

Hi Everybody,

Freedom is getting closer! Kids are returning to school and we can meet and fraternize with another person in an outdoor public space! Doesn't it sound like something that takes place on that TV series Love Island where they lived in isolation from the outside world and to survive, they must be coupled with another - whether it be for love, friendship or money? No? Well, perhaps walking on the beach at Pagham or around the football pitch at Rose Green isn't quite in the same league but, hey, the thought is appealing.

So perhaps not the same as being on a sun kissed beach but, haven't we have been enjoying some lovely weather? It has made getting out and about for those "keep your distance" walks so much more enjoyable. Don't we live in a beautiful area?



That was the good news. The bad news is, and I quote, wild winds mid-week with Atlantic rain after a quiet start. Wet and windy! Having said that – when I got up this morning everything was covered in frost so you just can't win anyway ...

So, never mind all that, more good news is that Pagham Beach Holdings have agreed that we can put our marquee back up in readiness for the next stage of freedom which is due 12th April. I know it is only a partial freedom but the awful thing is that every time I hear that date the one thing that come into my mind is that is was David Cassidy's birthday. Yes – I know! It dates me! BUT when it in your brain you cannot get rid of it. (I still have a suitcase full of pictures and magazines which, I feel that one day will be worth a fortune!!!!) Well, failing that, great on my crematorium pile! I could save a fortune on them burning un-needed waste! That would be another subject ...

Annual General Meeting

Some really exciting news for you!

A bit late (sorry) BUT we now have two new posts that we want to introduce onto the Management Committee to promote our Club, now that we are nearly open and really ready to go into the Sailing Season!

Firstly, a role that we should have introduced a long time ago, (yes, I know!), bearing in mind how many wonderful photos that are produced from all of the events that we have pursued in the past. We are now finally looking for a non-voting Communications & Press Officer, a person with an interest in the web who is prepared to offer their thoughts and ideas on a way forward

who will develop a new image for the Club.



We are hoping that this Communication & Press Officer will:

Take control and responsibility for the Club communication policy

Develop media communications and promotional news using various press and social media platforms

Develop a new and exciting web site to reflect a more professional image and the ambitions and activities on offer through the Club

Do you think this is you? Tell us as we would welcome you to enable us to move the Club forward as, after our respite, we are more than ready to take any changes on board!



The other post is for **Rear Commodore Planning**.

This is a new role to be introduced into the Organisational Structure of the Club.

The Club now has an ongoing 5 Year Plan to lead its development into the future which covers quite a wide area to include any building works, sourcing any grants and communications. The role of RC Planning is to work with the Commodore, Management Committee and Trustees on delivery of that plan so we are looking at a member who perhaps has experience in working with sub-committees and dealing with timelines. It sounds a bit complex but it really isn't. It perhaps is for someone who is recently retired, working part-time or a house parent who is still interested in keeping their hand in and sharing their ideas. Is this you?

Again, we are hoping that the Rear Commodore Planning will:

Support the Commodore to further develop and implement the Club 5-Year Plan

Oversee any supporting 5-Year Plan documentation

Establish realistic timelines for each element of the 5-Year Plan

Work with the committee and any sub-committees to ensure all officers are proactively engaged in the programme

Provide updates to the Trustees, Committee & Membership on delivery of the 5-Year plan

Both of these roles will go to the AGM as proposals and we are hoping that they will be approved.

If you are interested in either of the above, you have until this Friday to put your name forward with a proposer and a seconder. Speak to me if you are unsure about who to ask for this. It only has to be a member, not necessarily a full member. After this date, any member showing interest would have to be co-opted so it is not the end of the world – or a low tide! Do let us know if you would like more information as we are keen to get a fresh variety of skills on board as some of us are looking a bit seasoned! (Not that there is anything wrong with a bit of salt and pepper!)

We do have our last Management Committee this Wednesday when paperwork for the EGM and AGM will be finalised and approved to be sent out by emails and post. I will deliver those by hand who live locally if you do not have an email. I know I keep mentioning it but details will also be put on our website if you have difficulties downloading information or, heaven forbid, if your package does not turn up for some reason, so don't worry. We all are looking forward to getting to grips with Zoom! Or, Zoom getting to grips with us!

