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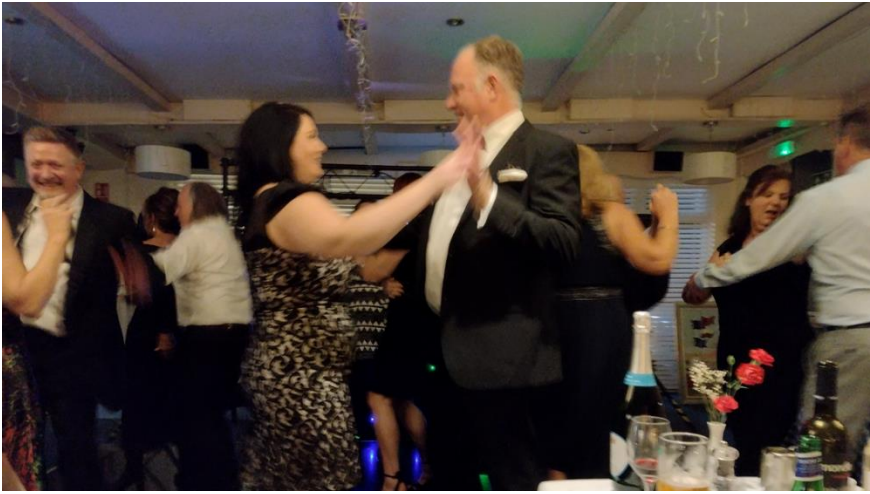
A brilliant evening – quite literally brilliant! Lovely decorations, great food and stunning dresses! I did mean the ladies, although the men surpassed themselves as well. Oh – I'm talking about our annual Dinner Dance on Saturday. Just have a look at the photos – they say it all! Well, most of this is going to photos as there are no apologies as it is wonderful to see members enjoying themselves so much after nearly 2 years of lockdown. A very well done to Rocky our Vice Commodore who managed to pull this out of the bag at the last minute!



I'm pleased to say that we were joined by Rachael, Commodore and Sarah, Training Principle from Bognor Sailing Club for the evening. Great to be able to get to know fellow sailors on such an informal evening and we are now looking forward to sharing more sailing events and resources, and perhaps even more social events.



Along with the assistance of Alison who distributed the pack of cards instead of raffle tickets, Rocky managed to play the suave Casino host and distributor of the prizes. My card was Ace of Clubs so I naturally thought I would win!!! You guessed it – big no. That is why I never bet! Oh well, never mind as it was fun whilst it lasted! (And the prizes were all alcoholic!)



For those of you who are wondering what is going on in the below photos, the "Hey, Macarena" took over for those who didn't know better and then Skudder and Carol W showed us how to Tango! I would have taken her place but I forgot to wear my heels that night.....honestly, I really could have done it! I could have!



Sailing and Angling Report:



From RC Sailing Kevin, just a reminder to all on the Sailing and Fishing about the Presentation Night on Saturday 20th November at 7pm and that all masts must be down by the end of this month.

From George, a reminder that the next Beach Match is Sunday 21st November 9am start with a 1.30pm finish.

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AGM

Four really important items extra to bring to your attention now that the papers for the AGM have been circulated or posted by hand to all members. If you haven't received them then please do contact the Club:-

- The Auditor's Report to the Members of Pagham Yacht Club for the Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st August 2021 have been posted on the Notice Board in the Club Bar as required, fulfilling our legal requirements. As an aside – many thanks to Simon T for his hard work and making sure that we supplied him with all of the correct information, on time, so he could do his (unpaid) job. Who wants to be an Auditor??? Not me!
- Due to a typing/website error, item 12 proposal, the Rule being amended should be 36 not 37. This is reflected on page 3 and 20. Page 32 on the Proxy forms has the correct updated Rule number 36. Please can I advise you to only search for our Rules via our website (Pagham Yacht Club, Membership, Rules & Policies) and not open any of the direct links shown on website pages as they are out of date and do give you old Rule numbers. Sigh.....
- On page 24, Election of Officers 2021/22 the Bar Manager vacancy had become deleted. Please can you now add this Vacant position in to show Keiren Smith, proposed by Guy Lawson and seconded by Clive Briggs. Be aware that this post had been displayed for the required period and was on the papers taken down. As another aside (I'm doing quite a few of them), if anyone would like to buy a Dell laptop running Windows 10 that totally ignores what I tell it to do then I can let you have it at a really good price. Honestly! Great at doing emails and Blogs. Well, most of the time. Not sure

about what is backed up on it at the moment but there may be some Christmas

Shopping to be delivered to your address.....

