

Hi Everybody,

Let's start this week's blog on a bright note before the temperature drops and we start thinking about Christmas. No, no, don't hassle me for saying that magic word as it's not my fault that all the stores are covered with seasonal decorations!

So, firstly let's begin with the important news about our Photography Competition Winner which was published in the current edition of the Bognor Regis Observer which came out on Thursday (October 15 edition). It's still on sale for another couple of days so hopefully that's enough time for you to pick up some copies!



George Sedgwick with his winning canvas print, Pagham Yacht Club commodore Paul Palmer, George's dad Matt Sedgwick, and vice commodore Rocky Robinson

"During Sea Week at the end of August, Pagham Yacht Club's child protection officer, Tracy Robinson, challenged Pagham youngsters aged from five to 16 were to take a beach-themed photo, taken locally, for a chance to win a £20 voucher.

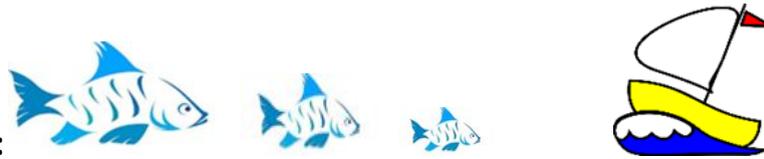
13-year-old George Sedgwick's photo of crashing waves on the beach was named as the winning picture and, as an added winning bonus, has been transformed into a canvas print which will be displayed at Pagham Yacht Club."

On another less newsworthy note, for the first time in the history of the Club we are having to postpone the AGM due to the Covid-19 Government guidelines on holding meetings. Hopefully you will have received the email informing you of this but, if you didn't, the Management Committee decided to postpone the meetings until January when we will be looking at the guidelines again. All members will be carrying on in their current roles until then.

Despite the AGM being postponed, the Election of Officers notice has been posted in accordance with the Rules and will be taken down on Sunday 1st November and it will be voted on at the next AGM. Therefore, please do continue to post your nominations with proposals and seconders as required.

On a sadder note, you will recall that Viv Haverly, wife of one of our Trustees Derek, sadly passed away early this month. Obviously, although with all of the Covid-19 restrictions it will be difficult for those of you

who would normally wish to attend to do so, Derek wanted you to know that Viv's funeral is being held at Chichester Crematorium at 12.30pm on Monday 2nd November. He also wanted me to tell you of his immense thanks to everyone who sent him cards, flowers or contacted him offering their support at this difficult time as it meant such a lot to him. What he intends to do in the future when the restrictions ease and the weather is warmer, is to hold a celebration of Viv's life at the Club so he can get everybody together and share with members and friends from the early days some of the Club's good times. I will let you know when this will be.



Sailing and Angling Report:

Apologies that I didn't post the Sailing results from last Sunday 11th October, especially as in Race 1 we had a female winner! Did that sound prejudiced? Now that I didn't get the results, Windows 10 and my spam folder will be having a heart to heart before the blog goes out every week.

Race Officer Mick Trenchard, assisted by Sally Smith set a triangle & sausage course for the first race of the morning and a figure of 8 course for race 2.

Patrol boat helm Paul Palmer and crew Colin Cotton laid the marks and kept a watchful eye over the sailors.

Race 1

1 st Louise Greene	Laser 4.7	2 nd Zak Smith	Laser Radial
3 rd Steve Greene	Laser	4 th Ben Cotton	Laser 4.7
5 th Nick & Kevin	Wayfarer	6 th Andy & Carol	Dart 18
7 th Kevin & John	Dart 18		

Race 2

1 st Steve Greene	Laser	2 nd Louise Greene	Laser 4.7
3 rd Andy & Carol	Dart 18	4 th Nick & Kevin	Wayfarer
5 th Ben Cotton	Laser 4.7	6 th Kevin & John	Dart 18

DNF Zak Smith (I know it's sad but I had to ask – it means Did Not Finish!)

I'm sorry to report that there was no sailing this weekend due to lack of wind.

Next weekend will be the last sailing for this year so hopefully, weather permitting, it would be great to see as many boats out there sailing as possible. I've just looked at the weather forecast and it's going to be "gusty" both days with the chance of rain on Sunday. Well, you know you are going to get wet anyway so, come on – let's make the most of this final weekend and have some fun! In the meantime, the below photos are from last week that didn't make it onto the blog, just to keep up your expectations.



Still moving ahead to next week, we have some really exciting news for Pagham Yacht Club. One of our Youth members, Emma Hutchings, will be sailing a 29ft boat at Weymouth for the Youth Nationals from 24 – 27 October, representing PYC! Due to the Covid-19 problems it will be only Youths from the south of England competing in it. From all of us, we wish you a very successful and enjoyable weekend Emma!

On the Angling front, Sunday has been a busy and rewarding time with 8 or 9 fishing boats out. I haven't heard how the other boats have done with their catches but underneath all of the wet weather gear is Evie holding her prize of a Spotted Ray.



For those of you who own boats in our Car and Boat Park, who have kept hearing us warning you about locking the gates and not leaving the code on the padlock to keep it secure, and then seeing that we still had a one area where the fencing was still looking slightly old and dodgy and wondering why we hadn't done anything about that problem.... the good news is that we have now firmly established that we can

replace this weak boundary to ensure that we can make the compound even stronger and safer. I will keep you informed about the works that will take place and when.

As this will be happening soon, please note that the work party arranged for next weekend to put inner fencing to partition the Boat Park off from the Car Park is cancelled, until we have consulted all boat owners and clarified other details that may affect what we can do.

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Social Membership

Again, I can only reiterate that we do need more help behind the Bar. I will be putting the Bar rota out again but, be aware that didn't receive one reply last week!

Andrea cannot do all of the Bar duties alone as running the Bar involves so much more from her in both time and effort. We are all volunteers and if we want to keep the Bar open during this difficult time then we need to offer up an hour or two. The Club is running Covid-19 protection as advised and is as safe an environment as we can provide if you are concerned about that. Do let me know when you can help.

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