

Hi Everybody,

I just had to include this photo of the Club on Saturday before letting you know what happened with the sailing over the weekend. Look at the flags blowing in the wind and that fabulous moody sky. Sort of says it all....



### **Sailing and Angling Report**

From RC Sailing Kevin, despite the weather two boats did manage to get out onto the water on Saturday. Our boys, Stuart and Allan in the Hobie Tiger, also two youth members Zak and Joe in a Hobie 15.



Fortunately, even though there was no sailing on Sunday due to the heavy winds, the Club was still represented on the water with Simon Orde and Andy Dennehy out windsurfing. We also had Phill Plume out on his winged foil. You can google it for those that don't know what it is,

but the following photos help ...



We also have the 'Pagham Paddlers' starting on Thursday 3rd June, subject to weather. I will confirm start times next week.

Having now lost three Sundays to weather, RC Kevin tells me that it has been decided by the RIB crews, race officers and sailors to try and play catch-up with three back-to-back races next Sunday - should weather permit! That will be decided on the day and the catch-up race will be a simple sprint race.

Next weekend, the forecast does look good, so:-

Saturday afternoon at 1:30pm it will be youth and leisure sailing

Sunday 11:00am prompt the PYC 2021 races 3&4

Bank Holiday Monday at 11:00am prompt, the Ron Parks Shield for RYA pennant with two back-to-back races.

Fingers crossed everybody for next weekend when we all are looking forward to an exciting weekend of sailing!

From RC Angling Steve, no fishers went out over the weekend but he is looking to slot in the previously cancelled Smoothhound Competition next weekend, possibly Saturday, so as not to

encroach the charity day on Sunday. RC Steve and George will make the final decision on Thursday and let members know via the Angling WhatsApp.

### **Changing Rooms & Showers**

The Government advice is still that use of changing rooms and showers should be discouraged as these are areas of increased risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) and that we should ask members to shower and change at home where possible. If you are travelling a distance to take part in any sailing or angling activities, or there is another reason why you need to change at the Club, please can you use the disabled shower, BUT you must sanitise the area to limit the risk to others who need to use this area.

From the 21st June, unless we hear to the contrary, the changing rooms will be open as before when we will still be asking you to take the necessary precautions to ensure appropriate social distancing can be maintained and to minimise the time spent inside these areas.

Before opening the changing rooms, we will be flushing the water in the showers out to ensure they are safe to use and reviewing our cleaning procedures. We ask that you continue to change and shower at home, if at all possible to limit the continuing risk to others.

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### **Committee Member**

Apologies to all and especially to Mick. I forgot to include Mick B's email address on last weeks' blog which was very remiss of me as not all of members live close enough to use the Bar, or are ready to come into a closed area. Do email Mick on **committeemember@paghamyachtclub.com** if there is an issue that you would like him to raise on your behalf or if there is simply a question that he can help you with. (He has been a member for some considerable time so I'm positive you can't worry him!)

### **Communications & Publicity Officer**

I'm sorry to say that no one has risen to the challenge of this role! Come on – I know there is someone out there who could just eat this and enjoy it! It is a new role so is open to ideas and interpretation, especially if this is an area that you have worked on in the past. We are looking for someone who can write and distribute information about our activities to promote what we are up to, and to boost more youth members for our sailing section which is now flourishing. We want someone to act as a liaison between our Club and its members, with local organisations and the media including newspapers, monthly local pamphlets and radio to keep our name recognisable as a friendly, but fruitful organisation. Does this sound like you? Let me know.

### **Social Events**

Very nearly there! Our first social Happening of the season for the Snowdrop Trust, or more precise – of the year! Whoopee!!! Next Sunday, we are being treated to Malc de Reding and the return of Elvis! Even better, I have looked at the weather forecast and, so far it is looking sunny and 17° (that's probably 14°) out on the beach. The really good news is.....we will have a marquee! This always helps for those who aren't too keen on the sea breeze – myself

included.

As an aside, if you would like to help behind the Bar or, just to collect glasses, then that would be greatly appreciated. We do have a new Bar WhatsApp so we would love for you to contact CPC Lesley via 07810 785129 who will log you on and let you know what duties are free. This is working very well so far but please, to all members, can you keep having a look and contacting Lesley when you can help as we don't want this to be one moment wonder.

So, going back to all those prizes, don't forget to bring lots of change, or your credit card as Jo, our RC Social & Fundraising will be very busy on Sunday selling lots of raffle tickets to help raise funds for the Sussex Snowdrop Trust. Jo has been working hard to supply us with lots of fantastic prizes so please do support what we are trying to do as it has been difficult selling tickets so far as members coming into the Club have been limited due to Covid, the rain, the wind and no marquee! Let's cheer her up as we know that can now be changed.

We did have one indoor social event this week as one of our members who had graduated from Law School with an LLB Hons celebrated with family. I didn't think Gary had that in him! On the other hand, perhaps his daughter, Harri would have been a better wager and perhaps would be more trustworthy than an ex-firemen when asked about Law? I state my case, My Lord. To be fair, he does look nicer when he's done up (even if the attire had been borrowed!)



### **Car Parking**

From the Commodore, we now have stickers for your car windscreen that are being stored at the Boat Bar. Please can you pick one of these up and place it in your car before you try to park in our Car Park, now that we have social events starting at the Club. Please do not give one to a non-member as that is not what this is all about.

### **Sea Week**

Please be aware that I am going to carry on mentioning this so you will have no excuse for missing out on Sea Week which is, Monday 23rd – Bank Holiday Monday 30th August! And.....I have been promised by the Weather Gods that it is going to be beautiful, so get your sun cream orders (and bikini orders) in now. Oh, and the girls need to do this as well.

## **Pebbles**

Unfortunately, I wasn't here on Sunday to see who was using Pebbles, but I do know that whilst the sailing is suffering because of the Weather Gods, Pebbles is still opening up and waiting to provide you with those bacon or sausage butties with a cup of coffee or tea. I am pleased to say that we now have a coffee machine in the Galley, (thank you Vice Commodore Rocky!) so do ask to sample one if you are getting bored with those irritating granules and see how it tastes. We really are trying to be diverse, give you the choice and invite you into the Club to spend some more time with us now that things in the wide outer world are changing. Hopefully we can get sailing back on course this week and there is nothing like a few extra calories to give you the energy to make you a winner. That's my excuse for a bacon buttie! Do support Pebbles so we can get back to where we were over a year ago and perhaps, get some social events started with evening meals included? Let me know of your ideas so I can pass them on to Jo (and Sue).

In the meantime, don't forget this Sunday when I look forward to seeing you in the sunshine. (And don't forget how many more prizes that Jo has managed to obtain! Who needs the Great Train Robbers when you have Jo?)

It's like another world!

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