Membership

From Andy Day, the 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 is through this Blog. We have received an application for Single Adult Full Membership from Mark Stevens. 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.

Also, as you will be aware that the renewal Membership and Boat Park fees would normally be paid by 1st March 2021. As we were unable to hold the AGM in November when we would normally set the fees for the forthcoming year, we have been asking members to hold back on payments until the AGM this month. This is when members would normally adopt any fee changes that might be proposed by the Management Committee.

With the AGM now to be held on 28th March 2021, we are still asking that you continue to hold back paying renewal fees for the time being. It will become clear why we are asking this. Thank you for your patience in this.

Election of Officers 2020 - 21

Hopefully, you will now have seen that we have two new positions vacant in addition to our main roles. Do have a think about them as they do look so exciting! A Press Officer! Yahooo! Don't forget that the Bar Manager post is still vacant although we have successfully persuaded Andy Day to continue in his post as the Membership Secretary! A man born to that role! Thank you AD!!!!

If you are thinking about the Bar Manager's role and are still worried about time commitment, be assured that the Committee will be on hand to make sure that they will be there to offer you help with circulating Bar rotas and getting members to help, offering their service with bar duties, opening and closing if you cannot be there or want to leave early and doing anything else that is needed to make it work for you – and ultimately making it work for the Club! This is not a role where you will be left on your own. As I have said before – if there are two of you who are willing to take this on and share the responsibility – let us know! honsec@paghamyachtclub.com

Further to our blog last week about improving our outside CCTV because of suspicious behaviour around the Club, the Commodore was called out for an alarm being set off at the Club on Saturday night at around 10.30pm. There was no sign of entrance but a vehicle with "suspicious" men in, plus another man in the slipway who disappeared when Paul went to the building. A strong smell of "weed" around the under croft/Boat Shed area. Please be aware that at this time of year when we are restricted in our movements that there are certain people taking advantage of this who are on the beach and who may be searching for loose

doorways into buildings. Please be aware if you are on the beach and do not approach them. Call 999 and leave the area asap.

Sailing and Angling Report

Great news that Sailing will be starting on 2nd May. From RC Sailing Kev, apologies that this cannot happen earlier but due to restrictions it has not been possible to gain access with enough members to the Boat Shed to sort out the boats, ropes, anchors etc and to ensure that all is safe for the relaunch of the season. This work is now happening.

From RC Kevin and the RYA, some tips for you to get ready as he is doing this to get your boats ready for the forthcoming season:-

Learning the Ropes:

1. Splicing the Ropes – when a rope is bent around itself or around an object, its strength is reduced. Depending on its knot, its load and its type of rope, its reduction can be more than 50%. A well spliced rope will typically retain 90% of its quoted strength so if the strength of the termination is critical always choose to splice rather than knot.
2. Swill off the salt – salt is a hard and an abrasive substance that easily finds its way into ropes. Lack of freshwater washing will shorten your ropes life expectancy. Wash them as often as possible – at least once a season. Dinghy ropes can be put in the washing machine, tucked inside a laundry bag or pillowcase. Soak larger ropes in a dustbin filled with clean water for at least 24hours.
3. Check for Chafing – Reducing chafing is an easy way to prolong the life of ropes. Inspect clutches and sheaves – if they are broken, chipped or sticking they'll chafe the rope. Spreaders and the masts can also damage ropes so check any potential contact points.
4. Be weather aware – ropes degenerate under UV light. Some more than others, so it's always best to replace them with a mouse line for winter. And remember that UV can filter through even on cloudy days in case you think a season hasn't been sunny enough for any damage to have been caused.
5. Ask an Expert – If you're in any doubt, it's worth consulting a rigger or industry specialist who will advise when ropes should be replaced. They'll also suggest the right rope for the right job and how to splice or know it. Load, coatings and rope design can all have an effect on the lifespan of the rope.

