

Hi Everybody,

I know it's been said to you endless times over the past week but



2025 Happy New Year!



A really enjoyable evening – and morning! Sadly, due to the stormy wind we weren't able to greet 2025 with the planned fireworks as it would have just been too dangerous. That didn't stop the celebrations from exploding and carrying on well and truly past the midnight hour.

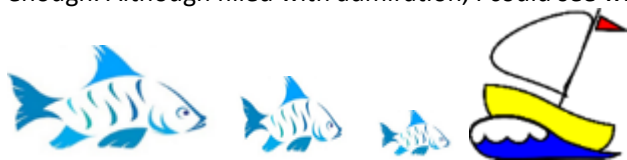
We were entertained by a great singer and guitar player, Jake Sheppard, who was able to step in after Sarah Wood our planned performer who suffered the dreaded illness of any singer – tonsillitis! Hopefully she is on the road to recovery now and we will see her again soon. I'll let you know when.

A great supply of food from Jordans, so plentiful that those of us who managed to recover from our hangover succeeded in finishing some of it off (the pate was excellent!), during the afternoon of the first opening of the Club of 2025. I have to say that judging from the amount of alcohol that was consumed, I wasn't surprised there weren't many of us still able to stand – or eat!!!!

Well done to Tina and her team for providing a great night out for all members, including guests and their children who were allowed down into the Bar for the midnight celebration hour – and the party pops!



And moving on to yesterday, Sunday. Our wonderful coastline that was inviting the surfers to risk themselves for the excitement and the pleasure of the waves. By the time I went to take the photos the surfers had decided that enough was enough. Although filled with admiration, I could see why.



Sailing Events & Angling

From our Bosun Kevin, whilst we have to wait until Sunday 6th April for the first sailing of the season, there is still lots of preparation needed before then to ensure a satisfying start. As the rib shed will be empty next Saturday 11th due to repairs, he is hoping to have a tidy up and re-organise everything to make it all more ordered and accessible. If anyone is available from 10am, he will be most grateful for you to help him sort it all out with him.

As an incentive for an enjoyable start to the season, our Commodore Paul has already planned a Cheese and Wine celebration in the afternoon on the 6th – only just over 13 weeks before we can get out there again! Put it in your diaries – above which boat and which partner you are going to take out to win!

As well as it being a busy season for us, looking ahead, we now have the F18 Catamarans visiting us from Friday 20th until Sunday 22th June, with Shearwater from Saturday 6th until Sunday 7th September. Well, it does look like we are very popular!

Angling & Fishing

From George, he is not aware of any fishing taking place on Sunday as the competition was cancelled due to the weather so, you have until Sunday 19th to get ready. More dates on our website.

Pagham Yacht Club Fishing Section 2025 Competition Dates

Date	Start	End	High Tide	Height
19/01/2025	Midday	16.40	14.43	4.93m

Bar Tokens

Hopefully you will have seen the blog from the Management Committee about the impending price changes approved by the Bar Sub-Committee. I'm pleased to let you know that the general response has been very positive, that it was overdue and expected.

Just a reminder that your blue Bar Tokens need to be used before 1st February as they will have 30p added to them after that date so please, do take advantage of the next three weeks to use your tokens.

Social Events

So, let's start with what has just happened and what you have missed out on already! Those of us who managed to survive the alcoholic drowning of our souls when 2025 hit us, managed to join Keith for Play Your Cards Right last Friday evening.

As I have said that we were few in numbers as I am aware that we did have some suffering from this dreaded bug that either affects your head, gut, or bronchial tubes – and we want do really you to stay away!!! – the select few had only two games with the Commodore Paul loosing after two cards again, before Zeena won the final sum of £18!



I understand she is thinking of a holiday in the Maldives with the money, or perhaps buying a holiday flat in the Seychelles. I'll let you know when she has decided.



So, speaking of the Commodore, now we can move on to what we can look forward to! Apart from a holiday in the Maldives that is.

I imagine that most of you will have heard that the English Rugby team are about to take on the world from 1st February and that Commodore Paul is putting himself in the Galley to produce meals to reflect the games that England is challenging. The first games that is on:

Saturday 1st February starting at **16.45** which will be showing in the Bar with a Commodore's Irish Stew at the end of the game **at 18.45**. Cost is £5 per head and a list is up on the notice board in the Bar – Cash only.

Following the meal, **Wishing Well Band will be playing from 8pm** – ignore the poster that says 8.30pm.



Should be a good afternoon and evening, so do get your name down now and plan to enjoy a really good full evening!

Future Events



Commodore's Food

I'm afraid that the Season's alcohol has got to the Commodore and now that we have the Six Nations Rugby match games and dates, he now thinks that Gordon Ramsey is a wimp and he can do better!

Get your diaries and iPads out and book the following dates in for some stunning food – oh, and hopefully some really good games.

As I have said, the list is already up for the first meal, the Commodore's Irish Stew at 18.45 at £5 per head in readiness for the Band Wishing Well on 1st February starting at just after 8pm. Should be a really good afternoon and evening!

Looking ahead to other Commodore meal dates to follow English Rugby dates:

February

8th 16.45 England v France – Curry price tba

22nd 16.45 England v Scotland – Haggis Pie price tba

March

9th 3pm England v Italy – Tapas from the Commodore

15th 16.45 Wales v England - Pork Baps price tba

Any Other Business

And, as it's the first joke of 2025 you know that it has to be a really bad one coming your way!!!

Right, did you see on the news last Thursday about the hundreds of tracks crossing each of the dinosaur footprints that they have uncovered in the quarry pit in Oxfordshire? They thought that they belonged to a gigantic, long-necked, herbivores called Sauropods, thought to be Cetiosaurus, a dinosaur that grew to nearly 18 metres in length and a Megalosaurus, a carnivore that left a distinctive triple-claw print. However, our Commodore, with knowledge of these things, thinks that some of the footprints actually belonged to a rare blind dinosaur called Doyouthinkhesaurus?

Perfect answer to why they are not around anymore!!!!

(Sorry about that!)

Well actually, now that this is the first blog of the New Year, I feel you need to suffer even more so.....

Paul, the Commodore, found a £5 note in his trouser pocket this evening that I hadn't got around to washing. Good thing!

I could have been done for Money Laundering!!!! Boom, Boom!!!!

That'll teach those of you who don't put your name down for Bar duties! Hah!

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