

Hi Everybody,



England 26 v France 25!

Not a lot else to say.....



Sailing Events & Angling

Nothing to report on the sailing front.

Angling & Fishing

From George, to the best of his knowledge there hasn't been any angling taking place in the last week. I did see two lonely fishermen on the beach outside our Club on Sunday whilst the Rugby was going on, but it was too cold to find out who they were.

Next Sunday's competition starts at 11.30am until 4.00pm, with the high tide at 13.30pm.

Bar

A bit of a quiet night on Wednesday but we were pleased to see three potentially new members, one of whom has just bought a Speed Boat from one of our members which is still in our Boat Park. He holds the equivalent of a British PB11 and had an offshore Yacht Master licence, so he would be a fantastic find! Great company, one of whom spent his youth working in Butlins - but I forgave him that when he said that now as a family man he had to start work at 4.40am. This family life does interfere with another round.

The other great find of the evening was to see our own little Paula Lawson come back to join us – and even better, she went straight behind the Bar and it seemed she had never been away! (May have to buy her some platform boots though as she wasn't highly visible....)

Speaking of which, we are trying to encourage any of our new members to take up Bar duties as sadly, we seem to be relying on the same (wonderful) few who keep turning up and smiling when we need them. Well, most of them keep smiling but I do know that an offer of a drink normally helps to loosen the mouth muscles.

If you have put on your membership form that you are willing to help behind the Bar but haven't done anything yet – why not?

Don't give me that guff about being busy or not knowing who to speak to, or worried that it might be too busy for you! On Wednesday evening we had a really relaxing couple of hours chatting whilst Phil re-introduced Paula to the wonders of wine and ale. Oh, and that most wonderous of technology – The Till!!!

You will just love the Till. As long as you have signed in as server 1, or 2 or 3 etc and know what you have just served, the till (shake with fear) will tell you the cost, what to mix it with, do you want cash or credit?and tell you the final price! Fearsome – if you want an easy evening as you can walk away afterwards and smile.

So, what I have said I will do is to go back in time – or do I mean in the future? to run the Bar rota here as well as on the WhatsApp with Phil for a couple of weeks so you can see where the gaps are and what events are on there. If you think you would like to come in and be buddied for several evenings or perhaps several Saturday afternoons (as they are quiet) to enjoy being trained and getting to know a few more people than you have met so far, then please have a look below and email me honsec@paghamyachtclub.com – or ask to be put on the Bar WhatsApp so you can see a fuller picture. We look forward to seeing you from the other side of the Bar!

I've only put on the evenings/days when we have gaps so, do have a look and see if you can help. 8-)

New Angling Trophy

From our Dudley, a really nice new trophy donated from him for our Youth fishers if they are successful in catching Conger Eels during the approaching Spring and Summer months to prove you can still be a winner when the standard fish are in hiding. Great to still see a variety of trophies to match the assortment of fish – and the wide age range, that take part in this popular activity. Watch this space!

Social Events

Well, what can I say? We won the Six Nations Rugby game!!! England 26 v France 25 and what a fantastic game with the score changing three times in the last 10 minutes of a frenetic match! Wow!

Only one way to celebrate such a win - and the Chicken Masala and a Chicken Madras Curry went down extremely well to accompany the necessary beer and the wine! We finally ended up with 32 members and some children subjecting themselves to Madras, Masala and a Veggie option that didn't identify itself to me. All of these were accompanied by what is now famously know forever as Onion Budgies with savoury potatoes, rice and nan breads. A fantastic evening so, a well done to Commodore Paul and RC Angling Paul C, plus all of the wonderful helpers.



I know I shouldn't raise it here but, why do we have so many people with the same name? Paul, Alison, Clive, Stuart, Sally, Sarah, Colin, Kevin, Sue and the rest.....? Must have either been a really bad time on the TV during those years with no other options available or perhaps, a really popular series running? No competition for the Jill name!

Valentine's Meat Raffle



I'm pleased to let you know that on Sunday 16th, before the live music from Citizens of Somewhere, there will be our first Raffle of the year!!! And it's going to be a Valentine's Raffle so I have no idea of what Carole has planned for you to win. Get your piggy banks out now and be prepared to enjoy!
As you may have noticed I have said that this is our first raffle of the year which means.....yes! The meat raffle will now be happening every Sunday after the 16th until further notice. Oh yes!!!!

Play Your Cards Right

I can't believe that I missed this last one due to a sick dog as it seems it was a brilliant night! Why does this happen when I can't make it???? Don't reply to that or I may object to your renewing your membership.



