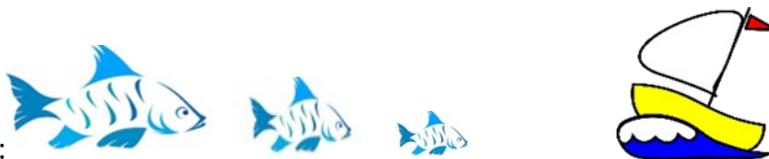


Hi everybody,

I think I started last week's blog with "What a weekend!", and that applied to this last weekend. Did you enjoy what we did on the beach on 5th November? Well, if you didn't, then I'm sorry as I did- from inside my house with a newly rescued dog who I found out didn't like fireworks! Just so you know, we had posted all of our neighbours on the beach in advance to tell them what was going on to ensure that their children and pets could be protected from any noise caused by fireworks that were brought along by our members for us to enjoy, alongside the bonfire and the food.

I do hope you that really enjoyed all of them.

A big thanks to those who spent their money to entertain us. We really appreciate your gestures and what a great evening it made for the Club.



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, obviously nothing to report on sailing as the season now over but we did see Stuart and Alan out for a free-sale in their Cat today (Monday). What a lovely day to enjoy the weather boys!

Just a big thank you from RC Kevin to everyone that helped on the Friday night bonfire and who were there on Saturday morning to help de-rig all the club boats. We can't do it without your help – and it keeps the neighbours happy when the wind blows up a storm!

Just a reminder from RC Kevin to all on the Sailing and Fishing about the Presentation Night on Saturday 20th November at 7pm. Don't forget!

From George, he reports that ten anglers fished at Sunday's Match. Despite this being the best numbers for a beach match for a long time, unfortunately the fish were not so keen with those anglers attending catching only small Bass, small Plaice and a small Whiting - with five anglers not

catching a fish 🐟

The results were: 1st place Stuart, 2nd for George and 3rd for Paul C.

So, don't forget that the next beach match is Sunday 21st November with a 9am start to 1.30pm.

Let's hope that it that is a better match of Fish v Anglers. Come on boys – we still have the BBQ out to enjoy your catchings!!

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AGM

Blimey – has anyone told you that the preparation for the AGM is hard work ... almost as much hard work as the Blog! Does anyone want to be Hon Sec? Do let me know as I'm quite happy to stand down if you talk to me nicely. In the meantime, I wanted you to know how many hours it has taken me today to install extra columns for you to tick the box to agree for, or against the many proposals, or to keep updating the number of the attachments as I have been inundated with much more information to give you more knowledge to make your final decisions. Please do take the time to become involved in the way the Club is heading by attending the AGM meeting or filling in the proxy form if you cannot make it. Actually..... I was just hoping you would buy me a drink at the end of the meeting. 8-)

Corona Virus/Covid-19

You will read further on that we have a few places left for the annual Dinner Dance due to a couple of our members that were booked are now experiencing the Corona virus. We all know that this is one of those problems that could be shared amongst families without them knowing – perhaps over half term, and then the symptoms appear after our members have been chatting to others in the Club over a beer. While we hoped we didn't have to repeat this but, please do carry on taking full precautions to stop this happening:

- Wash your hands frequently or use the hand sanitiser provider
- Avoid touching high-touch surfaces in the Club, door handles, Bar surface etc or use fingers and wash your hands if you must touch
- Avoid touching your face, nose eyes etc
- Avoid close contact and remember that some people do not display symptoms of covid-19
- If you want to wear a mask then do feel free to do so

We want to keep you safe and be reassured that all surfaces are thoroughly cleaned when the Bar is shut. We need you to do your part to keep yourself and other members healthy.

Green Awareness Campaign

The 4th poster from the RYA for your attention:

THE GREEN BLUE
SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT SECOND NATURE

WILDLIFE BEST PRACTICE

In order to safeguard and continue enjoying the wildlife we share our coastal waters with, it is important that we all adopt best practice to minimise any disturbance our boating activities may cause.