From RC Angling Pete, please find attached the Boat Competition dates from 14th March until 24th October. Don't forget for your catch to qualify that you need a clear photo, taken alongside a tape or other measuring tool. The 1st of November is the start of the new Beach

fishing season.



Until then, Tom has been at it again over the weekend with his catch of a Plaice. Good size and well done, BUT where are the chips???

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Date	Start	Finish	H/W	Height	
14.03.21	900.00	1530.00	1209	5.55	Most fish
28.03.21	900.00	1530.00	1148.	5.67	Best flatfish
11.04.21	900.00	1530.00	1207.	5.39	Best Plaice
25.04.21	800.00	1430.00	10.36.	5.39	Best Skate
16.05.21	1000.00	1700.00	14.42	5.06	Best smoothound
13.06.21	1000.00	1600.00	13.54	5.21	Best Bream
27.06.21	1000.00	1630.00	14.09	5.69	Best Bream
11.07.21	900.00	1600.00	1303	5.28	Best Skate
25.07.21	900.00	1600.00	1310	5.71	Best Bass
08.08.21	900.00	1600.00	1205	5.29	Best Gurnard
22.08.21	900.00	1530.00	1212	5.63	Best Bass
05.09.21	800.00	1530.00	1059	5.18	Best Plaice
19.09.21	900.00	1530.00	1110	5.45	Best Plaice
10.10.21	1000.00	1700.00	1433	5.81	Best Cod / Whiting
24.10.21	900.00	1600.00	1358	5.39	Best Cod / Whiting

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Social Membership

I have to admit again that I just cannot resist the hotel theme. I'm sure this harkens back to when I was doing my A levels, having spent a year in the USA so I was already 18, and I was working the weekends in a hotel in a Leeds superb to earn some pocket money. I started work at 6pm so I took my studies with me as it was always very quiet and I was bored. One night, this guy was bothering me and kept interrupting my writing and wanting to know what I was

doing – when I threw the paperwork for an A level in Economics in front of him and he surprisingly backed off. Really quite satisfying!

So, lets move on to the Ritz!

The London Ritz was opened in 1906 after Caesar Ritz left The Savoy (after stealing quite a quantity of money – or wine) and fled to open the Paris Ritz without being prosecuted. What a lucky man!

I love this question about Afternoon Tea at The Ritz. There are 18 different types of tea to choose from plus the Champagne. Could you remember which tea you really wanted? OR would the Champagne spring more readily to mind? Or if it was my mind, would the Champagne get in the way? I state my case!

Back to being intellectual. Can you remember which former British Prime Minister died at The Ritz? Amazingly this was Margaret Thatcher. Reading through what happened with her, she was staying there after her “brain condition” became obvious and she simply just peacefully passed away.

Going forwards to what is happening nowadays about famous royal couples, this is about a twosome who were seen emerging from The Ritz which finally put them together. I did say this was a trick question as there are two answers – you could have said either Edward VIII and Wallis Simson or Prince of Wales and Camilla. They both visited and were photo'd whilst exited from The Ritz as a pair when single (or separated). Not terribly subtle were they?

And the final one? Which table number did Edward Heath always reserve when he booked a table in the restaurant? I still have no idea why he chose this number but Edward Heath always chose 29. Can you tell me why this was his favourite number? One of those mysteries....

Now, we are staying with the RYA this week so please do NOT read their magazine as they are giving me a Sailing cheat-out with their quiz questions. I do need this!!!! I have only chosen the same number of questions so please don't cheat on me - and Good luck 8-)

1. What is meant by the expression “winding the boat”?
2. What are the three different types of pyrotechnics (flares) used for distress signalling?
3. What is meant by the term “trim” in the context of stability and buoyancy relating to a vessel?
4. In terms of offshore boating, which is more appropriate – a buoyancy aid or a lifejacket, and why?
5. Why is it good practice to position the vessel to windward of the casualty for man-overboard recovery? As a clue, I think RC Sailing Kevin knows the answer to this one!

Oh, and by the way, I have had my first vaccination! Where's my next?!Huh??? Have you had one?

Do please take care everybody,

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