

Hi Everybody,

Well, I thought I'd done the last of the Sea Week blogs but, as usual, I ran out of time to tell you the results of the sailing that happened on the last weekend. RC Sailing Kevin tells me that he's grateful for the chance to sit back and take the time to let you know in fuller detail what went on. Well – that's my version of why I'm late letting you know about it!



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, during the end of Sea Week and the weekend, PYC had two members sailing at Poole in the Hobie 16 Nationals - Jon Hutchings with his sister-in-law Jane Newman and Emma Hutchings with her cousin, Kate Newman.

Jon must be kicking himself after two jump starts and sailing the wrong course, he still managed a creditable 11th out of 23 boats sailing! However, bragging rights go to Emma and Kate who managed a very good seventh place. (I love that phrase - bragging! May use crowing next time, as in Crows nest? No? Oh...) Well done all of them!

No sailing on Saturday.

Sunday morning on the 29th saw ten boats rigging, with nine set to sail the Summer series 7 & 8, plus one catch up race.

There was some really great racing going on between the lasers again, showing that it was getting quite competitive between them as the season goes on.



Also, good to see three Picos with Clive, Paula and Guy having their own battle for bragging rights!

On another note sadly, no Sailfish this Sea Week due to lack of support. Never mind - there is always next year!





However, Monday did see some water action with Alan Fry rigging his Hobie 16 with his stepson David. They went out and were having some great fun until yes, you guessed it, they overcooked it and ended up capsized. Thankfully for them, we have members with property on the sea front and they were quickly spotted to be in trouble. A big thank you to Alan Phillips, Stuart Atwood and Paul Palmer who were able to launch the RIB safely and get them back on dry land safe and sound, ready for another day and another sail. That is what it all about.

We have to say that this is not the first time for Alan to invite the RIB to join him on the water as, in 2007, Alan had to be rescued by the same crew when he capsized another cat in the same spot! What is it that they say? The only mistake in life is a lesson not learned. That would be a good name for his next boat! Moving on, this past Sunday 5th September saw eight boats rigged for sailing with Race Officer Andy Grout setting the course for races 9 & 10 of the 2021 Series.

All eight boats started in light winds with seven finishing the first race and seven starting and finishing the second race! Once again, some great racing between the lasers of Guy Hickman, Jack Goodland and Simon Orde with all getting really competitive and Jack and Guy getting close to colliding at the start line. Just love it! Great sailing!!!



Wonderful to see Clive and Paula completing both races and it will be interesting to see how competitive they will be next year. The secret of getting ahead is getting started (Mark Twain – I'm getting into this quoting caper) and they are doing so well this season. Watch out the rest of you as I can see a re-shuffling in positions coming on!



Another important reminder that **Barts bash is this coming Sunday** for an 11am start and it would be great to see as many boats on the water as possible.

We would welcome as many members with their families and friends to join us on the beach to support this. Jo, our RC Social and Fundraising lady is running a raffle to raise funds for the Andrew Simpson Foundation and there will be a BBQ – free to our sailors and donations from the rest of us, plus we will have the ladies from the RNLI joining us again to run their Gift shop on the beach. Great place to stock up on presents and humorous Christmas cards so do invite everybody to join us for a fun morning and afternoon. The Bar will, of course, be open!

We are still asking for any donations for gifts for the raffle so do let Jo know, or drop any items into the Club.

Also, this Saturday at 10am the Lagoon sailing is doing their part for Barts Bash so please come down and sail an Oppy for the cause. I got into trouble about this last time as I mis-spelt it! It's a nickname for an Optomist – a child's beginner sailing dinghy so, if they can have a go on one and survive to carry on to sail with PYC, then you know you can! (Bearing in mind you can stand up in the lagoon so there is no fear of drowning.)

All members are welcome down at the Lagoon and we always support them as they do us.

On a different note, on Sunday afternoon RC Kevin removed twenty PYC buoyancy jackets from the changing rooms back to the rib shed. There are also numerous wet suits and sailing boots that have been there a while and are starting to smell! Please, please do remember that this is a changing room, not a store room. If you have any kit in there then do remove it by next weekend or it will be thrown away as it is a health hazard.



First Race 11.00

Oh yes - we are taking part again this year on **this Sunday 12th September at 11am!**

Sailing Results 28th August - Summer Series

Race 7

1 st Jack Goodland	Laser
2 nd Simon Orde	Laser
3 rd Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman	Wanderer
4 th Graham Salter	Laser
5 th Louise Greene	Laser 4.7
6 th Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18
7 th Clive Briggs	Laser Pico
8 th Paula Lawson	Laser Pico
DNF Guy Lawson	Laser Pico

Race 8

1 st Simon Orde
2 nd Jack Goodland
3 rd Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman
4 th Louise Greene
5 th Graham Salter
6 th Andy & Carol Grout
7 th Paula Lawson
8 th Clive Briggs
9 th Guy Lawson

