

Hi everybody,

“Here comes the rain again, falling on my head like a memory.....” Well, let’s face it, we were spoiled by a sunny weekend that allowed us to finally get the boats out on the water for the first Summer Series Races and to enjoy sitting outside to listen to some fabulous music. Shouldn’t complain but this is August – and it is raining!!! Groan.....



### Sailing and Angling Report:



From RC Sailing Kevin:

Finally a great weekend of sailing starting on Saturday afternoon with the Youth and Leisure. Three boats ventured out in gusting winds and a choppy sea with Zak in his Hobie 13, Ben in his Laser and Kevin Robbins in his Dart 15.

Conditions were very challenging and Ben went swimming a couple of times but it was a great afternoon sailing!



Sunday morning started with a calm sea and light winds with a good turnout of seven boats, two Dart 18 and five Lasers.

With winds building it was decided to do a catch-up race from last weekend with Race Officers Trench and Bob setting three courses for races 1 & 2 of the Summer series, and race 9 of the Mulberry series.

RIB crew David and Clive went out to set the course.



With Race officer Trenchard's family down to see him, his three grandchildren came out on the second RIB with RC Kevin to experience race sailing first hand, much to the amusement of Graham who capsized at the start of the third race and was then greeted by three enthusiastic kids offering to jump in and rescue him! Ahh, thanks kids – good thing you were around – just in case!



It was really great racing that went on, especially between Jack Goodland and Guy Hickman, both finishing 1 & 2 in all three races! Can you feel the competition and the heat in the air? It ended with Guy winning the first two races and Jack making a great start in the final race and eventually winning. Phew! No pistols at dawn thank heavens.

On another note, for the future membership, great to see young Matthew Greene making his race debut sailing a Dart 18 with mum and dad, Steve and Louise. (Better watch out you two – I saw “fearless” gleaming in those eyes!)

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### **Angling**

From George, those devoted fishermen (I’m getting good at using non-gendered language following those face masks where I had no idea who I was talking to!) – where was I? oh, Sally and Chris went out yesterday and had a good catch of Dogfish, an undulated Ray, Mackerel, small Bream and Conger. The really good news is that they also saw grey dolphins. A sight like that makes it all worthwhile. Sigh.....

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### **Rampion 2 Wind Farm – Further Developments**

One of our members wanted to bring the following two short extracts from a communication he had received at his home regarding the wind farm to your attention:

“The Rampion 2 Offshore wind farm project, which is an extension of the existing wind farm that you can see across the Sussex Bay but currently ends in Worthing.

Rampion 2 will stretch from Worthing to Chichester harbour, and not only that but the new turbines will be nearly 3 times the height, as high as the Eiffel Tower, there are 116 towers being installed.”

If you would like more information on this, please take a look at the website [rampion2.com](http://rampion2.com) and make your comments to them as it will affect the outlook of our Club - and if you have a property in the Pagham bay area then it will have an impact on you as well.





## Pagham Yacht Club Supports - The Green Blue

Pagham Yacht Club (PYC) is excited to be supporting The Green Blue, the joint environmental awareness programme between the Royal Yachting Association and British Marine. PYC is teaming up with The Green Blue to raise awareness of the importance of protecting our boating environment. As a club we feel that we all have our part to play to protect the natural environment in which we live, play and enjoy our on the water activities!

The Green Blue promotes sustainable boating through environmental talks, educational activities, best practice guidance and by supplying free resources to boat users, clubs, centres, and marinas. The programme also holds dedicated campaign weeks throughout the year to highlight key sustainability topics and we are keen to support these going forwards. The Green Blue website: [thegreenblue.org.uk](http://thegreenblue.org.uk) has a wide range of sustainable boating information, advice and resources. If you are planning to get out on the water or are beginning maintenance on your boat, remember to visit The Green Blue website first!

To keep our younger sailors entertained and informed, The Green Blue also has [Educational Activities](#) for various ages. The activities are downloadable and have activities which can be supervised by instructors or with family members. Whether you are out on the water or spending time on-shore, the activities will help inform young boaters on key environmental issues and the best practice they can adopt when sailing.

If you would like to help raise awareness to others about safeguarding our waters, wildlife and habitats with which we share our boating environment, then don't forget to visit The Green Blue's '[Awareness Raising Toolkit](#)'. They have developed a variety of eye-catching and informative resources, from sustainable boating top tip infographics, posters and video guides.

You can also sign up to The Green Blue newsletter on their website and find the program on social media by following @TheGreenBlue on Facebook and Twitter, and @the\_green\_blue on Instagram, where you can learn more about sustainable recreational boating and receive regular updates. By making small changes to the way we undertake our boating activities, we can collectively make a big difference to help safeguard our local waters, wildlife and habitats that we rely on for our wellbeing and enjoyment.

In addition to the green blue website, have a look at our new Sustainability & Environmental page on the PYC web site for more information. We will also be looking for volunteers to champion our involvement in this programme!

### Bar Duties

On a less positive note, myself and the Commodore took over the bar duties for this last Saturday and Sunday – with help from some splendid supporters, as there seems to have been a loss of interest in the Bar WhatsApp.

I can only repeat what I stated last week that if you are uneasy about coming into an area where other members are no longer wearing masks, then it doesn't matter that you choose to carry on wearing yours as we are supporting you!

We are still providing hand sanitisers, we are still cleaning all surfaces regularly and keeping our distances when serving, and we are using new glasses for each drink. Over the weekend we did have members wearing their masks as that is how they felt comfortable being with us - and we respected their feelings. We all need to move along together.

