

Hi Everybody,

Have you seen our Christmas tree? Doesn't it look fabulous? Well done to Lesley for spending her time to cheer the Club up now that the weather is getting cold and those dark evenings are creeping in. And changing colours for the lights! I just need to know where the presents are.....



Sailing and Angling Report:



From George, he tells me that 10 anglers wet a line in Sunday's Beach competition with many a worm drowned with no success. Unfortunately, as happened for the last competition, only one fish obliged to the amount of bait deposited - a plaice caught by George who was the winner. He's told me not to let you know the size was 18cm so he won't be embarrassed by how small it was, so I didn't let you know that, ok? As the fishermen (and lots of sailors) say, it's not always the size that counts!

The next competition is 19th December at 8.30am with the anglers hoping the fish have the spirit of Christmas and are hungry for their bait by then.

The 2022 beach and boat competition dates will be soon be arranged and published.

In the meantime, this is our weekly sunrise from RC Angling Paul Cooper to cheer you up.



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Social Events

This is going to be a blog full of party or get-together events starting with the amazing Smilies on Saturday night. If you missed them then what can I say? They were fabulous! Just have a look at the photos – which I hope are the right way up this week as they show what an enjoyable evening was had by all.

And look at the 1950s and 1960c clothes and Country and Western style - brilliant! Really great to watch Rosie and Andy jiving – Andy in his original 1950 high waisted trousers with those wide legs and braces. Oh yes!





Future Social Events

Now that we are fast approaching both Christmas and New Years Eve, we thought we had better let you know what we have planned for you.

Thursday 23rd December - the 3 course Christmas Dinner at PYC for £15 per head at 7pm has one or two places free so do get in touch with Sue if you are interested. The menu is on our website so do have a look if you are unsure as there is a veggie option as well.

Friday 24th December - speaking of food, we will be enjoying the Pork or Turkey baps early evening in readiness for the drawing of the Christmas raffle. Tickets are being sold by Sue at £1 per strip or 6 for £5 for some lovely prizes so do get your tickets now in case your favourite or lucky numbers are chosen by someone else. We are aware that some members may prefer not to gather together so it would be helpful for catering if you could indicate that you will be joining us. I will be putting a list up for you to simply tick for numbers, or you can email me and I will put a tick on there for you.

Christmas Day – the favourite day of the year! The Commodore would be delighted if you can join him from mid-day until 2pm to celebrate the spirit of Christmas with other (bottled) spirits. This is for members only and hopefully if the weather is kind to us we will be able to open the doors and enjoy chatting to each other with a drink in our hands. Bring your coats, just in case it's chilly! I'm not hopeful looking at the weather forecast but you never know.

New Years Eve – ah, now then. We have been aware quite early on that quite a few of our members had already made plans and paid to spend the evening elsewhere with bands and disco which made us re-think our ideas. We have decided on a fun party evening with a late buffet, light hearted quiz with a bottle of Champagne for the winning team to enjoy at midnight along with the celebrations on TV. We are not expecting a huge turn out, just those with a sense of humour who would like to enjoy a comfortable get-together and some dancing music. I will again put up a notice for you to let me know you would like to attend as the buffet will be for those members only.

Christmas Cards


I have been asked if it would be in order for a Christmas card to be addressed to all members at the Club, or a specific number of members, rather than write our many cards and for this one card to be displayed in the Bar. This was overheard by one long standing member who has done this for years and I have to say that I agreed it is a good idea and fits in with our RYA GreenBlue programme to minimise waste and encourage sustainability.

If you would like to have a card “posted” up on a garland where it can be read then please leave it on the Snug shelf and we will make sure it is dealt with.

Bar Duties

Just coming back to our Bar WhatsApp which continues to get me into trouble as I just can't learn to stop pointing out on there that we are relying on the same members to give up their time to keep the Bar open. Oh dear. That is despite there being lots of members on there who don't reply when we are asking for help. I am aware that at the moment many of our members are not happy spending time in a closed environment due to Covid and we all respect that. However, we have taken on board all of the advice to protect our members and we are still not hearing from those who agreed to help out. We have a new Bar Manager, Scottie taking over and he will need your support whilst he gets to grip with sorting out his procedures. I know that the workings of the till are also being looked at to make it easier to understand and follow if you are only using it once a month as that has been raised as a problem area.

Don't give in or let us down! We need as much help as you can give us and if you aren't already on there, Lesley would be delighted to put you on the Bar WhatsApp and show you the workings of the Bar.

Send your email to Lesley at cpc@paghamyachtclub.com  and keep smiling or they may ban me from WhatsApps! What do you mean, peace at last?

Hope to see you very soon!

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