

Hi Everybody,

What a weekend of change. On Saturday afternoon, when we were suffering wind gusts of 45, heavy rain and our railings and chairs were being tossed around the beach, these cheerful women decided to go for a swim. I could hardly keep the door open to take the photograph so heaven knows what strength they had to get themselves in and then out of the stormy waters. Brave ladies!



Sailing and Angling Report:

And then came Sunday! From RC Sailing Kevin, an interesting Sunday morning saw four boats rigged and ready to sail, with three lasers and one cat:



A nice stiff south westerly wind meant that race officers Sally and Bob set the same courses as last week, all very challenging for those involved.

Whilst the first race was competitive at the start, as the wind built and boats started capsizing, it all became a little bit more hard work.



Sadly, Graham Salter capsized a few too many times and had to retire as it does become hard work trying to upright a boat in those conditions. Well, that is what I've been told!

So, three boats started the second race with winds increasing, the sea state becoming harder to stay upright and inevitably both the remaining lasers capsizing on many occasions with both ending up retiring. Oh dear. But... a very well done to Simon Orde and Cerys Dickinson for taking up the challenge in the first place. We think they both got just too tired in the end.

Still, it was a great day at sea and one bonus, RC Kevin thinks he has lost his title as The Hoff (that would be David Hasslehoff in Baywatch – Yes!!! I had to ask!) and that it was in reaction to a new safety boat crew with James Scrase (a new member – I had to ask again!!!!), who had no hesitation in jumping in to help Cerys who had turned turtles and the dagger board came out. Ok – I finally gave in and was told that the dagger board was what Shorty was making love to. Aaargghh!



Many thanks to all that helped out on Sunday - one to remember! Or in my case.....one to forget!

Sailing Results 3rd October 2021

PYC 2021 Series.

Race 11

1st Simon Orde Laser

2nd Kevin Robbins Dart 15

3rd Cerys Dickinson Laser 4.7

DNF Graham Salter

Race 12

1st Kevin Robbins

DNF Simon Orde

DNF Cerys Dickinson

And a photo from Race Officer Bob.



On the Angling front, due to the weather which just proved too demanding, George has nothing that came back to report to you.

The next competition is Sunday 10th October with boats on the water by 10.00 am, returning by 5pm with the best Cod. If none caught, then the best Whiting. As usual it will be subject to weather conditions. Good luck to all!

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AGM

Hopefully you will have received the Election Notice either by email or by post but, if you have missed it, please check the PYC website for further details. The AGM will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 28th November at Pagham Yacht Club

The Election of Officers list has been posted on the notice board in the Bar area showing those members standing for re-election and those positions where we have vacancies. If you are interested in standing for any of the positions then please do find a proposer and a seconder from the membership and place your name on the list. The list will be taken down on Sunday 31st October and no other nominations can then be submitted.

There are currently three vacancies where a member has not put their name down to stand: they are Honorary Treasurer, Rear Commodore Planning and Bar Manager.

On a personal note, over this last weekend I have heard a member say to me that we should employ a Bar worker to cover weekend openings. My only comments are that on Saturday, I had one member in from 1 till 3 and was about to close up due to the bad weather. To employ someone would mean an increase in prices and would still mean a volunteer to act as "Manager" to order, stock and to organise the Bar on Wednesdays and Fridays and events such as Sea Week etc. Also, last year when we approached a person

who now works part-time in a local pub, we were told that that the hours were not enough for him. Sadly, we are not a big enough Club opening every evening, with enough members using the Bar on a regular basis to justify the added expense with the increase in prices which would be self-defeating. However, those are my comments and I'm sure you may feel differently. I look forward to you all telling me so!

Don't forget that roles such as the Bar Manager can be shared so, if you are interested in taking this on, especially with help, then do speak to Guy the current Bar Manager, or to Paul the Commodore who has acted as Bar Manager in the past to see what is involved and how it can be a joint undertaking.

Social Events

I saw how well the final Sunday breakfast of the season by Sue went down – quite literally. Have you noticed that filling your face with food doesn't stop people talking? Nothing like food to cheer people up! Speaking of which, we now have a date and a place for the annual Dinner Dance which we missed last year due to that Covid thing. We will be meeting at The Bear on Friday 12th November for a 3 course meal at a cost of £35 to include a raffle ticket. It's smart casual which means you can get your best gear out – if it still fits! Following the meal we will be entertained by a magic game show and other diverting amusements by Keith who, no doubt, will have you in stitches within minutes as that is his usual form. Be warned that there are only 46 places for the Dinner as that is The Bears seated maximum allowance so, if interested, do get your names down now as there is no wriggle room when they are filled!

(I think that this below creature is Keith in disguise but you can never tell with him....)



Other entertainment coming our way is on the afternoon of Saturday 20th November when Duncan McKenzie is coming back to us. Oh Yes!!! Well done to Jo as he is Great Stuff! He is to be followed by the Prize Giving Supper at 7pm. Best you get that posted now.

Right, back to the reminders:

Halloween Party on Saturday 30th October for both children and adults with the evening starting off at 6pm with games and prizes for fancy dress for the youngsters. This will be followed by a disco from 8pm for the grown-ups (also in fancy dress). Members and signed in guests only. No ghosts, spirits or Frankenstein monsters – they scare Sue!

Bonfire Night on Saturday 5th November with a BBQ at £5 each. A list will put up shortly for you to tell us you are coming and don't forget that we are also asking members to bring along a selection of their own fireworks that all attending can share to enjoy. This means the grown ups as well as the kids!!! Again, members and signed in guests only.



Finally, The Smilies on Saturday 4th December in the evening. More details to follow. Not a bad selection now that we are in the Winter season – which reminds me. If you haven't been down the Club in the last couple of weeks, we are now following the Winter timetable. Have a look on our website but the main difference is that we open from 1pm on Saturday and Sundays and you may find that we are closing earlier as members are going home slightly sooner due to weather conditions (or no petrol!!!).

Full details of any forthcoming events are again published on our website so do check for any updates.

See you very soon,

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