

Hi Everybody,



Oh, what an unforgettable week! We have had the sad passing of a memorable person who knew how to mix a wicked sense of humour with an enormous sense of service. We lowered the Union flag to half-mast on the 10th at the Club that morning, in respect of Prince Philip passing. Not a lot else to say about a sailor who knew a whole lot more about the sea than all of us together would ever know. What a nice bloke. I bet they can't put that on his coffin!

And then we now have the world, more noticeably the shops, the hairdressers and the Pubs (outside only) opening up before us, getting ready to suck us back in. Quite frightening when we were just getting used to

having *whats 'is name* on the edge of the sofa switching channels and then falling asleep when he used to leave you alone to go to the pub whilst you watched EastEnders or Emmerdale.

Which takes me onto what we have been doing to get us ready for getting back together and socialising, ready for the start of the sailing season. Let's start with Saturday morning and 20 men tasked to put the marquee up so we could serve to an outside audience.....



Can you spot the metal structure laid out on the ground and the number of confused persons with hands in their pockets? Ho hum.....

Two hours later.....perhaps a conflag of ideas? Or several coffees and bacon rolls?...but no progress.



And then finally! Well done everybody!



Welcome back to PYC!!!!!!

The Commodore would love to welcome you back on tomorrow - Wednesday 14th on our first opening to join him with a drink on him from 5pm in the marquee. Please do join him for a drink after signing in as usual which will be in the marquee. We have new track and trace log in that will be displayed that we must use so please do use it!



Just a reminder that we are asking you to use the Beach entrance as the West front Road door will be used as a Fire Exit only as during this time of Covid restrictions as we wish to discourage non-members from walking through our Club to ask if they can use our Bar before we can stop them. I'm sorry to keep repeating this but please don't forget that we still have to sanitize everything that members and non-members touch and that it will be you who will be paying

for this.

We ask you to respect this, to discourage others from taking advantage of our key system.

Bar Duties

I am pleased to let you know that I have had good feedback from some of our members who know that they are well protected behind the plastic shields in the Bar area and that only one member at a time is allowed to come in to order the drinks for their table. I've attached the Bar rota below so you can see where the gaps are so you can let me know where you can help – and don't forget that without your help, we simply can't open the Bar.

Most important of all, we are all volunteers as you know, that no one gets paid and, during this time we need to remember that just to make things work we need to make sure we can still enjoy ourselves in whatever we do! So, keep smiling, think positive and do please contribute to make it all happen! We need you.....

Membership

From Andy Day, the Membership Secretary, he wants to repeat to you that our Club Rules require us to display for 14 days on the Club noticeboard any new applications for membership. This means that I am pleased to tell you that we are still receiving new membership applications in addition to the renewals of our staunch members. As Andy has told you, with the main noticeboard at the Club inaccessible to everyone at the moment, we will carry on notifying current members of new applications to join us through this Blog.

So, this week we have received applications for Social Membership from Sandra Stevens and from Trevor and Christine Woods. Sandra's husband joined as a Full Member a few weeks ago. Please can you therefore contact the Membership Secretary on membership@paghamyachtclub.com ONLY if you know of a reason under our Rules why this person's application should not be agreed. Thank you in anticipation from all of us.

As Andy has heard nothing from last week's posting, so please do keep an eye on who is joining us!

Going back to renewing membership, we have had a fantastic response from current members of the Club so do keep Andy informed if you haven't already let him know that you wish to continue.

The good news is that the member who made the BACS payment on 1st April 2021 for £52 has finally realised that he should have put his name on the reference so we now know who he is. I am not going to say we should have known it was a male in control of the finances but.....

Sailing and Angling Report

RC Sailing Kevin has organised a work party for next weekend to sort out the Boat park, Boat shed and slipway in readiness for the start of the season. Any help would be most appreciated so do turn up from 10am or get in touch with Kevin if you are free on Saturday. Work on servicing the ribs is also underway so we are well on our way to a fantastic start on 2nd May. I have heard that some fishing boats are going out today so hopefully, I will have some photos to let you have a sight of next week. The weather is looking good so far but will be overcast later so you never know.

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Sorry that your blog was a day late but we all hope to see you tomorrow in our marquee for a drink with the Commodore, complete with thermal underwear. The good news is that the forecast is 6 – 9 degrees with a gentle breeze after 5pm so you shouldn't need artic gear.

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