice on their behalf so members can run an outside Bar (£21). There will also be a BBQ that will need your help to run. This has been confirmed by Arun DC today that we are ok to do this .

Any profits made on the Bar side will be shared between PYC to cover our costs for the booze that we are providing etc and the rest will go to the local charities - so it would be good to get any members to help them on this occasion.

The Mulberries are presenting live music from 2.30pm until 7.30pm and any help is needed to ensure this a success on their behalf. They are charging £10 per head in advance for adults (under 15 years free) and, if you are a helper, you will not be charged.

This is a fun event and the band will play 3 sets of 60's and 70's glam. Please do contact Lesley for more details and offers of help on CPC@paghamyachtclub.com

Work Party

For Saturday 24th July, starting at 10am to do a general tidy up outside the Club and the Boat Park. Strimming and waste collection and the usual digging stuff. Volunteers needed! Please can you let Paul the Commodore know or email any member the Committee if you can help – and bring along the useful tools. As usual, there will be sustenance provided by the Commodore via Sue in the Galley if you are nice to her. If you are slow, you will have to wait until the Bar opens and then it is down to you so, do make sure your strimmer is fully charged up if you get hungry!

Sea Week – Six Weeks to go until Monday 23rd – Bank Holiday Monday 30th August! Have you booked some time off yet? Don't forget that I did tell you to do it last week and I will carry on nagging you again, and again

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Changing Facilities

It's looking good with regard to social distancing in the Club after the 19th but you must be aware that we have already discussed on the Committee what we can do to make the transaction at all possible.

This isn't just about not wearing a mask when you enter the Club, or being able to stand at any point of the Bar to be served – this is still about protecting you.

We will be having all shower units de-chlorinated – that means de-cleansed to you and me! Until that has been done you will not be allowed to use them, or go into the changing rooms as it will put you in danger of more germs than Covid can throw at you at the moment as all of the amenities have been closed down and the pipes, water systems, let alone the benches have not fully cleaned for months.

Please bear with us while we organised certain works to be carried out to ensure that you are safe when we can return to use all facilities that haven't been used for this time.

If we find that you have ignored our warnings then you are not only putting your membership at risk – you are putting your health and your life at risk – and someone else's life at risk!

This is still a serious situation so please, treat it as such.

We all want to return to normal.

In the meantime, do please take care and do enjoy where you can,

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