

Hi Everybody,

So far we have had a week of splendid racing from both our members and visiting youth members, plus entertainment from five bands plus Karaoke and a Golfing day. This is without mentioning the Gin Night with food, the American evening – with food, the BBQ (of course with food!) and the Caribbean night with amazing food! You may have spotted a theme here.

We have had visitors to the beach joining us by dancing to the music by Hi 5, or standing and listening to Duncan McKensie - or asking if they could have a go on the Bucking Bronco! It has been an amazing week and I can only thank all of the members who have supported the Club by giving their time and energy to provide such a great time for everyone.

### Sailing and Angling Report:



From RC Sailing Kevin ...

On Friday, six youth members turned up for sailing but as some were quite young it was decided to double up the less experienced ones with the more experienced sailors in Picos.



You may wonder why, when Nathan and Albert managed to go out without the bung in their boat they were confused about why they capsized! Oh boys! Well done to Clive and David for recovering them safely – and not laughing too much afterwards.



On Saturday afternoon three sailors turned up for the Youth Regatta, Zak in his Hobie 13, Ben in his laser and Jay in a Pico. We had to explain to someone unfamiliar with sailing why we needed at least three boats to enable a competitive race to happen. Why not do it with two? Oh dear... It was a fairly windy day with the wind moving around quite a bit. It managed to catch out Zak who capsized before racing started! That was quite an achievement Zak! Despite that, they managed to get two of the three races in with Jay retiring in the second race. Well done all.

### **Angling**

From George, he tells me that a couple of boat went out during the week with a few Bass caught but he doesn't know any other details. On Sunday five boats out with Smoothound, Spotted Ray, Thornback and Blonde Rays caught along with Mackerel, Scad, Bream, Gurnard, Dogfish, Bass and some good sized Plaice caught with the frying pan awaiting for them. Quite spectacular, he even saw a Peregrine falcon two miles off the Club catching a small bird and being chased and harried by a large gull on its way back to land! Another wildlife spectacle we are so lucky to see. George thinks it also looks like our summer is nearly over as he is only seeing quite a few swallows as they are heading for warmer climates.



The next competition is Sunday 5th from 8am - 3.30pm with Plaiice the target species so let's hope for nice weather and a good turnout!

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## SEA WEEK

As mentioned, this has been a very busy end to the week on the social front starting on Thursday with a day out for the Golfing section, with presentations in the evening by the Commodore Paul who was as serious and frank as usual. Kevin Page was the winner of the prized Green Jacket. There were 16 took part so there is no way I was going to print photos of all of them!



Audio Riot in the evening went down very well with a very young fan who showed the rest of the audience how to move it and shake it. And yes, they did do that when he went home to bed!



On Friday the final of the Raft Race was cancelled as we had insufficient members turn up to form the teams ... a shame, as the sea was on our side for once! In the evening we had Duncan McKensie to entertain us with a BBQ manned by our Master Chef Vice Commodore Rocky. My

apologies as I missed this evening due to the after effects of Covid, but I was sent a photo of Duncan in performance which I have mislaid on my laptop. I will let you have that next time.

Saturday proved a lot more colourful and the food was unbelievable! Paul Cooper managed to persuade his second cousin's wife Sabrina (it just had to be complicated) to join him in the kitchen. Her cooking originates in St Lucia, so they prepared Goat Curry, Jerk Chicken, Jamaican Patties, Potato Curry, Rice with Kidney beans and Salad. Well done Sabrina! To even the balance up, Caroline provided a Pineapple baked with Chilli flakes served with Ice Cream. Stunning!!!



I think I ought to mention that the buttocks being shown in the above photo do not actually belong to Guy – they belong to the shorts being worn by him. If that makes sense?

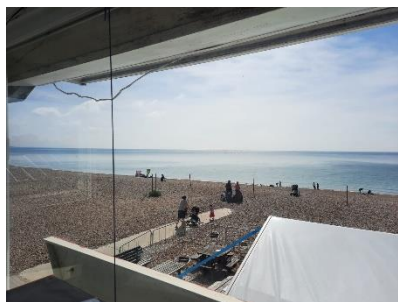
Anyway, following the feast our own group Hi 5 hit the stage and were so good they set off the fireworks in Bognor! I have to say that they are so good that I am wondering if they need a Manager. Best I find out what percentage I can make.....



### **SUNDAYS BRIDGE PARTY**

This successful event was hosted by the Bridge Crew, who welcomed members onto the Bridge and provided an insight into the role of the race officers, the race management and time keeping equipment, VHF Radio and how to operate the race start and finish air horn, along with an insight of the race officers work in supporting the clubs' sailing activities.





Members were welcomed to the bridge with complimentary choice of wine, beer, gin and tonic and nibbles. All those attending was surprised to see the race office set up and enjoyed the vista from the bridge.

A special thank you to Mick Trenchard, whose initiative it was to organise this event during Sea Week and also to Sally Smith and Bob Newman for helping facilitate the event and for answering the many questions from those attending. Another special thank you to Colin Scudder for his tireless work in mixing those essential gin and tonics and keeping the Bridge visitors suitably refreshed with drinks.

Any members who would like to learn more about the race officer and timekeeper roles, or simply come along and observe the race officers on a race day are very welcome. Simply speak to any of the race officers, or RC Sailing who will be delighted to arrange a day and welcome you aboard.

After the Bridge Party we had a return of Malc Redding and Elvis to see the afternoon out. As always, I'm told they provided great entertainment with a good variety of songs that kept everybody happy. As I said before, I missed out on one or two evenings so I will hopefully get you another blog together mid-week to fill you in with missing photos and let you know what is happening today – the final day of Sea Week!

If you're around this afternoon, come down for Meet the Commodore to hear the feedback from the recent questionnaire and enjoy a glass at the Cheese and Wine evening.

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