

Hi Everybody,



An update picture on the outside of the Club, complete with the boat planted with winter flowers. Very well done to Russ and his able accomplice Mandy. Doesn't it look so much better?

Sailing and Angling Report:



From RC Sailing Kevin, no sailing this weekend as it was once again curtailed by the weather and the sea state. Two boats did venture out with Stuart and Allan in the Topaz 16 and Kevin Robbins in his Sprint 15, both returning safely.

Don't forget that next weekend is the final Sunday racing and we are all hoping that the weather gods will be kind and allow us to get out. Regardless if we sail or not, we will still have the buffet at 2pm for all the sailors, RIB crews, race officers and all those that

have helped during the season so that is something to look forward to.

On another note, we have our fireworks on Friday 5th November, and the tides have finally been kind to us this year! The early evening is a low spring tide giving us plenty of beach for a bonfire so, if anyone has any wood that they would want burnt, please deposit it on the land at the slipway side of the club in between the boat shed and bridge gate.

On the angling front, George hasn't heard of anything being caught, fish or otherwise. Oh dear.

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## AGM

As we are getting closer to the AGM, another reminder that any business that you would wish to raise to be discussed at the AGM must be submitted in writing to the Hon Sec by 31st October. This is also the closing date for candidates for election to the Committee and the date when the notice will be taken down. We also still have those two vacancies of RC Planning and Bar Manager outstanding.

Important dates - the AGM will be held on Sunday 28th November at 10.30am in the Clubhouse.

Any Proxy voting forms will need to be returned by Friday 26th November.

## Green Awareness Campaign

The second poster from the RYA for your attention:

**THE GREEN BLUE**  
MAKING THE ENVIRONMENT SECOND NATURE

# HOW GREEN IS YOUR RIB?

**REFUELLING**  
To help prevent spills, use a funnel or safety fill nozzle when pouring oil or fuel and keep a spill kit to hand. Try to avoid refuelling over or close to the water.

**HELMING**  
When you spot wildlife slow down, keep a steady course and keep your distance to minimise disturbance.

**ENGINE**  
Use CE Marked outboard engines manufactured after 2005 or electric engines to increase fuel efficiency, reduce noise and decrease emissions.

**MOORING**  
Try to use existing moorings that are provided where possible. Find out if you are in an area where habitats are protected before dropping the anchor.

**LAUNCHING & RECOVERING**  
When you launch or go ashore try to use recognised landing places as shoreline and bankside habitats support a rich variety of habitats.

## 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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## Social Events

It seems that on Friday night, the boys decided that our Karaoke system needed trying out. You leave them alone for a couple of hours and.....

It started with a stunning “I Want To Break Free” from someone who I think wanted to be the cleaner. Is that Wooley under there?

I'm told the Commodore gave a rendition of "Spanish Eyes" by Engelbert Humperdinck - and I do use the word rendition carefully as I wasn't there, although I'm grateful that we didn't have any complaints from the neighbours about the noise.

It seems that Rocky came in at the end and stole the show with the Rag and Bone Man, "I'm only human after all".

Looking at the prize he won, I'm not sure about that! Put it down Rocky!



Annual Dinner Dance – for those of you who may have missed the message last week, our dinner dance has been re-scheduled to the Beachcroft Hotel at Felpham on Saturday 13th November at £45pp to include raffle tickets, a 6.30pm for 7pm arrival. Places are going very well – I think approaching 50 at the moment. We have 6 tables that can sit between 8 and 12 so there is still plenty of space should you want to join us. The list is up in the Bar along with great menu choices and we are asking that you return the completed menu choice form either to the marked sleeve by the list, or to scan it to

[honsec@paghamyachtclub.com](mailto:honsec@paghamyachtclub.com).

A reminder that a copy of the menu is also on our website and that we are asking that payment by card or cash is made by Sunday 7th November and that you ask whoever takes your payment to record it in the book behind the Bar marked Dinner Dance so that we can confirm numbers with the hotel.

We have been asked what the dress code is and if they can indulge in the black-tie. Why not? It's an evening to indulge and spoil yourself so let's treat ourselves to looking glam! And we mean do men as well if they want to impress!

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

Bonfire Night - I'm in trouble again! For two weeks running, in the blog, I said that Bonfire Night was on a Saturday 5th!!!! I didn't mean it.....those of you who read our website and our Facebook where it was corrected know that it's on Friday 5th November! So, two mistakes as I forgot to tell you that the children's menu is only £3 each but – the good news is that no one listens to me and that the list is filling up nicely so do get your money out now as you will need a ticket to be fed. Don't forget the request from RC Sailing Kevin to let us have any wood that you would like to get rid of that we can add to our bonfire, as well as bringing along a selection of your own fireworks if you are able for all that are attending to enjoy! I have to make it clear that contrary to certain rumours, this is entirely open to you as an individual family as the Club are not providing a firework display! I wish we were. Ho

hum. It looks like it will be a well attended evening so please remember that it is only for our members and their children only as we need to discourage 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

Avon Stall – in readiness for Christmas, one of our members Zena, is setting up an Avon stall in the Club on Friday 26th

November from 5 – 8pm to enable you to have a look at any gifts or stocking fillers to treat yourself or a member of your family to. (Perhaps your wife, eh?!!!)

Now that we are in the cold winter season and will be spending more time indoors at the Club, coming soon we will be re-introducing the Sunday raffle for more than just a boring meat option. Watch this space for more news about what other food matters will be included!

On another cheerful note that I meant to tell you about last week that you may not have already heard, whilst Budgets are not always cause for celebration by Britain's heavily taxed drinkers,

Rishi Sunak plans a landmark overhaul of the way alcohol is taxed! The plan, to be unveiled on October 27, will see the cost of sparkling wine fall to that of still wine and is expected to mean some taxes on beer will be cut as well. Should be interesting and hopefully, will allow PYC to continue to keep our prices low!

See you all very soon,

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