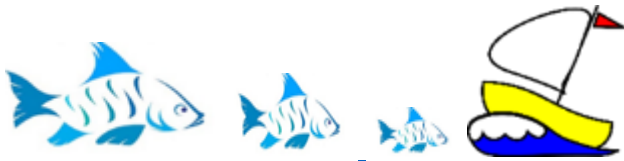


Hi Everybody,



A glorious, but freezing cold view on Sunday afternoon. Will it be better next week? Well, they are telling us that it will be slightly warmer but from what I can see we will need to get our wellies and raincoats out again! I think the phrase is “wet and windy”. Get the lawn cut now while you can. Groan.....



Sailing Events & Angling

The Club would like to say a big thankyou to Matt Swanson for donating a large number of his wetsuits and a drysuit to us. Items like this can be so useful to the Club when introducing new members or training existing members who have grown since the last season! Who keeps feeding these kids?

Angling & Fishing

From George, three Anglers fished on Sunday in very cold conditions with only four Rockling and one Whiting caught. Ever optimistic, they are hopeful that things will improve soon.

Work Party

From RC Angling Paul C, don't forget the work party on this coming Saturday 22nd starting at **8.30am to 11ish**. For those of you who didn't see this on the Social WhatsApp:-

Jobs list

Boat Yard - New water connections and back fill trench, scaffolding for tank next to container, 3 electric supplies with hook up points from existing end of yard

Fix container door, general tidy up.

Club - Carpentry and electrical works, general pathway and slipway clear.

We will also have to sign in on the register on all work parties, with egg and bacon butties as well.

Also, need blue water main pipes if anyone has any offcuts of 10m or so, and a large tank if you would like to donate it. Let RC Angling Paul C know otherwise he can pick it up

Please be aware that we need a good turn out as the work is for the benefit of all of our fishermen and sailors, kayakers, paddlers and boarders.

Bar

Have a look at the Bar Rota below and see if you are free to help out where there are some gaps that need filling– or if you are interested in spending an hour or two finding out if you can be a Bar person. I know I keep saying this but it really is fun – and a good way to get to know a wider range of our members. Watch out for the March rota as we have lots happening then when you can try an hour or so behind the Bar with someone else to help guide you.

Social Events

What a fantastic week this has been! It all started off on Friday night with Keith and his Valentine's evening with a short and effective Play Your Cards Right, ending with John Hare walking away £56 richer. Oh, a very well done to John! That's when the real gaming started with Mr & Mrs staking their futures on each other! I'm told that it was quite entertaining as I sadly missed this due to a germ infected Commodore laid out in bed. Actually, perhaps it was a good thing we weren't there as we can say we are still married after all the coughing and heaving that has put me off him. The winner was RC Paul C and Guish who walked away with a bottle of Prosecco and a smile.



Valentine's Meat Raffle

What a wonderful way to start the Raffle season off with eight prizes, all with a bottle of Prosecco and a Valentine's balloon to go along with meat from our local Butcher, Neil in the Parade. The first ticket to be drawn out of the barrel had been one of those allocated to G, as his reward for being the Bar Person of the Month – a fantastic prize to acknowledge all the hours he has spent behind the Bar. (I think this was from December?) In case you were worried about him being a veggie, I'm told he enjoyed Seabass Fillets with King Prawns & Champagne Sauce, Crispy Potato Slices and a Vegetable Medley. And a Hazelnut & Praline Zillionaire. And I still didn't win that either!!!!!! Sob.....



A big thank you to Carol for arranging all of the menus and buying the varied choices – I did see her described as the Queen of the Sunday Raffles! It does require enormous thought and work to gather together a wide variety of goods to please the majority of our members to keep them interested in taking part in our Raffle. And we've only just begun for this year! Go on Carol – have a glass or two of Prosecco and don't think about it until next Friday.



Having had the Club filled with smiles and drinks all around, (or was it the other way around?) when Citizens of Somewhere started their entertainment, it was just what was needed to complete a brilliant afternoon. We've had them with us before and they are a sensational act, brilliant singers and they give us a fantastic choice of songs. They certainly got the dance floor filled!

A very well done to Tina who, after only a couple of months in this new role to her, is proving herself to be a worthy RC Social & Fundraising officer!!!!



