

Hi Everybody,

Welcome to another New Year at Pagham Yacht Club which we fêted with much fun and affection into about 2am (with quite a few drinks)! What a glorious evening.

For those of you who couldn't make it, we began with a Quiz Night. What do you mean this wasn't a good idea???? Try telling this lot who had a brilliant evening!



I think some of us were not sure whether or not we would be allowed to get together this evening or to even celebrate another year when so much has happened that has put a bit of a damper on life. But that is what life is all about – being positive and enjoying when we can. And the Quiz was great fun - although I have to say that I wasn't too sure that some of the answers came from the deepest depths of someone's brains and not from a hidden phone contact with Google. Would you know how many eyes a caterpillar has? Go on, give it a guess. Two, four, eight? Wrong! They have 12. Who knows that? Apparently, our winning team did! Well done to all that took part including the Young Ones in the Snug who joined in late. Well done to you to taking part and getting a good score on the final papers!

So, after the quiz we settled down to the more important business of karaoke, set up by Vice Commodore Rocky. No complaints from the neighbours so we must be getting better – or perhaps they have now learned to stay away from the noise! Don't tell me your answers to that quiz!



And when midnight approached,
lots of hugs and kisses and poppers! (Sorry about the mess)



And then outside on the beach.....



Many thanks to G for donating the fireworks and to RC Sailing Kevin for setting the display off for our members. What a stunning event between the two of them! Get him out of the Bar so he can enjoy!!!!



What a wonderful way to greet in the New Year! Many thanks to all who contributed to a fabulous evening.

Now that we have enjoyed that brilliant event, don't forget that while we still have the Winter Season Bar open hours at the moment, be positive as the nights will soon get brighter and the clocks will go forward on Sunday March 22nd at 2am. Shall I give you a ring? You're going to lose an hour sleep anyway! When that happens, we will have the Summer Open hours come into force and hopefully we can all sit outside and watch the sailing – unless the rain starts again, or the snow decides to come in..... sorry! Didn't mean it.

We are in the process of developing a new website called the Sailing Club Manager which we are hoping will be available to all members very shortly which will have full details of what we can offer including the Sailing Calendar, availability of PYC boats, boat/car park, bar rosters, Angling Calendars, events and bookings, SMS and emails, invoicing and on-line payments and other vital information much more easily than our current website. We will let you have more information about this once we are ready to launch this. Watch this space as it will be so much more useful to you as a member!

In the meantime, for those of you who are still worried about Covid, I think you should know that Commodore Paul thought he was suffering from the Omicron version but sadly it's much worse and much more deadly than that.....he has what he tells me is the more serious variant from which very few can survive and it is called.....**Man Flu!!!!** Yes, I know! Shall we leave him to it, keep buying tissues and send him to the spare room when we can't stand the snoring?! Ok- good idea as if he has it then it will be a lethal outbreak if they all find out about it! (Just done it xxx)



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, the proposed kayaking/paddle boarding out to the Mulberry on New Year's morning unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the sea conditions. The same had to happen to the Angling and from George this Sunday's

beach competition was also cancelled due to the weather forecast. He has told me that he wasn't aware of any other angling that happened last week but he wishes all of the Anglers that he hasn't seen a very Happy New Year.

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Social Events

Going back to the Raffle run by Sue on Christmas Eve there are still a few alcoholic – sorry, I mean Alcohol, and other lovely prizes awaiting collection by Paula, Maggie, Phil & Val, Keith (including Chamgagne!), Keith P, Andrea, Mary and Jenna so do make your presence known as they are stored with your name on in the Galley.

This coming Saturday 8th January the Club will be open for a 21st Birthday Party for a member's relation (nephew) and his family as approved by the Committee. As usual, the Club will be open to all members.

As it is a 21st the family have asked to use the Galley and there will be disco music provided by them. Please expect there may be some young people outside the Club as the evening progresses as this is a 21st so please be symathatic and let's all enjoy the event.

On that note, we need bar staff for this event as no one has put their name forward as yet.

Please can I ask that you come forward and help out – even for just ½ hour between drinks. Events like this keep our Club open as it is the bar profits that keeps us open, not only our social and full members fees. Please do not forget this.

From Commodore Paul, the Six Nations Rugby with England v Scotland playing is starting Saturday 5th Feburary, late afternoon. He is proposing that he will be cooking a Curry to accompany the match which all members will be invited to watch at the Club. There will be as ever, a small payment to go to the cost of food and we will need your name nearer the time. This is a fore-warning for our sporting members so they can put this in their diaries. Other dates for February when alternative arrangements for food will be made are:

13th Feb Italy v England

26th Feb England v Wales

There will be other dates for March as well and they will be notified later. Please can you let him know if this is agreeable.

From Sue, she wants to remind you that she has not forgotten the 3 course meal, the arrangements for which had to be abandoned before Christmas. She is now looking at perhaps a meal around Valentines Day if all issues carry on being so settled. She has everybody's details from the last meal so if you are happy for her to continue looking at suitable dates then just relax and she will get back to you.

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