

Hi Everybody,

What an exciting weekend! We started with the RNLI Pennant Race in memory of Mike Cole with a really good turnout by a good selection of our sailors from young to experienced, followed by the enjoyable entertainment provided by Malc de Reding and Elvis.

And the weather! I have to admit that I wasn't the only one worried that we might have to call the sailing off but although Neptune, that God of the Sea decided to have a little entertainment with us by capsizing one or two boats, it did prove to be an enjoyable and successful morning. (And great practice for the RIB crews!)

Speaking of the weather, we have our Autumn Equinox tomorrow and after that it is all downhill. We do need to get both of the Marquees down and stored to ensure that we can use them again next year. So, if you are able to come along and help this Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to help take them down then the Commodore will be providing you a Wine or Beer to keep you going – and will be very grateful as he cannot do it on his own. Please, do come along as the new Marquee is very large and will need lots of help to get it down and neatly stored. The same applies for the older Marquee which may need a little more kindness.

Sailing and Angling Report:

Race Officer Mick Trenchard, assisted by Sally Smith set two courses for the RNLI Pennant. Due to the challenging conditions two ribs, crewed by Marc and Sandra with Kevin and Paula on the second were launched.

Race 1

1 st Zak Smith	Laser 4.7	2 nd Andy & Carol	Dart 18
3 rd Nick & Kevin	Wayfarer	4 th Jack Goodland	Laser Std
5 th Chris Smith	Laser Std	6 th Ben Cotton	Laser Radial
7 th Steve Greene	Laser Std	8 th Cerys Dickinson	Laser 4.7

Race 2

1 st Zak Smith	2 nd Steve Greene
3 rd Nick & Kevin	4 th Ben Cotton
5 th Jack Goodland	6 th Chris Smith

RNLI Pennant

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3 rd Steve Greene	4 th Jack Goodland
5 th Ben Cotton	6 th Andy & Carol
7 th Chris Smith	8 th Cerys Dickinson

The other good news is that the raffle raised £231 which will be split between the RNLI and Bart's Bash. The better news is that our own Steve Essery arranged a non-Club Fishing Competition where each boat paid £10 per boat and raised a stupendous £160 (plus the fish) which will go to the RNLI – well, apart from the fish which I suspect has been eaten by now. The Bart's Bash entry fee raised them another £75 so our sailing community has done very well. Our thanks to everyone who donated prizes, including two of our new members who have taken over The Bear in the village and donated a £25 voucher to be used towards either food or drink in there.

Thank you to everybody who took part in all of these events and in buying the raffle tickets to make it all work.

You are all quite literally life savers.

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Social Membership

What can I say? Elvis has left the building again and sadly, it will probably be for the last time this year. The same goes for Malc de Reding who has provided us with some really good entertainment over the past 12 months. Let's hope that we can get them back to join us again in the New Year. Fingers crossed.

It was a fine way to celebrate two ladies' birthdays with them as well. One of them was our own Pat and the other lady was Diane's mother who was enjoying her 80th with all the trimmings. For those of you who enjoyed it, what a fabulous cake – a work of art! Sorry to say that I don't like fruit cake but I enjoyed the sculpture. Yes, I know!

Let's hope that somebody, somewhere can find a way to provide protection from this Covid-19 to allow us to move on by next year. In the meantime, I have to emphasize that when you come into PYC premises that you **MUST** all have to abide by the procedures and sign in for Track and Trace with phone numbers, keep to the rule of 6 for tables and no mixing. This does include when you only come in to use the toilet facilities when sailing etc. It's not too much to ask.....especially as the fine is £10,000 and **someone has already complained to Arun District Council Environmental Health alleging that social distancing is not in place in accordance with Government guidance.** This complaint was before Sunday's event and the letter from Arun is dated last Thursday and is non-specific. We must move on whilst accepting and recognising the changes that have happened as I'm sure that there will be many more – I meant changes, not complaints!

In the meantime, we are still keeping a provisional booking for the annual Dinner on the 14th November and, following a lovely meal at The Bear last week in great surroundings, have chosen this as the venue. We are looking at a recommended comedian as our enjoyment for the evening rather than the vetoed dancing. That is if he is agreeable to be available. I don't know, what happened to our entertainment leaping forward ready to please us – just isn't going to be easy anymore. Oh dear.....! If you are interested, the list is up on the noticeboard in the Bar so do put your name down as the numbers are restricted and will be members only. I will keep you updated on what is happening about the meal, entertainment and collection of payment etc.

The other major event that we have coming up is the EGM and the AGM. Again, this will start with the EGM at 10am on Sunday 29th November morning, followed by the AGM. I will see if we can hold it in the Village Hall to allow enough space for social distancing to allow as many members to attend as possible. Please do put the date in your diaries now and we will just need to carry on to keep an eye on what we are allowed to do at the end of November.

Still looking forward to seeing you soon,

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