

Hi everybody,

What a weekend! The Club really came alive for the Halloween season – or do I mean dead? Throughout the day and into the evening on both Saturday and Sunday, we saw fabulous fun created for everyone from the kids to the recently departed. And I am not talking about the ladies retiring to the mirrors to check their make-up hadn't slipped into something nice. Got to watch out for those warts when you get to a certain age. I think it's about 150 years old.

It was great to see how the Club really came alive – or do I mean dead? - on every day and evening! Fabulous fun for everyone from the kids to the oldies. Well, you know what I mean. Just have a look at the pictures if you doubt me.

AND another big thankyou to Russ who has decided that we need now (apart from some witches, the odd coffin and a few skeletons) was a Bar stereo system that all members could have access to whilst we sit and cringe at their choice of music whilst imbibing. Great idea Russ so, a very big thank you, just need to hide his collection of bad taste CDs. Who bought them for him? Tie a yellow ribbon round that old oak tree? Who was it? Eh?!



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, too much rain and too much wind for sailing – but the food for the Sailing Buffet on Sunday went down very well! This is what was left after 2/3rds had been demolished. Nothing wrong with the Commodore's estimate of how much to provide for a sailor's appetite. I think he must have spoken to Rhoda from the old Small Galley – she used to provide similar portions when she was feeding the Youth sailors!

Now that the season has come to an end, RC Kevin would like all sailors down at the Boat Park this Saturday at 11am to help de-mast all the boats. Weather is looking cloudy, 23 – 28 gusty, and 13° so should be ok.



On the angling front, George heard that only one boat risked a trip out but no further details of who was brave enough or the catch. Don't forget that next Friday 5th November there is an extra Beach competition starting at 9.30am till 2.30pm

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AGM

Yes, we are nearly there! The lists have been taken down and the paperwork will go out to you two weeks before the date of Sunday 28th November for the meeting to start at 10.30am. We are hoping that you will be joining us as the more the merrier so do put it on your calendar or, if you can't make it, remember to fill out your proxy forms as it is important to choose the person you want who will progress the Club forward during next year.

Green Awareness Campaign

The 3rd poster from the RYA for your attention:

THE GREEN BLUE
MAKING THE ENVIRONMENT SECOND NATURE

HOW GREEN IS YOUR WINDSURFER?

PROTECTED?
Windsurfers can reach shallow, more sensitive areas. Take care not to approach or disturb resting, feeding or breeding wildlife e.g. birds and seals.

HELPING
When you spot wildlife in or on the water, slow down, be predictable, avoid erratic movements and keep your distance to minimise disturbance.

LAUNCHING
When you go ashore or launch your windsurfer try to use recognised slipways as shoreline and bankside habitats support a rich variety of wildlife.

RECYCLE
Find ways to recycle old sailing equipment. There are companies that welcome your old sails and ropes to turn into reusable bags!

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

Aquatic invasive plant and animal species can cause damage to your boat and equipment, disrupt your boating activities and harm our local environment. To ensure we do not introduce or spread them around our UK waters follow these steps:

CHECK
for any visible biofouling on your craft, remove & dispose of in the bin.

CLEAN
your craft, equipment and trailer as well as flushing the engine with fresh water to remove hidden biofouling.

AIR DRY
your craft, equipment and trailer for as long as possible. Species can survive several weeks in damp conditions.

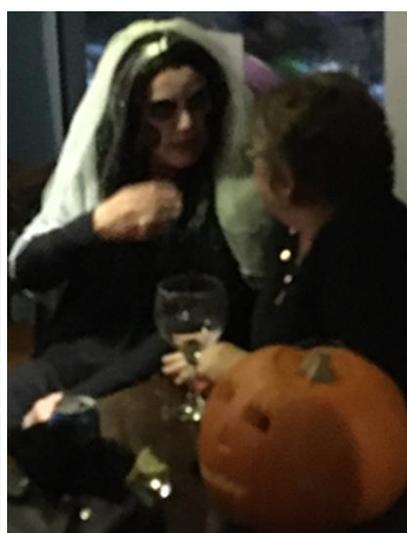
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A joint environmental programme

Social Events



I did think it would be a good competition to ask you to identify who was beneath the makeup or masks but then I thought about it and decided that they are all acting up anyway, so it was a no-win situation! I think they all look better as they are in the pictures – as long as they wipe the lipstick off the glasses!!! (Can't help it – I know the inadequacies of a glasswasher and what you can expect a Bar tender to do).



A huge thank you to Sue and to Jo and to all the helpers in the Bar as there are too many to name as they were all needed to make it such a memorable and remarkable event. A very well done to you all!

Another thank you to our Commodore for organising the Sailors Buffet and for preparing his Palmer Roast Potatoes that went down exceedingly nicely. No, they were not frozen, they were hand peeled by Paul, George the Angler and

myself, steamed in the Rationale then roasted in Sunflower oil, again in the Rationale. I'm thinking of applying for copyright on this so I can be a millionaire before I reach a ripe old age but sadly, I think time is not on my side. Oh well.

Annual Dinner Dance – the numbers for the dinner dance at the Beachcroft Hotel at Felpham on Saturday 13th November stand at 52 so we do still have spaces if you feel the need to boogie on down. Or just show off that new dress! I have most menu choices back but I will need to chase your payment of £45 pp to include raffle tickets by Sunday 7th November. We are asking that payment is by cash as to pay by debit card causes the Club problems with our payment of vat to HMRC who obviously don't have dinner dances. Sorry, couldn't help but saying that. Can we ask that you tell the lovely member who takes your payment to record it in the book behind the bar and place it in the safe in a specially marked box. If you could tick off the payment part on the list to show you have done this it would help me.

As I have said before, do plan ahead to see if you could share pick-ups or taxis on the return journey.

Bonfire Night – a special thankyou to Southern Dairies in Bognor who ran one of their trucks up to the Club with some leftover wood for our bonfire from some re-building work they had been doing inside their offices when I emailed them. What a friendly gesture! I have put some of their hand leaflets on the Bar as they deliver not just milk but bread, fruit and vegetables, butcher's sausages, bacon, fresh juices, egg and cheese etc. They do this 6 days a week and as part of supporting our local businesses, please do have a look at what they may be able to provide for you.

So, don't forget that our Bonfire Night is on Friday 5th November and the list for food is now taken down. Do bring along your own fireworks as we keep repeating that contrary to the rumour, the Club is not in a position to provide a firework display as we did in the past! Please remember that this evening with the food is only for our members and their children and we will be discouraging the public getting drawn in.

Other events:

Saturday 20th November Duncan McKenzie
 Prize Giving Supper at 7pm
Sunday 28th November AGM
Saturday 4th December The Smilies Pre-Christmas Special

Other Social Events

Don't forget about Zena's Avon Stall in readiness for Christmas in the Club on Friday 26th November from 5 – 8pm with the Sunday raffle coming very soon.

See you all very soon,

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