

Hi everybody,

I'm back! So, did you wonder what happened to the Blog – or where I was last week? No? Oh.....

Well, really sorry not to tell you but beforehand but that other magical place called Crete called me and I just had to answer. I've just heard that they've had an earthquake down the coast from where we were! So glad to be back in a place where only the beach is slipping, properties are being dragged into the sea and the village is flooding. Ah, peace at last.



Recognise those feet sitting at (one of several) Bars over a pool?

Some things you just have to do! Wonder if we could replace some of our wooden flooring in the middle of the Club with toughened glass the same way for the next time the sea decided to flood the beach? That would give us a fabulous view of sea life! No? Oh, well now I'm back and I can fill you in on what still happened here whilst I was away.



Sailing and Angling Report:



From RC Sailing Kevin, there is nothing to report from the last Saturday sailing as the lagoon sailing is now closed for the winter, hence no sailors. We will not be seeing Saturday sailing until next season. Still, we do have five more Sunday races to go! Yes five more!!!



This past Sunday morning saw eight boats sailing with both Guy Hickman and Graham Salter sailing in their new lasers, plus a big welcome to a new member Scottie sailing at Pagham for the first time. And you thought we were nearing the end of the season!



Great competitive racing between the four lasers and some good banter between the picos.



A really well done to Guy Lawson and Clive Briggs who started all three races, finishing two races. I would have been all three if the both hadn't capsized on the last race! Does this sound familiar? Great effort by both despite the hiccups.

This was the "Before" photo in case we never see them, or their boats again.

Many thanks to the Bridge team of Trench, Bob and Sally, also David in the safety rib. (Enjoy your holiday David).

First notification that the Sailing Prize Giving Supper this year will be held on Saturday 20th November at 7pm so please put that in your diaries. More details to follow.

Sailing Results 26th September 2021

Autumn Series Race 3

1 st Jack Goodland	Laser
2 nd Simon Orde	Laser
3 rd Guy Hickman	Laser Radial
4 th Graham Salter	Laser
5 th Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18
6 th Guy Lawson	Laser Pico
7 th Clive Briggs	Laser Pico
8 th Scottie Smith	Laser Pico

Autumn Series Race 4

1 st Guy Hickman
2 nd Simon Orde
3 rd Jack Goodland
4 th Andy & Carol Grout
5 th Clive Briggs
6 th Guy Lawson
7 th Scottie Smith

Autumn Series Race 1

1 st Jack Goodland
2 nd Guy Hickman
3 rd Simon Orde
4 th Graham Salter
5 th Andy & Carol Grout
6 th Scottie Smith
RTD Guy Lawson
RTD Clive Briggs

On the Angling front, George reports that on the on 19th, with Plaice as the target species, five boats went out with fish caught including Mackerel, Dogfish, Conger, Bream, Undulated Ray and a Garfish. For those of you who are like me and have no idea of what a Garfish is, I looked it up. They are also known, amongst other names as, a Beakfish, Sea Needle, Needlefish, Long-Nose Fish – you will know why they ended up with those names when you see how they look. Apparently, they are often thought of as a warmer water species, and they are indeed more common throughout the waters of the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, around Madeira and the Atlantic coastline of Spain and France but they can be found all around the British Isles. We do live and learn!

Oh, and most important – George won the competition!

Although I can't tell you of any catches over this last weekend, I did see five boats go out on Saturday morning and one member in particular was himself caught by the aquatic life! How did you manage to attract him so close to the shore Paul? Sauvage aftershave or something else? Some men attract all the wildlife.



It was a busy day for marine life off our coastline as Chris S and Bill saw large pod of dolphins encircle and feed on a large shoal of mackerel. An amazing sight for them. I'm jealous but it does show what a wonderful coast we live alongside.

Future Beach competitions:

05/11/2021	09.30am	2.30pm	12.29pm	6m
21/11/2021	09.00 am	1.30pm	11.36am	5.5m
05/12/ 2021	09.00 am	1.30pm	11.26am	6m
19/12/2021	08.30 am	1.30pm	11.09am	5.3m note BRAS have a match this day

All subject to weather conditions

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Commodore's Missive

From Commodore Paul, he wants to remind you that if you have put on your membership form that you would volunteer for Bar duties that he will be contacting you soon to put you down for an hour or two. At the moment we are really struggling to find enough different people behind the Bar as we are relying on the same members each time. This is not because the Bar isn't busy – some evenings or weekends are very full and it is not fair on those members who are giving up their spare time to accommodate the rest of us. This has to improve if we wish to keep the Bar open the times we want.

On another volunteer subject, this time concerning the rib duties, we are looking for members to complete Power Boat 2 courses - plus those already trained to complete a

Safety Boat course. If you have an interest, do let RC Sailing Kevin know as it is a very useful skill to have out there on the water.

Social Events

I'm told that the Skittles night on the 18th went well with 8 kids playing, resulting in two winners, George and April in that section.

After the hard work involved, they all had to sit down and enjoy hotdogs and chips to get their energy levels back up - to play musical chairs of course! Marion's grandson George won that. I'm told that was more than enough for the juveniles and that the adults were allowed to take over as they were getting rather impatient to have a go and certain members were raring to win. After all their excitement, great food was provided for the adults by Sue and her helpers, Tracy and Chloe. No one told me who did the washing up but I can guess.

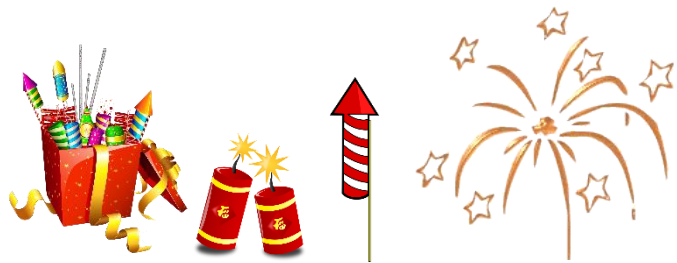


So, moving ahead, this is a **final warning** for the last Sunday breakfast this season by Sue on

3rd October. Don't miss out on this as it is very popular and a list will be posted by Pebbles for you to put your orders down. You have been warned!

Don't forget the Halloween Party coming up on Saturday 30th October for both children and adults which is fast approaching! I did say in my last blog that I hoped that my costume will still fit but after 8 days of food and alcohol four times a day I seriously doubt that!!! Can you get a prize for frightening people by being seriously overweight? I'll let you know about that. What I have heard is that the evening will start off around 6pm (to be confirmed) with games for the youngsters followed by a disco fancy dress and a prize for best dressed boy or girl. Hopefully that will include an adult boy or girl!

The other new event coming up is Bonfire Night on Saturday 5th November where we will be treated to a fire bowl to warm the night whilst we can all enjoy a BBQ at £5 each. There will be a list put up shortly for you to tell us you are coming. We are also asking members to bring along a selection of their own fireworks that we can share for all attending to enjoy.



We all know that a little goes a long way.

Again a reminded that on Saturday 4th December we have The Smilies joining us in the evening so perhaps by then I may be able to fit into a disco dress. Well, maybe....again, more details to follow but do put it in your diary for now and you can remind me nearer the time to tell you more.

Don't forget that full details of any forthcoming events are published on our website so do keep an eye on it if you forget what's going on.

See you very soon,

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