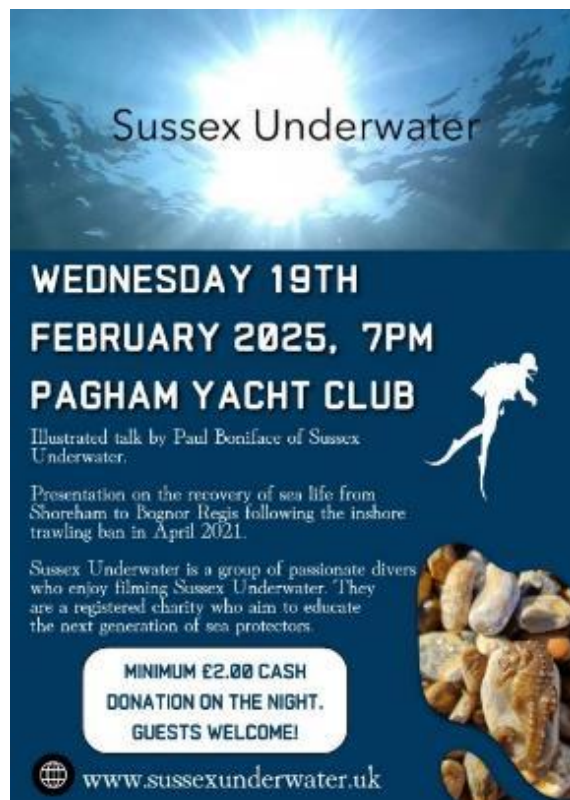
Membership

It's another reminder that we are running out of time until 28th February 2025 to renewing your membership and boat fees. Any difficulties, please do get in touch with Geoff Lewis our Membership Secretary, and let him know as he is there to help you.

First Aid Course & Extras

Let's go back to 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. So far, we only have two names on the list. I now want to emphasize to you how important it is that we have a team of qualified first aiders who we can rely on once the sailing season starts. If you are interested, or have been qualified in the past and this has expired, please can I ask you to put your name down now as we need to be sure that we have enough support in this prime area. Please don't just leave it as this is important.

Future Events



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!

 www.sussexunderwater.uk

The poster features a blue background with a sunburst effect at the top. On the right side, there is a white silhouette of a diver and a photograph of several scallops.

Friday 21st February - Happy Hour 6pm – 8pm



**FISHERMAN'S
EVENING**



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

The poster has a white background with blue and black text. It includes a cartoon fisherman in a yellow raincoat on the right side.

RC Angling Paul C tells me that he now has 40 names down for the food on the list which is up in the Bar. The choice is three selections of Fish Pie with Shellfish, Fish Pie or Veggie, all with seasonal veg and potatoes. If you didn't tick your choice then please do so before this Wednesday.

* Please be aware that instead of charging for the food he is providing, Paul C is asking for donations towards the Building Fund of the Club on the night.

As the Happy Hour is 6 till 8, it is aimed to serve food between 7 and 7.30pm but I think we need to be fairly relaxed about that as 40 is a large number. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

There will also be a Kid's Fishing Game at 8pm so do let Paul C know if your child or grandchild would like to participate by Wednesday evening so he can arrange the prizes. He will put up a list for this or just text him.

Fishermen's stories begin at 8.30pm and Paul C hopes they will be finished before midnight! (So do !!!!!!!) There will be prizes for the best stories with the compare Keith as the Judge so get your porkies as believable as possible. Or, as funny as you can!

Depending on how the evening progresses, Keith has the right to slip in Play Your Cards Right with a little Shanti music as well.

Do come along and support the Club and, if you feel we have entertained you, please do leave a donation towards the Building Fund of the Club. Don't forget that the cost of food is coming out of Paul C's money.

Dates for your diary:

February

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.
Kid's Fishing Game 8pm

Saturday 22nd – Work Party 8.30am – 11am
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

Bad joke time and this week it is to do with not enough people putting their name down on the First Aid list. You have been warned!!!!

Whilst at the Club, a young female member starts choking on her seafood meal, the fish which had been BBQ'd by RC Angling Paul C.

One of the sailors sitting on the table behind her says, "Stand Back! I'm First Aid trained!" and proceeds to use the Heimlich manoeuvre on her.

A whole small fish shoots out of her mouth and she finally gasps in a few breaths.

The First Aider picks up the fish and says, "What's a plaice like you doing in a girl like this?"

Boom, boom!!!!..... I did say that you were warned!



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Bar Rota February:

Day – Remaining GAPS	Times
Saturday 22nd Scotland v England Six Nations Rugby 4.45pm	Open 1 – 2 2 – 4 4 – 5 Kevin F 5 – 6 Kevin F 6 – 7 7 – 8 Close
Sunday 23rd	Open 1 – 2 2 – 3 Sharon 3 – 4 Sue B 4 – 5 Sue B 5 – 6 Stu Close