

## Hi Everybody,

After a month when we have had an Indian Summer, threats of 50-60mph gales and rainfall, and cancellation of last weekend's sailing, I was prepared to start this blog with the words from Carole King's song, "it might as well rain until September"! Yes, yes, I do know it's almost October, but I should have known better about the British weather, as once the frost cleared, today has been a lovely sunny day with bright blue skies. That was the good news. The bad news is I have just looked up the forecast and it is looking very Autumnal from now on. Do you remember Forever Autumn by the Moody Blues? Showing my age again. Never mind, we have experienced so many changes since March that I can't help looking around and feeling that not only have we survived all of the problems thrown our way, and the way the world is turning, but that we now have a lovely Club to enjoy, and we should just carry on moving on.

This weekend, despite all of the regulations, I am pleased to say that we have still seen the bar being used by our members. A huge thank you to those who took on the role as servers complete with various masks. That was interesting! If you were unsure about coming down to have a drink then don't be worried as we are following all of the advised guidelines, including the revised closing times of 10pm. What was that Game Show?....."Come On Down!" (but do be aware that you will have to be out of the door before 10pm, so no dillydallying please.)

Oh, I didn't mention the new drink ordering system that is working splendidly – [orders@paghamyachtclub.com](mailto:orders@paghamyachtclub.com) by email on your phone, along with your name and table number, with a server bringing your drinks to you. You can pay by card or cash. Easy!

### **COVID-19 Contact Tracing**

We now have a QR Code displayed that allows members check in for contact tracing. You will need the contact tracing app on your phone, which you can install any time using the links on the NHS website: <https://covid19.nhs.uk/> When you come into the Club just point your camera at the code using the app. Some older phones won't work with the app, so we still have the written register - either way, please support this important method of reducing the spread of the virus and register when you come into the Club.

It looks a bit like this:



You may notice that there are photos taken outdoors on Sunday, with no protection from that Solent breeze. The softies were all indoors where the temperature was 10C warmer! I am pleased to let you know that Pagham Beach Holdings has now given us permission to put the new marquee up next to the slipway to allow us extra space for members to sit outside without getting frostbite when we meet the limited 30 persons in the Bar. The entrance will be closer to the steps and away from the public walkway.

Later on in this blog, RC Sailing will be asking for volunteers to tidy up the Boat/Car Park next Saturday morning from 9.30am and we were hoping that some of you would spare a bit of your time to move the Marquee framework sideways and put the cover on. Go on! You know it will make you feel better and I'm sure the Commodore will buy you a drink! Let me know if you can help as this is a much heavier and long-lasting material.

### **Sailing and Angling Report:**

Unfortunately, the gusty winds caught us out the weekend and sailing had to be cancelled. Keep your fingers crossed that we can still get in a few weekends before the end of the Sailing season. We have some amazing photos of sailing this season and it would be great to have some more! Can we have some more of the angling please?

RC Sailing Kevin would like you to join him next Saturday morning from 9.30am. (Yes, I do know that some of you are still thinking about getting up then!) to join a Working Party to organise and get the Car and Boat Park ready for the Winter. This will include getting the racking down for the Kayaks etc and if you can also help with moving the Marquee frame and putting the cover on as well, we would all be grateful. The Commodore will

be waiting at the Bar at lunchtime to thank you for your help at the end of your efforts!

Don't forget that we still have Saturdays and Sundays until the end of October before the Sailing Season comes to an end and that your help in any of the above would be most appreciated.

Speaking of the Car and Boat Park, I'm afraid that we still have a member who doesn't understand the risk to all of the Sailing and Angling property stored in there by leaving the locks like this – unless you wanted your boat stealing or damaging. Please do keep an eye out to ensure that they are safely closed, even if you are just walking past.

A reminder that the Changing Rooms are now closed due to COVID-19 restrictions and we ask that no-one tries to enter them as this is not helpful to any of our members – or our cleaner.

On a brighter note, we have a lovely letter from Lina Cole thanking us for inviting Laura and herself to the Club to watch the RNLI races being held in memory of her husband Mike last weekend. She sends us her best wishes and hopes we all keep well and stay safe. Lovely lady.

### **Social Membership**

GOLF Section Well, the active, energetic and dynamic Golf Section of our Club that stuns us with their performances managed to finally complete their Pagham Master trophy competition this week after their game was halted initially last week after thunder and lightning sent them home. Never mind boys, it does get better after you replace the batteries. (Hearing aids, motor scooters.....) Sorry, just joking! So, the competition consisted of 'nearest the pin', longest drive and overall winner. After a great day's golf and a high score by all, the winner of nearest the pin was Kevan Page with a great shot over the water with the longest drive was won by Clive Harrington. The overall winner was Bernard Sweeney with 45 points. He is now the proud owner of the winners' Green Jacket which he retains for the year.

The Bent Club trophy was awarded to Kevan Page but, the competition was so close there were only 5 points between last and 3rd position. A good day was had by all and a big thank you to Marion Page for the after-event catering. Well done Marion.

Returning to the bar; last Sunday, Andrea our Bar Manager had intended to keep the bar open from 12noon until 6pm - these are our Sunday opening hours. However members were still arriving beyond 6:30pm, meaning she felt obliged to stay open longer. For our Club to survive these difficult times it is essential to have members using the bar,

but we also need volunteers to staff it. Please allow our lovely Bar Manager some time to spend with her family by doing two things ... sign up for the occasional bar duty and try to respect the opening hours, which are on our website and Facebook pages. In the case of Wed' & Fri', the new 10pm closing time will be strictly enforced. **Please also respect members who give their time, all of it free, so that others can continue to enjoy themselves in our lovely surroundings ... so please put your name down to do bar duties!**

We are still keeping the booking for the annual Dinner on the 14th November at The Bear, although currently they are bound by the 10pm closing rule. If this is still in action closer to the date, I propose that we start the evening earlier, perhaps around 6pm. If you are still interested in an earlier time, or if you would like to take your name off the list then do let me know and we will advertise it wider.

Again, as we have no further news on whether we will still be able to hold the EGM and the AGM, please do keep the date in your diary - 10am on Sunday 29th November morning, followed by the AGM and I will confirm this or otherwise asap.

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