Race 6

1 st Simon Orde
2 nd Jack Goodland
3 rd Louise Greene
4 th Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman
5 th Graham Salter
6 th Andy & Carol Grout
7 th Paula Lawson
8 th Clive Briggs
9 th Guy Lawson

Sailing Results 9th September - PYC 2021 Series

Race 9

1 st Guy Hickman	Laser
2 nd Jack Goodland	Laser
3 rd Simon Orde	Laser
4 th Graham Salter	Laser
5 th Kevin Robbins	Dart 15
6 th Clive Briggs	Laser Pico
7 th Paula Lawson	Laser Pico
DNF Guy Lawson	Laser Pico

Race 10

1 st Guy Hickman
2 nd Jack Goodland
3 rd Simon Orde
4 th Graham Salter
5 th Paula Lawson
6 th Clive Briggs
7 th Kevin Robbins

On the Angling front, George reports that five boats went out with eleven anglers fishing. It was nice to see Paul, our Commodore and Rocky, our Vice Commodore out fishing again. The anglers caught Bream, Dogfish, Mackerel, Spotted Ray and Gurnard and plenty of Plaice making the competition very successful. The winner was George with a 41cm Plaice, second was Derek with a 40cm Plaice, third was Peter Cooper with 39cm and fourth was Chris with 38cm - a very close result!

On Saturday night Steve and Tommy fished the beach with Tommy catching a very nice eel but George isn't sure of what else they caught. (Sorry George, it's probably been BBQ'd by now!).

The next competition is Sunday 19th September so let's hope that the weather continues to be in our favour.

As an aside – please can I have some photos of the winners please? I meant the fish!

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Past Member

Some of our members may be interested to learn about the sad passing of Jean Rawlings - previously married to Tony White and mother to Kim and Debbie (Atlee).

Jean was a member between the early 1960s to 1978/9 and first sailed a Scorpion called Force 'Alf with then husband Tony, then a Mirror called Cinderella with crew Shirley Low, and lastly a Pacer called My Ding-A-Ling with Tony again. They became Pacer National Champions in the mid-1970s.

Funeral details and an opportunity to pay online tributes and donate to her chosen charity, Canine Partners For Independence, can be found at <https://jeanrawlings.muchloved.com>



Golf Section

If you are a golfer, don't forget that the next outing of this trusty section is Friday 10th September to Littlehampton Golf Course. Times are 1.40pm for the first Tee but if you want to eat lunch then please do get there by 12.15pm. The cost is £35 without lunch but, the usual "nibbles" will be provided for the prize giving back at PYC afterwards for a cost of £3.00pp. There are still some places available so do let Clive know.

AGM

A very slightly early warning about the AGM which is due Sunday 28th November, almost 3 months away. The reason why it is being raised so soon is that the Committee have been approached to ask their views on re-standing in case there may be a position that will definitely be vacant and one that may need a volunteer with some specialist abilities or practises to fill it. One has arisen. We will be looking to fill the role of Treasurer as our current treasurer Rosie has plans that will not involve her time being readily available to the Club.

We thought that if we raised this now that anyone who may be interested could approach us, find out what is involved and speak to Rosie or others involved to see if this is a role in the Club that they could slot into.

We are a small Club and have recently taken steps to ensure that our accounts can be dealt with more easily. Do let us know if you would like to join the Committee as Treasurer so we can move forward after the AGM.

Social Events

Going back to the last mini blog you may remember the Caribbean night with all of that fantastic food (and the outfits!). Now that I have recovered from my temporary Alzheimers I have remembered to tell you about the 60 Caribbean patties with Chilli sauce that were prepared by Pete Warren. I also forgot to say

that he was there aloneas he was a fresh Grandad that day and had been side-lined by his family so they could adore the new child and spoil the daughter as only a mother can. Congratulations to a Grandad who gave in to reasonable pressure to make our day!



I'd love to say that the patties tasted wonderful but unfortunately by the time I got there they'd all gone! Sixty!!!! A whole sixty individual patties with chilli sauce on them! Aargh! The fact that there were none left and nothing in the waste bin makes me think that that Pete's recipe was spot on. I'll ask Rocky next time as he seemed to know how to be front of the queue and to be very happy with his choice! Never mind – I need to lose weight.....

We all had a good afternoon on Saturday with the return of the Caws Brothers. They have been with us before but this time we enjoyed their music outside as the marquee was still with us! (It's being taken away this Wednesday when I've heard the weather will change. Sigh.)



As in the past the brothers were excellent and performed a really wide range of music that made them so easy to either listen or dance to. My one thought when they had finished was that they would be good in a closed environment at the Club during the winter season, particularly for a relaxed evening following a meal when we wanted to get back on our feet. Really good choice Jo!

Final reminder about Barts Bash on **Sunday 12th September at 11am** and any donations you can make for the raffle – or buying raffle tickets now please as we have seen what Jo can achieve!

I look forward to seeing you on the beach very soon!

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