Alison was the winner after Keith had to get the game down to taking off cards with each competitor and she managed to get it down to the final four cards before winning £70. What can I say but, Well Done Alison!

Membership

It's another reminder that you now have only two weeks until 28th February 2025 to renewing your membership and, where necessary, your boat park fees. If unsure of what you owe, do have a look on our website, fill out the renewal form and pay by BACS online. So simple.

First Aid Course & Extras

Hopefully you will have seen my message last week about the First Aid course to be run at PYC on Saturday 15th March from 10am until 2pm to cover First aid techniques such as CPR, treating wounds and bleeding, head injuries, resuscitation and other incidents that are essential skills that can make a significant difference in emergency situations.

As I have said, this will be a first come, first serve situation as we are not charging for this course, so do get your name down asap as we feel it is essential to get as many members trained before the season starts. The list is up on the sailing board.

If there is a good interest in this course then we will look at running a second course .

Following the course at 2.15pm there will be Italy v Ireland Six Nations game showing in the Bar, followed by the Wales v England. To make it a really good day, the Commodore will be providing Pork baps at the final game at a cost of £3ph so come along and enjoy the bonhomie of the day!

Future Events

Sunday 16th February

Live music – Pop, Rock & Folk
from 3.15 pm with

Citizens of Somewhere

Wednesday 19th February

Citizens of Somewhere

Pop, Rock, and Folk Acoustic Duo
Pagham Yacht Club 16th February
3:15pm

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Sussex Underwater

**WEDNESDAY 19TH
FEBRUARY 2025, 7PM
PAGHAM YACHT CLUB**

Illustrated talk by Paul Boniface of Sussex Underwater.

Presentation on the recovery of sea life from Shoreham to Bognor Regis following the inshore trawling ban in April 2021.

Sussex Underwater is a group of passionate divers who enjoy filming Sussex Underwater. They are a registered charity who aim to educate the next generation of sea protectors.

MINIMUM £2.00 CASH
DONATION ON THE NIGHT.
GUESTS WELCOME!

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Friday 21st February

Happy Hour 6pm – 8pm

**FISHERMAN'S
EVENING**

PAGHAM YACHT CLUB
1964

Friday 21st February, 7.00pm

HAPPY HOUR, 6.00 - 8.00PM

9.00pm Fisherman's stories
"truth or lie" that is the question?

Win a prize with our compère Keith,
followed by Shanty music.

Fish Pie, Steamed Vegetables with
Spicy & Plain Potatoes.

RESERVATION LIST ON NOTICE BOARD FOR FOOD

Dates for your diary:

February

Sunday 16th – Valentines Meat Raffle to be called 3.15pm ish
Citizens of Somewhere from 3.15pm

Wednesday 19th - Sussex Underwater presentation by Paul Boniface for members and their guests from 7pm, for a minimum donation of £2 per head on the night.

Friday 21st – **Happy Hour from 6 – 8pm** to be followed by a Fisherman's Tale evening with Keith from 7pm.

Saturday 22nd – Work Party 10am
England v Scotland 4.45pm

March

Sunday 9th – England v Italy with Commodore's Tapas

Saturday 15th – First Aid Training Course from 10am – 2pm followed by:
2.15pm Italy v Ireland
4.45pm Wales v England **with Pork Baps**

Sunday 16th – Melissa singer from 3.15 – 6pm

Thursday 8th – VE Day. Lighting of **Beacons** and **Lamp Lights of Peace** at **9.30pm**, the raising of a unique VE Day flag at **9am?**
More details to follow once decided.

Any Other Business

I'm sparing you from my bad jokes this week but I wanted to share a piece of interesting information I read in the Sunday Times Anniversaries column yesterday; In 1539 Chester mayor Henry Gee introduces a horse race at what is now the world's oldest racecourse still in operation, hence the term "gees gees". Fancy that! I bet when we were growing up that no one ever wondered why we referred to horses as that. Giddy up, gee,gees!!!!

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Bar Rota:

Day – Remaining GAPS	Date	Day – Remaining GAPS	Date
Saturday 15 th	Open 1 – 2 2 – 3 3 – 4 Close	Sunday 23 rd Raffle to be called at 3.15pm ish	Open 1 – 2 2 – 3 Sharon 3 – 4 Sue B 4 – 5 Sue B 5 – 6 Stu Close
Saturday 22 nd Scotland v England Six Nations 4.45pm	Open 1 – 2 2 – 4 4 – 5 5 – 6 6 – 7 7 – 8 Close	Wednesday 26 th	Open 5 – 6 6 – 7 7 – 8 Phil 8 – 9 Phil 9 – 10 Paul C 10 – 11 Paul C Close Paul C