IF APPROACHED
If approached by wildlife maintain a steady course or remain stationary. Let wildlife decide when to leave

PROTECTED?
Contact the local Wildlife Trust & find out if the area you are visiting has protected habitats & wildlife

TIMING
View for up to 15 mins then move away slowly

DISTANCE
Keep a distance of 100m / 300ft or more when viewing

SLOW DOWN
Less than 5 knots or no-wake speed

BE PREDICTABLE
Avoid erratic movements & maintain a steady course

KEEP QUIET
Avoid revving engines & speak quietly to see more

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

Aquatic invasive plant and animal species can cause damage to your PWC and equipment, disrupt your boating activities and harm our local environment. To ensure we do not introduce or spread them round our UK waters follow these steps every time you recover your PWC:

CHECK
for any visible biofouling on your craft, remove & dispose of in the bin

CLEAN
your craft, equipment, clothing and trailer as well as flushing the engine with fresh water to remove hidden biofouling

AIR DRY
your craft, equipment, clothing & trailer for as long as possible. Species can survive several weeks in damp conditions

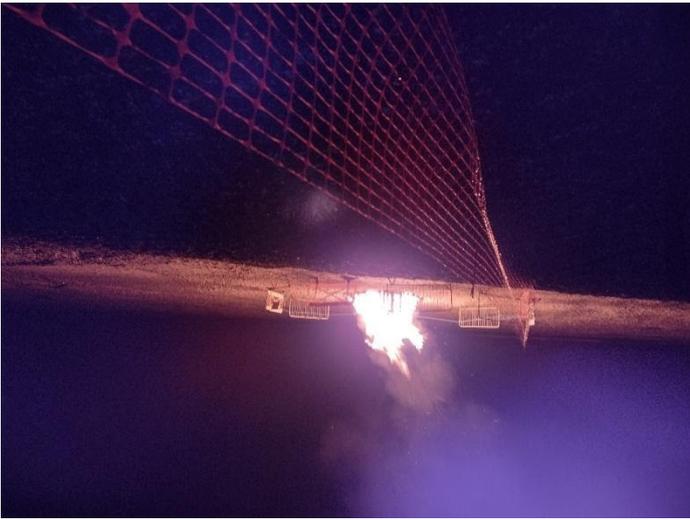
THEGREENBLUE.CO.UK **RYA** **BRITISH MARINE** **PWP**
A joint environment initiative Partnership

Social Events

So, did you manage to work out who it was that had the two faces in the Halloween photo last week? I thought he looked so much better like that. Just joking – but it was a memorable picture of our own Olive! Speaking of memorable pictures, have a look at these from the 5th November

Bonfire Night and BBQ. What an amazing evening....





A big thank you to Sue and Carole who prepared the food and to Pete and Rocky for the cooking - as well as to all who brought their fireworks and wood supplies to the Club for us all to enjoy a great evening.

Annual Dinner Dance – if you are still interested at joining us at the dinner dance at the Beachcroft Hotel at Felpham on Saturday 13th November then I'm pleased to say that there is still time for you to let Rocky our Vice Commodore, or myself know by 5pm on this Thursday. We have had a few last-minute cancellations due to that dreaded Corona Virus that you may have heard is now again affecting our locality and our member's families, stopping them mixing in social circles to prevent it spreading any wider.

It's not a great situation now so close to Christmas, but we thank them for taking such a wise move and we send out lots of love and affection whilst we will be drinking their share of the wine and beer whilst winning their prizes from the raffle! Hic! Oh yes.....don't forget about the wonderful prizes that we have in store for a great night! I'm really looking forward to this, despite the fact that none of my fabulous dresses come anywhere near my body! Whose idea was it for us to wear stunning evening and cocktail dresses or gowns? I'll be lucky if my pyjamas cover the boogie bits that want to move and groove after consuming lots of that aforementioned delightful food. Groan. I think several bits hurt already in anticipation!

Other Social Events

Saturday 20th November Duncan McKenzie

Prize Giving Supper at 7pm

Friday 26th November Zena's Avon Stall from 5 – 8pm

Sunday 28th November AGM

Saturday 4th December The Smilies Pre-Christmas Special

See you all very soon,

Jill

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