

Hi Everybody,

Do you remember that last week I had to report there was no sailing due to lack of wind and that hopefully, next weekend, it would be great to see as many boats out there sailing as possible as it would be the last sailing for this year? I know, I should have just kept quiet and not mentioned anything about the weather! Sorry about that, it's as if my mention of gusty winds has brought on the strong winds and bad luck for the sailing. Did you know that some people believe that not wearing earrings on a boat brings on bad luck? Didn't say if that was a man or woman but still ...

I was going to say that perhaps we can still get out there and complete some of the races left on the calendar, but I've just looked and we have a Friday 13th coming in November so, perhaps I should keep well and truly quiet about that and leave it up to those who know better than I do for the first time in my life!

So, no pictures this week of sailing, just the fabulous moody view on Sunday early afternoon from outside the Club which shows why there was no sailing!



Did you notice that we have taken the Marquee sides down due to the weather forecast? Well done to Steve our RC Buildings as you know we are really exposed to the winds on the shore and it really wasn't worth the risk of any damage to the structure of the new marquee. The good news is, when the "breeze" has subsided, the walls can be reinstated later this week and we have been lent a heater to enable more use of the space.

In the meantime, all of our members using the Bar are being really careful about booking in for Track and Trace, wearing their mask when moving to and from their tables and waiting at their tables to be served. Many thanks for doing this as it takes such a lot of pressure off to keep reminding people to do so.

We still have lots of jobs that need completing around the Club and we are awaiting the new shutters for the Bar area and the Galley which will make such a difference to the appearance and will help finalise the changes to those structures. Steve has now asked if members would now clear out any wetsuits, life jackets etc that may have been left in the changing rooms, along with any coats hanging up by the doorway into the Bar. I suspect that he is planning some more work in these areas so if you can make sure that the spaces are empty of your belongings then it will

be much appreciated.

A final prompt that the Election of Officers notice will be taken down next Sunday morning and to encourage you to come forward for some of the gaps that need filling: for the fishermen the RC Angling is still a vacancy and for those of you who are keen DIY's the RC Building will be a vacancy.

The one vacancy that is always hardest to fill as it does take a special kind of a person is the Bar Manager. Do you think that this is something that you would like to do? There is lots of help available and Andrea will talk you through what is involved if you want to give it some thought. In the past this has been a role undertaken by just one person but if you are interested in taking it on with another member of the Club so you can share the tasks, or the different responsibilities with someone who you get along with and is like-minded, then do come forward to discuss how this may work. Teamwork is always a good way forward!



### **Sailing and Angling Report**

Despite all the sorry news that I have just been sharing about the recent weather that has been affecting plans, RC Sailing Kevin is far more positive and wants to get you all out on the water next Sunday at 11am prompt, subject to weather, for the last weekend sailing of the season. That's what we need – a confident, constructive and go out and enjoy it while we can RC Sailing! I am looking forward to this.

Just a reminder from RC Angling Peter that this coming Sunday is a beach match with Fishing from 0930-1330. High water is at 1137 running to 5.4m. The Angler catching the most species will win. I do love simple rules!

Please do try to make it and hopefully the weather will be good. (Can I have some photos for the blog next week please?)

Peter will be selling Christmas raffle tickets for the Angling Trust, £2.00 each or a book of five for £10.00.

Please do support this worthy cause who work by getting more people on the bank through their Get Fishing team, to campaigning to protect fish stocks and the environment to support angling and anglers everywhere. Can't get any better than that.



Some sad news, this time about our Youth member Emma Hutchings, who was supposed to be sailing a 29er (sorry I said 29ft last week as I have no idea about these things!) boat at Weymouth for the Youth Nationals from 24 – 27 October representing PYC. Really sadly, the whole event which involved 200+ boats from the whole of the south coast had to be cancelled because of Covid-19, plus the weather forecast that wasn't looking good.

As her dad Jonathan said, "She's gutted". Not just her, as I feel for all of those Youth members around the South coast that were hoping to cope with what the weather had to throw in their direction. What a remarkable event to be abandoned at that very last moment. We all know that this is what we have to deal with at this moment in time, so breathe deeply, let's move on and hope that things will improve.

Emma's family will keep us posted throughout the winter as, if you didn't know, (I didn't!!!),

this is the Youth sailing season in the hope there'll be other national ranking events coming up. We will make sure to keep you in touch with what is going on there. Oh, to be young and not mind the freezing cold!

On another subject, although I know it's getting a bit late to point this out but for the Boat Park users, could we ask that you are more careful with how you use our water supply and please don't leave the hose pipe running when you are washing your boats or cleaning fish etc. The Club has just received a truly enormous bill from the water company and, as we are now on a water meter, we really cannot afford for this to continue. The bill was unbelievable! Enough said.

### **Social Membership**

Six Nations Rugby: Finally, this weekend we can watch Round 5 of some of the remaining matches of the Six Nations which was due to have ended on 14 March, but has been delayed due to Covid-19. True to form, our keen sporting members will be gathering together in the Bar on Saturday afternoon to watch two of the games, Wales v Scotland followed by Italy v England. Don't tell our Bar Manager this (and Commodore!), but the odds of the outright tournament winners are: England – 1/5 and Scotland – 1/100. I think we need to ban any betting on the final winner to prevent an outbreak of mickey taking between the two of them!

Golf Section Report: A "Bubble" of six members managed to escape to Weymouth for their four-day annual golf break to play at Bridport Golf course, a links course situated on the cliffs. Despite the weather which changed from glorious sunshine to heavy rain, the boys managed to play the required two rounds for the prizes before settling into the less competitive golf on the final day.

The overall winner was Mark Fisher, Least Putts was Paul Palmer and the Wooden Spoon was awarded to Clive Wilkes. I'm told that a good time was had by all - particularly in the Bar at the end of the day!



And the final word from me..... that we still do need more help behind the Bar please!

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