Don't forget that we all volunteers and what we cannot carry on doing is running the Bar without help! Guy, the Bar Manager works full time and he, like most of you, enjoys sailing. He needs help to carry on!

We did have lots of members in to attend the social functions over the weekend and to listen to Atticus Blue but, apart from a few who stood up and gave Paul and I a break – where were you? Many thanks to Lin and Martyn and to Sylv and Paul C who stepped in to make Sunday afternoon a success. That is what it is all about. But it is not enough.....



If you need advice about how to join the bar Whatsapp then please do contact Lesley on [cpc@paghamyachtclub.com](mailto:cpc@paghamyachtclub.com) and she will sort you out. The more the merrier!

### **Boat Park**

This is a final reminder for those who have not renewed their membership fees or paid for boats in the boat park. Also, boats needs to be **clearly named**, preferably on the trailers. If you need to discuss payments, please contact Andy on [membership@paghamyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@paghamyachtclub.com) as soon as possible or speak to someone else on the Committee. Please – do not leave this as you may lose your boat, and we do not want that to happen. We are waiting for you to contact us so we can sort this out.

### **SEA WEEK**

Just have a look at the fantastic week that we have planned. What a good week! Lots of information for you already and I will let you have more details about what we expect you to wear for the Caribbean fancy dress night or other important events!!!! (I don't want you copying me as I'm not sure how I'd look with a Rasta and dreadlocks yet.....)

**\*\*\*OPEN SAILING FROM 10 A.M. EVERY DAY\*\*\***

**\*\*\*SAILBOATS, KAYAKS AND PADDLEBOARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS\*\*\***

### **Monday 23rd August**

Raft Race

Fisherman versus Sailors raft race & Social Members versus the Committee raft race.

Gin Night from 6 p.m.

Karaoke

### **Tuesday 24th August**

Rosie and Andy's quiz night starts at 7.30p.m. sharp

### **Wednesday 25th August**

Bucking Bronco & Surf Machine from 2 pm

Pagham Lagoon invited to sail with us

American evening

### **Thursday 26th August**

Golf Day with refreshments after golf

Audio Riot playing @ 7 pm

### **Friday 27th August**

Final of the Raft Race

Duncan McKensie playing @ 6pm

Fish Night with a small charge

### **Saturday 28th August**

Hi 5 Band playing @ 7 pm

Cocktail evening with Caribbean Fancy dress

### **Sunday 29th August**

The Bridge Party 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.

We will be providing snacks, G&T, red/white wine and bottled beers for those attending but please be warned that the Bridge is a small area so it will be appropriate phased access.

Malc Redding and Sean Ward ('Elvis') singing at 4 pm (Yes – they are coming back!!!!)

### **Monday 30th August**

Sailfish race in the morning.

“Change of Plan” playing @ 3pm

Meet the Commodore @ 5.15pm with Commodore's Cheese and Wine @ 6pm

### **Social Events**

What a hoot the Skittles evening was! Well done to Clive and Sue for thinking that now was the time to get this idea out in the open again. I have to admit that I was worried that it was going

to be a quiet evening.....so wrong!!!! I'm sorry if you missed it as it was such a good evening for both the kids – and the grown-up kids who were cheating on the genuine players! Sorry I can't show more photos as I have many and they were just brilliant at revealing what we are capable of! (And the tattoos! – blimey! I can run my own body id from now on if need be!)



The kids had prizes to encourage them for next time but I'm not sure who won in the adult section. I think it was Sara who came in at the end to challenge and for the slaughter, but who cares – we still had fun! Great that so many turned up – and took part. And we had a good feed of Chilli Cheese Nachos to keep us going till next time so well done to everybody who managed to survive the cannon balls!





That was the Saturday night so I should mention the following Sunday morning when Sue still had to get up and feed the 5000. Well done to Sue as I can't remember how many she fed but I know it was the full breakfast along with the Avocado Breakfast and surprisingly, a couple of vegetarian breakfasts!!! I have to say that I didn't think our Galley could cope with one person swinging back and forth on a Sunday morning before sailing started. I got that wrong! Best we look at replacing our old cooker (not Sue!!!) for something a bit more modern that will be competent in dealing with our demands. I'll let you know what happens on that front!

So, moving on to Atticus Blue! For those who were there when he (and his partner) came to us before – what a good move to have him back again! Why haven't I been blessed with her voice? Aarghh. Well done to Jo. Just what we needed for a Sunday afternoon with some sunshine when we could enjoy relaxing to a wide range of soft music that just blended into the warm weather and the number of members that turned out to enjoy a lovely afternoon when the sailing had been so successful. We couldn't have asked for more and I couldn't have enjoyed anything more!

On another note, you may remember that our own Tina lost Rocker Terry a short while ago and she is now moving ahead in her life - as she has no choice as it's her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday fast approaching and the family won't let her escape from this! Tina will be holding a celebration of this event at the club for her family and for members on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 7pm. Our own Hi 5 band will be playing for her so Tina will welcome any support from us to make it a memorable evening for her. I look forward to seeing as many of you there. (Any help for the Bar will be much appreciated!!!!)

Please note that we can see this as an introduction to the Sea Week so it will be great for both Tina and the Club to get everything started up again – a new season, new memories and perhaps a brighter few months – if the rain stops for our sailors!!!!  
Keep smiling .....until the winter comes.



Take care everybody,

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