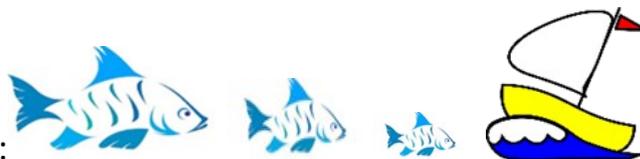


Hi Everybody,

Apologies for a delayed blog ... Sea Week got off to a busy start and we ran out of time compiling everyone's input. So what we will be offering you from now on during Sea Week is a daily mini blog to let you know the fun things that have been going on and the exciting things to come!



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, there was some great sailing this weekend with two races on Saturday and three on Sunday for the 2021 Regatta.

Saturday afternoon saw seven boats starting the first race with very competitive racing. With the lasers of Guy, Zak, Simon and Chris battling for first place it was even better to see Charlie and Nathan sailing in their first ever race. Well done boys! All seven boats started and finished both races.



Sunday saw eleven boats on the start line for races 3,4 and 5 of the regatta with Race officers Trench and Sally setting three challenging courses. In fact, it was so challenging that three boats actually sailed the wrong course for race 3! Actually, we can omit one sailor from that score as it was our own Golf expert, Clive Briggs, not only sailing his first ever race, but actually sailing for the first time ever!



Once again, the racing was competitive and great to watch, with John and Emma Hutchings flying in their Hobie 16, again the lasers having some great battles

From RC Kevin, many thanks to everyone that helped on and off the water

Angling

From George, another week when there isn't much to report. Chris and Sally caught a few Bream but the competition was cancelled due to the bad weather forecast for Sunday AND after that, a miserable morning Sunday turned into a beautiful day! You just can't win in this country with the weather forecast.

This has had a big effect on our Fish Night so do see the comments about what we are up to on Friday night to make things better.

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Pat Skudder

At the time of writing this blog, Colin is looking forward to greeting as many of the Club's members today either at the funeral or afterwards at the Club for the Wake to re-live the wonderful times we have all had with Pat. I'm sure that it will be a very enjoyable afternoon/evening with lots of entertaining memories that we can share. I will let you know what we all got up to if you were not able to come along.

One couple who can't join us are Michael and Elaine who are now resident in the Canary Islands. Michael has contacted the Club as he wants to contribute to sponsor towards an event during Sea Week in memory of Pat. Knowing her weakness for spoiling our younger generation and her partiality for letting them do something exciting, he is sponsoring a sum towards the hiring of the Bucking Broncho. I just know that she would love that!!! And no – before you ask, she wouldn't have been allowed on it! (Do you think you could have stopped her????)

A big Thank You to Michael and Elaine for this really kind gesture!

Any other donations in memory of Pat we know that St Wilfrid's hospice will lovingly welcome as they need our help so, do get in contact with them please.

<https://stwh.co.uk/donate>

Social Events

We have had a busy weekend with Tina's 70th birthday fully supported by Hi 5 and lots of our members. It was really good to see the Club being used for all sorts of celebrations for all sorts of ages! And the dancing – which carried on to our new karaoke and disco machine after the band had ceased!



SEA WEEK

Finally made it to Sea Week and, so far, without rain! Yahoo! Couple of changes to the programme published on the website but they are all positive to take into account circumstances beyond our control – namely rough seas that have made it dodgy for our fishermen to catch a good supply of fresh fish for our Fish Night on Friday. Never mind, the ever-resourceful Sue will BBQ our provision of the various fish contributed by our anglers and will supplement them with

burgers. We've got to keep everybody happy and make sure that they don't want to leave us when they are relaxing and listening to Duncan McKensie.

As an aside – thank you to Colin Collins who spend his entire afternoon and saved the day by putting our new BBQ together on a lemonade and a Shandy! Where were the rest of you? Don't forget that we need people to help us out in situations like this. So, thanks to his good work we can now join the civilised world of a 7 burner BBQ for Friday rather than one that has seen it's best days and is beyond help. And he had to go back for his glasses so you have no excuses!!!!



