

Hi Everybody,

Another glorious Easter weekend! Really nice to see that so many people joining in to help our members make the walkway a much better passage to the sea front for all. This is the place that anyone with walking difficulties or in a wheelchair can access a good view locally. Did you spot the little one to the right who's coat is blending into the pebbles? Well done to everyone (including the little one)!



Although the remainder of this Easter holiday week is looking colder, (the term they are using on the BBC weather is artic), plans are afoot for to get the Marquee up on Saturday 10th ready for members to enjoy a drink on Wednesday 14th. The good news is that there will be a heater and that we won't be banning anyone who looks like they are about to move to antartica so get your winter clothes back out again.

In the meantime, to warm you up, we will need volunteers to help us remember how to put the marquee together and even better, actually help us do it! That is so much better than advice from the sideline.....so, please can you make yourselves free from 11am on Saturday to the beach entrance to the Club and the usual refreshments will be provided to encourage you to keep us going. Joking aside, we really do need as much help as we can get to make this work. Let me know.



Speaking of the Beach entrance, once the Club is open from next week we are asking members to only use this access as the West front Road door will be used as a Fire Exit only - and a sign will be put up signifying this. We are doing this as we know, just for the current period that only our Club and the Inglenook are open in the village to serve drinks. During this time of Covid restrictions, we wish to discourage non-members from walking through our Club to ask if they can use our Bar before we can stop them. Please don't forget that we still have to sanitise everything that members and non-members touch and that you are paying for this.

We ask you to respect this, to discourage others from taking advantage of our key system.

On a different note, we are still looking for anyone who is willing to do a Bar duty. After lots of discussions, it was finally agreed that we don't need to have someone to act as a server, that we just needed one member from each table to go into the Bar with the orders from his/her table – one person at a time. Take it in turns! Simple! If there is one person ahead of you, then you wait outside until they have been served.....and then you go in 😊 And if there are three or four of you.....tough! wait!

I'll add a short bar rota to the blog for the next couple of weeks and I would be grateful if you could email to let me know if you would be willing to help out for an hour or two.

We have to make this work, we have no other options.

Oh, and by the way that was Phil Plume, one of our windsurfing members in the background of the picture last week.

Membership

From Andy Day, the Membership Secretary, our Club Rules require us to display for 14 days on the Club noticeboard any new applications for membership. With the Club closed this is not possible at the moment so the next best option is to notify current members of new applications to join us through this Blog.

So, we have received an application for Family Full Membership from Alex Young, Caroline Young and two children. Please can you therefore contact the Membership Secretary on membership@paghamyachtclub.com ONLY if you know of a reason under our Rules why this person's application should not be agreed. Thank you in anticipation.

Going back to renewing membership, we have had a fantastic response from current members of the Club!

For all those of you that have not yet applied to renew membership and boat park fees, please do visit Membership on our website (paghamyachtclub.com). Here you can download the 2021 membership form and view the membership fees. Those waiving refunds will see the fees in black (the same as last year!) and those taking advantage of the rebate will see the new fees in red. It goes without saying that if you are able to, a decision to waive the fee rebate will greatly help the Club, but it is also appreciated that not everyone is in the same position at present.

Our preference is that renewal of fees takes place online by way of BACS - if that is possible, so that the transfer of cash or cheques is minimal. Payments of cash and cheques are currently difficult for the Treasurer to bank for Covid-19 reasons. That said, if you need to then do post or deliver cheques to the Club post box at Pagham Yacht Club, 1 West Front Road, Pagham, West Sussex PO21 4SY. It is suggested that cash is only paid at the Club when we are open please.

As this is a volunteer-based Club, we are asking for all of those renewing to complete the volunteers list and the application form so that we can update member details as well to try to capture some information about member skills that might be helpful to the Club.

Finally, a member has made a BACS payment on 1st April 2021 for £52, but has not given their name as a reference. If that you, please do contact AD so we can give you your card!



Sailing and Angling Report:

Only two boats went out on Sunday catching Smooth-Hound, Dogfish and a Thorn Back Ray. Sally Smith beating Chris again and she also caught the biggest Smoothie at 96cm, one cm bigger than the one George caught.

Pete Wakeford tells me it was quite choppy out there as the day wore on. This is Pete holding the Smooth-hound caught by himself at Littlehampton in the sunshine that didn't count! That'll teach him to abandon Pagham.



A reminder from RC Sailing Kevin that sailing starts on 2nd May, that the calendar has been sent out and is published on the website. One event, the RNLi Mike Cole Memorial race has been moved one week forward to Sunday 4th July so wife Lina and niece Laura are now able to attend. Please do change that in your calendar as it's a really good event. Coming back to now, as the Covid restrictions will apply, the changing rooms will still be closed for storage and for showers and members are asked to arrive fully kitted out. Please do not try to enter the changing rooms as it is not helpful. We are hopeful that an outside shower can be erected on the slipway side of the Club to allow wetsuits etc to be rinsed off when the Club is open and that personal items can be left inside the marquee whilst sailing is underway. Not long now!

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Social Membership

From Jo, she has been very busy organising our next Social event on 30th May with Elvis and Malc de Reding . She has spoken to the local family who lost their child and they have confirmed that they have now finally raised the money for a headstone. However, they would love any money that we do raise from our event to go to Snow Drop as this was the hospice for the care the baby received. You may wonder why we are supporting this local charity but that is part and parcel of why our Club is here – to be part of the local community. If anyone would like to donate any raffle prizes to make the evening a success, we would be very grateful as, quite understandably, local businesses haven't been very willing with giving at the moment. Anything you can donate – are you a hairdresser who would give a free shampoo and trim to a member, or a dog walker for two weekend walks/car shampooing or hoovering, 2 hours gardening to remove weeds, or paying the local window cleaner £8 to clean someone's windows? Anything that would make such a huge difference to somebody at a minimum cost to you – but would make you feel good. Failing that, if you have a business then have a look at what you may be able to donate to us, please.

I have resisted from boring you with my quiz and it's only just over a week away when I can bore you with my chat instead. Sorry about that. Look forward to seeing you and your face masks soon,

Jill

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Bar Rota Duties April 2021

Wednesday 14th

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Friday 16th

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7 - 8

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9 - 10

Saturday 17th

12 - 1

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Sunday 18th

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Wednesday 21st

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Friday 23rd

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Saturday 24th

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Sunday 25th

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Wednesday 28th

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Friday 30th

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