

Hi Everybody,

I hate to say that due to Father's Day, I missed the sailing yesterday which, I'm told was brilliant. Judging by the photographs it was! To make matters worse, our BBQ finally gave up the ghost, the sun didn't shine and they had a really good post-sailing drink in the Bar afterwards. I want to know why do they not give the "other half" presents on Father's Day as well when I had to go through the pain, stretch marks and weight gain? All things considered, I am not a happy blogger.....

Sailing and Angling Report



From RC Sailing Kevin, on Saturday there was sadly no sailing at PYC. The good news though, this week saw Pagham Lagoon pass their RYA inspection! Well done to all that helped, a brilliant move forward.

On the Lagoon this Saturday 26th, Barnaby will need help with sailing on Saturday morning. RC Kevin thinks that this is a good opportunity for PYC to get to know the youth sailors and parents that go there - and he will be there to represent our interest in what is going on. For any sailors that can spare some time, it would be excellent to get some interaction between both clubs and, especially to introduce ourselves to potential youth sailors and members. This would be a really good step forward if new potential youth members were able to know sailors of PYC. Any help would be much appreciated.





So, onto Sunday race sailing - another great turn out, despite poor sailing conditions at the start. Ten boats were rigged and ready, although a little late. RC Kevin has confessed that was his call after seeing the mist coming in when he allowed ten minutes before deciding on whether to go ahead. Wise decision.

Thankfully, despite starting ten minutes late it proved to be a good race with our Race Officers, Trenchard and Sally setting three courses, Mulberry Series 5 & 6 plus, if time, a catch up race of Mulberry Race one. Despite varying winds in force and direction, all three races were sailed with winds dying on the second and third races, giving the sailors plenty of time for on the water banter. I'm told that this was great fun to be involved with!

RC Kevin says that it was good the final race saw the mulberry involved this time as a mark as he wasn't too sure Steve G was happy about that - the last time it was set as a mark Steve managed to actually crash his laser into it! Thankfully, this time he was on a Dart 18 with Louise and they made it round safely. (Well done Louise!)



Also, now getting confident in the cat, Steve and Louise actually called a fault on the dart of Andy

and Carol, making them do a 360° for hitting a mark. Well, well, these married teams are really getting serious!

To finish a great day on the water, RC Kevin has sent a “well done” to Guy Lawson whose determination to make it round the mulberry summed up the day. Sadly, the tide was stronger than the wind but showing such determination still needed to be admired.



Sunday also saw who looked suspiciously like a new sailor on the water to most, but was in fact a returning member sailing a class of boat not seen at PYC for a long time. Welcome back Allan Fry, sailing a hastily rigged Laser Vortex! Great to see you coming back and joining us again Allan.

To finish, many thanks from RC Kevin to the Race Officers Mick Trenchard and Sally Smith, plus a big thank you to David Gosnell on the RIB.

Please don't forget that on Sunday 4th July we have the Mike Cole Memorial Race for the RNLI and we look forward to have everyone here - whether on or off the water! Great times coming ahead and “Cheers All” from RC Kevin.



Sailing Results 26th June

Mulberry Series Race 5

- 1st Guy Hickman Laser
- 2nd Simon Orde Laser
- 3rd Ben Cotton Laser Radial
- 4th Andy & Carol Grout Dart 18
- 5th Kevin Robbins Dart 15
- 6th Graham Salter Laser
- 7th Stuart Ashwood / Alan Phillips Hobie Tiger
- 8th Steve & Louise Greene Dart 18
- 9th Guy Lawson Laser Pico
- 10th Alan Fry Laser Vortex

Mulberry Series Race 6

- 1st Guy Hickman
- 2nd Simon Orde
- 3rd Graham Salter
- 4th Alan Fry
- 5th Ben Cotton
- 6th Steve & Louise Greene
- 7th Andy & Carol Grout
- 8th Stuart Ashwood / Alan Phillips
- 9th Kevin Robbins
- 10th Guy Lawson

Mulberry Series Race 1

- 1st Guy Hickman
- 2nd Simon Orde
- 3rd Graham Salter
- 4th Ben Cotton
- 5th Andy & Carol Grout
- 6th Kevin Robbins
- 7th Alan Fry
- 8th Stuart Ashwood / Alan Phillips
- 9th Steve & Louise Greene
- DNF Guy Lawson

Angling

Four boats went out on Sunday, including Alex for the first time. I've been told to ask him where Debs Persecco was by George so, if that was to get me into trouble – it was George's question! The fish caught were Cuckoo and Ballan, Wrasse, Thornback and Undulated Rays, Smoothound, Conger, Pouting, Mackerel, Bream and, of course, Dogfish. Blimey, what an amazing list full of wonderful names! I had to look up the Cuckoo and was interested to see that there is normally a single dominant male on the reef and if he dies, the most senior female will change sex and become the top male!! My kind of fish!

Looking ahead, next Sunday is the Best Bream Competition for a 10am leave the beach, to 4.30pm end.