In the meantime, another change has been the Gin Night which went ahead last night. I can only apologise that we should have made a bit more effort to publicise as it was a stunning effort with a lovely spread of food to ensure we were all taken care of. We had been lucky that six of our ladies came forward, Georgie, Sarah, Hannah, Andrea, Paula and Sara to take the evening by storm! I tried three Gins with the variations that went with them and I have to say that the one with ginger ale and chilli was fabulous! Funnily enough I have no memory of what any one of them was called?

The other event that took up most of yesterday was the Raft Race with the final teams consisting of Sailors versus Youth and Social Members versus the Fishermen.

Monday 23rd August

The "Before" Team The "After" Team





The teams that followed the rules!

I'm not really quite sure about the rules for this (and I don't think that anyone else involved was).....but I'm sure that it didn't normally involve one of the teams (Social) needing to be towed back from heading towards Selsey! Even if I am told that they had already made a booking at the Crab and Lobster for lunch. What!!!! I'm pleased to say that the more trustworthy teams finally won this round. Well done for Sailing and Fishing! You just can't trust the others! Can you? Bah humbug! It really doesn't matter as we shall see all of this again on Friday when they will have to risk it all again for the final winners. Just love it!

This is a brief outline of what is to come at PYC:

Tuesday 24th August

The Wake for our own Pat Skudder

Wednesday 25th August

Bucking Bronco & Surf Machine from 2pm.

Pagham Lagoon invited to sail with us so do watch out for more information from RC Sailing Kevin.

American evening –an evening where we bring plates of food to share. Looks like a great evening with pizzas and all those fattening foods that the USA (and Pagham) like! Watch this space for food.....

Thursday 26th August

Golf Day with refreshments after golf for those who signed on.

With Audio Riot playing at 7 pm

Friday 27th August

Final of the Raft Race – Yahoo! This will NOT INCLUDE A VISIT TO SELSEY!!!!!! Thank heavens that the Social team did not qualify to break the Rules again as it is just the Sailing and Fishing sections. Get down there and take photos!

Duncan McKensie playing at 6pm so do get down to the Club to enjoy his music as we will have the food at the interval when he takes a break.

Fish Night/Burger Night with buns with Sue overseeing.

Saturday 28th August

Hi 5 Band playing at 7pm. Our own band who are proving how good they are so enjoy!

Cocktail evening with Caribbean Fancy dress – I just know that this is going to be great evening so you have been warned! (I have seen what the Commodore is wearing.....oh dear).



Sunday 29th August

This is a repeat: we are keen to get as many of our members familiar with what we do with the workings of the Bridge – as well as encourage more team members to take part in what can be a really exciting part of the sailing practise and route. (Actually – this is what it is really all about as we do need to extend our help!)

The Bridge Party will happen from 2.30 pm. - 4.30 pm. Members will be invited up to the Sailing Bridge to be entertained and hosted by the Bridge crew for free drinks and nibbles and an insight as to the workings of the Race Officers, a look at the equipment and to get an overview of what the team do to make things happen on the water. This is an absolutely crucial role and they do so much that is hidden from view.

Come and see 'behind the scenes' and maybe we can sign you up to help out with what is going on and receive training in the art of the Race Officer.



You have been warned that the Bridge is a small area so it will be an appropriate phased access and I'm not going to say how much weight we are now allowing (without snacks) to gather together but you may have to wait so be patient.

So, back to the singing.....Malc Redding and Sean Ward ('Elvis') singing at 4 pm.

Monday 30th August

Sailfish race in the morning with "Change of Plan" playing from 3pm

And finally, meet the Commodore from 5.15pm with Commodore's Cheese and Wine at 6pm.



I look forward to letting you know what has been going on during Sea Week in mini blogs, plus more pictures of the great sailing that is going on!

Jill - Honorary Blogger

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