- Also, the proposal paragraph on page 20, has words **the** and **annually** added (either side of General meeting) but they will need to be highlighted in red to show that they are new to our Rules for your approval.

My thanks to David Gosnell who is standing for Treasurer who spotted the Rule number and highlight errors – I think he has proved he has the mind-set we need to do that job! And more particularly to Keiren Smith who was a little disgruntled to find that we didn't include him in the main Item 19 for Elections of Officers when we all know that Bar Manager is a role that we cannot survive without. Why did it happen for that new role and not my role? I repeat – does anyone want to buy a Dell laptop that runs on Windows 10? Very, very cheap. And getting cheaper by the minute as I think about it....

I'm sorry that I have had to ask you to correct the paperwork sent out to you but it has shown flaws in our structure and organisation that we are hoping to rectify and, in some cases eradicate by the introduction of a new system called Sailing Club Manager, which the Management team are hoping to introduce very shortly as part of the 5 Year Plan. It might even strangle my laptop and allow me to have a life! Watch this space for more news and information from them.

Corona Virus/Covid-19

As we are now approaching the AGM which we are hoping we will attract a good number of members to contribute their thoughts, I will keep reminding you that Covid-19 is still out there and waiting to be transmitted to you. I know I keep repeating this but, do keep your distance from others wherever possible, open the windows in the Club to allow fresh air in and do make sure that you wash your hands after touching surfaces even if they have been cleaned. This particularly applies to door handles and Bar surfaces where several people may have touched them.

Keep safe so we all can carry on through the winter season and can look forward to a great Christmas and a New Year!

Green Awareness Campaign

This is the last in the current series of RYA Awareness Posters. However, we are delighted to advise you that our Vice-Commodore (Rocky) has agreed to champion our focus on improving the Club's Environmental and Sustainability credentials. Rocky is currently working his way through the RYA Environmental Checklist to benchmark where we, as a club are today, so that a more formal plan of actions can be prepared and incorporated into the 5-Year Plan to move forward in its aim to improve our overall Environmental performance!

If you have any thoughts, ideas or initiative's on how PYC can further support the aims of the RYA Green Blue programme, and the Club's commitment in this area, or you would like to get more involved in the programme, please speak to Rocky when he's in the club, or email him at vicecommodore@paghamyachtclub.com



Social Events

So, now that we have had the Dinner Dance, what have we got to look forward to?

Good news! Sue has been thinking. Even better – she has been thinking two days solid after the Dinner Dance! I've told her not to do that but she doesn't drink so I guess that's alright and she won't fall down.

Anyway, she has decided that what we need this year is a Christmas Dinner! When was the last time we heard that? Right – get your diaries out if you are interested as she is planning a 3 course Christmas Dinner with the usual cracker and embarrassing head gear, perhaps up to 60 attendees on Thursday 23rd December.

Price to be decided but she is thinking of approx. £15 per head. Wow – 3 courses!!!

More information will be put up in the Club this weekend so this is a warning to get your act together if you are interested.

This year, Sue and I will be in charge of taking money so if you want a place.....no money, no place! Be aware that when the list will go up it will be meaningless until we have your money. I'm from Yorkshire and they would say, show your money or bu**er off! (Sorry about that – can't help it, it's a *thing* being from Yorkshire.)

So, I do not want to see members turning up last-minute, or last minute-booking without paying, waiting to see what's left and if we have bought enough meat to feed them. NO. This will be planned and paid for in sufficient time and we can have a good time without you.

The other "Event" is the Christmas Raffle. Sue has been at it again! From this coming weekend (Friday) the raffle tickets will be on sale so do ask her. £1 per strip or 6 for £5. Prizes include the usual spirits, tubs of sweets, foaming stuff etc, etc.

Other Social Events

Saturday 20th November Duncan McKenzie at 3pm

Prize Giving Supper at 7pm

Friday 26th November Zena's Avon Stall from 5 – 8pm

Sunday 28th November AGM starting at 10.30am. Please can you arrive and sign in by 10.25am to save a delay start.

Saturday 4th December The Smilies Pre-Christmas Special

Friday 17th December NHS Grove House Christmas Party & Disco

Thursday 23rd December Christmas Dinner - PYC

Now that you have seen what is happening, we all look forward to seeing you very soon,

Jill

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