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Planning Newsletter

Following this week's Blog you should receive a new Planning Newsletter. This comes from our most recent volunteer to the Management Committee, RC Planning Bob Newman. The Newsletter will outline the activities that the Planning sub-committee are undertaking on behalf on the Club,

and give you a taste of what to look forward to.

RC Bob's intention is to circulate the Newsletter every couple of months to improve the overall communications that we have in regard to the 5 Year plan for the Club - so do watch out for more information coming your way! Any questions or suggestions, please do speak to any member of the Committee, or email them. Getting and using your ideas and feelings is what it is all about.

Speaking of which, Bob was having so much fun designing the Newsletter that he has sent me the following ad to remind you that we still have a vacancy on our team:-

Vacant Position!



PYC are eagerly looking to recruit a Communication & Press Officer to join the Committee. This new and Important role has been created to improve the 'internal & external' communication of the Club.

This position, which would require a few hours each week, would suit a member who has either worked in communications, marketing, or produced local newsletters for youth clubs, or schools, or is completing media studies.

You will take editorial control and responsibility for the Club Communication policy, Establish lines of communication and promotional news using various press and social media platforms,

Liaise with others to design a new and exciting web site to reflect a more professional image, ambitions and activities on offer through the Club.

If this role appeals to you, please speak to the Commodore, or any of the Committee members if you are interested.

Golf Section

Still a couple of places left on the PYC Golf Day on Friday 2nd July at Chiddingfold Golf Club in Petworth Road, Haslemere in Surrey. Coffee and bacon roll on arrival, 18 holes for £30 and afterwards, back to PYC for presentation and nibbles.

There is a list up on the new noticeboard in the corridor (thankyou RC Building Paul Haynes!), but Clive will need a £10 deposit to secure your place. Hopefully, the weather is looking a lot better than what we have at the moment - sunshine and 20° so it is looking really promising!

Social Events

Finally, we are welcoming The Smileys back to entertain us next Saturday 26th from 4pm. Do come along as the Bar will be open from 12 noon as usual and, now that we have the marquee, we can be sure to be entertained in the dry no matter what the weather decides to do! A wide variety of songs to keep you entertained – and that fabulous voice of Laura to make you jealous. And beware, I do know some of the words of the songs! (I knew that'll frighten you).

As we haven't had any entertainment on a Saturday afternoon for ages, we decided that it would be a good time to have yet another BBQ to stop you worrying about heading back off home to feed yourselves and the kids. Remember, no school in the morning and, hopefully no working – only sailing to get you out of bed on Sunday. So, after The Smileys, grab a glass of wine or beer and a burger and.....relax for a couple of hours, just like we used to

do in the olden days.....hic! (that was 2020 incidentally).



Another reminder from Jo our RC Social & Fundraising that she is asking for donations for the raffle in aid of the Selsey RNLI who will be running a stall outside the Club on Sunday 4th July for the RNLI Mike Cole Memorial Races. If you could slip an extra item into your shopping – a bottle of wine, a facial treat, some chocolates, anything that looks appealing and would tempt our members and their friends into buying raffle tickets, it would be most appreciated. Many thanks in anticipation as we haven't had anything yet.

I've already mentioned BBQs earlier in this blog but, there is something about being on a beach, surrounded by sailors who have totally exhausted their supply of calories that means that they demand foods NOW (never mind if they are dripping water everywhere) so.....we gave in and will be running a BBQ immediately after the prizegiving, free to the participating sailors and with a minimum charge for our members and their guests to indulge in. We are hoping that any money you save on your burger you will spend on raffle tickets! Please, it's for the RNLI saving our lives on the water. We are looking at buying our Vice Commodore Rocky a special pinny as he has been nominated the Head Chef of Burgers for this season, bless him. If you can think of an alias - that is decent to go on the pinny, then please do let me know.

Pebbles

Don't forget that Sue is proposing to provide for sale a full English or Salmon and Avocado Breakfast Omelette, both with toast, Tea or Coffee on the first Sunday of each month, starting on the 4th July (RNLI Mike Cole Memorial Race starting at 11am).

Each choice is £5 per head and will be served 9.15 – 10.30am and a list will be put up by Pebbles. I have to say that when I saw the picture of the omelette last week, I tried it out at home and it was stunning! What a good idea for a Sunday morning to try something so delicious. Pebbles really is moving forward and, have you seen the sign that is about the put back up again? Blackboards with menus are due to go up as well. Pebbles is getting back to a good position so, do support Sue's effort to provide a good cafe as she needs this to make it work.

Sea Week – This is your weekly mention of Sea Week which is, Monday 23rd – Bank Holiday Monday 30th August and this time I can mention again the Children's Day with a Surf and Rodeo machine as well as other large games. I have to say that there was great disappointment in some circles last week when it finally clicked that the this was not a mechanical bull for grown-ups, and they would not be allowed to try out their skills – or their insurance! You really just cannot please some people all of the time!

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