

Hi Everybody,



From our Brass Monkeys, a fabulous 6.30am morning picture to remind us that Spring is just around the corner – the Spring equinox is Thursday March 20th but the warmer weather looks like it has arrived sooner. To prove this, a late afternoon picture on Sunday from RC Angling Paul C showing the clear blue sky and calm sea for us to enjoy. Absolutely wonderful!



Sailing Events & Angling

I'm told by our Bosun Kevin, that he has been testing the blue rib - which had been in for some repairs, that it is now back to fully working as we want it to in readiness for the start of the Sailing season. One more thing to tick off our list!

Angling & Fishing

From George, despite seven anglers fishing on a bright Sunday, the fish decided they were not very interested in the angler's baits of mackerel, squid, lugworm and ragworms used with just one Dogfish and four Rockling caught.

The results were 1st Jim, 2nd Gary and 3rd George.

As BRAAS are holding an Open Match from our club on Sunday 16th March, our competition for that day is cancelled.

Next PYC competition: 30th March 10.00am - 15.00pm Beach Match



Bar

The Bar person of the Month for February is G! A very well done to G who works hard for us, always turning up on Friday evenings and does the final task that nobody likes of closing up. Well, kicking out the committed and locking the premises up sums up what is the hard part of the job!

G's award is either 4 Bar tokens or £10 raffle tickets. I'm told that the voting had Sylv and Paul C as runners up so I can see there will be a challenge for next month.

On another note, we are still on the Winter opening hours throughout this month but it will revert to the Summer opening hours on 1st April. We are proposing that we do try to open at 12 noon for a couple of weeks on Saturday and Sunday and record how many members do come in. The feeling is that it probably isn't worthwhile for April and May as we do have difficulty getting Bar staff in so early, and that we should carry on opening at 1pm. We will see what happens.

Social Events

Friday allowed Keith to subject us to Play Your Cards Right and again, when it was my turn, surprisingly enough I got it wrong on the second card! Please, please don't ever listen to me when I tell you who is going to win a race, or who to bet on in a competition! The Jackpot this time was £56 and despite losers such as me, it did go on for some up to the top row for two or three who thought they had won, but ... eventually, the winner this time was Mark C.

After I left Keith ran another game and despite me not being around – nobody won! We now have a roll-over of £25 for next week. Let's hope that this, with combined with the usual jackpot will make it well worth taking part. It's looking good!



Sunday saw our hugely successful Meat Raffle with eight prizes this week, which were won by eight separate happy individuals! A real mixture of goodies ranging from a whole Chicken with all of the veg to make a Sunday lunch along with Chinese Spare Ribs with Pepper Stir Fry all the way to Rump Steaks with garlic stuffed mushrooms. All of the meat prizes had been sourced from our local butcher Neil on the Parade, only the fish items had been sourced elsewhere as we want to promote our local businesses. A great selection to please everybody.

This diversion was followed by The Ace Tones, a tribute band to the 50s/60s who have visited us before and who proved so popular we invited them back again. Great to hear songs from the past that you know the words to! And then there was the dancing. Just so you know if you didn't make it that it wasn't just the grown-ups who were enlivened to show their stuff on the dance floor – although you really can't stop them. Sorry I don't have a photo to show you but I'm told that Shakira or Beyonce were absolutely no competition for this young lady when she was dancing! They make them small and full of energy nowadays.



Six Nations Rugby

Looking forward to next Saturday, which will be fairly quiet with the Six Nations Scotland v Wales at 4.45pm, when the Bar will still be open for those Rugby enthusiasts who want a pint or two to go along with the game. On Sunday 9th however, we will have England v Italy with the game starting at 3pm.



To avoid any confusion, **the Raffle will be called at 2.45pm** as the Commodore will be preparing mouth-watering Tapas for your consumption after the game - with some help from me, as I have seen some delicious options that will be included such as the adding of swirls of smoked salmon, Chorizo, Serrano ham and spicy salami. A list is now up as the cost is £5 per head so, please do put your name down to enable enough goodies to be provided. Especially if we win again!



Meat Raffle

Another successful week with eight prizes won by eight separate members who were all very happy with their choices. This week they varied from a whole Chicken with all of the veg needed to cook a Sunday roast, with Chinese Spare Ribs and a Pepper Stir Fry, Egg Fried Rice and Korean Stir Fry Sauce, through to Rump Steaks with Sweet Potato Wedges, Garlic Mushroom Sauce and Garlic Stuffed Mini Mushrooms.....and that's only three of the prizes! I won't mention the 4 x Beer Battered Cod Fillets with Chips and Mushy Peas and.....no, I did say I wouldn't mention any more as you should have been there!

Don't forget that next Sunday we will be calling the Raffle at 2.45pm rather than 3pm so do make sure to buy your tickets early.

Membership

I'm pleased to see that payment for membership and boatyard fees have been flowing in over the weekend. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please note that you can do this online via the website under "Membership, 2025/26 Membership application form". This contains the details of how to pay your fees by BACS and how to let the Membership Secretary know what you have done.

If necessary, you can still pay at the Bar but make sure that your payment is recorded in the book and that it shows clearly how you paid, the amount and whether it is for Full, Social and Boat fees.

If you are having difficulty with paying the fees at the moment, do email Geoff Lewis our Membership Secretary who can speak to you about making alternative arrangements. membership@paghamyachtclub.com

First Aid Training Course

The First Aid Training Course on Saturday 15th March from 10am – 2pm still only has seven members on the list with the Sailing season due to start on Sunday 6th April.

I cannot emphasize how important it is to ensure that we have sufficient members who are either qualified, or sufficiently aware of what to do in a situation where first aid is needed to prevent further harm or total loss of life.

The course is free and is being provided by one of our members. Tea and coffee will be provided, and all you need to bring with you is something to keep you going through the lunch hour. The list is on the Noticeboard by the window in the Bar so please, do have a think about this and put your name down.

Future Events



On Saturday 15th March after the First Aid course, the Bar will be open as usual from 1pm. The course will be finished in sufficient time to allow members to settle downstairs in the Bar to watch the Six Nations Rugby Italy v Ireland at 2.15pm. This is being followed at 4.45pm by Wales v England for which the Commodore will be providing **Pork Baps** for the supporters after the game so, do put that in your diaries!

Dates for your diary:

March

- Saturday 8th - Scotland v Wales 4.45pm
- 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 Performing music from Blondie, Kate Bush, Fleetwood Mac, Tina Turner...
- Sunday 23rd - Luke Elder Live Music 3.15pm
- Sunday 30th – High Tide Live Music (Mother’s Day)

May

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

As we are rapidly approaching the start of the Sailing season, I thought I’d submit you to a little bit of philosophy:

Any damn fool can navigate the world sober. It takes a really good sailor to do it drunk.

Sir Francis Chichester

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Bar Rota March: Do let me – or Phil, know if you can fill any of the following. Jill x

Day – Remaining GAPS	Times	
Saturday 8th	Open 1 – 2 Denise 2 – 4 Denise 3 – 4 4 – 5 5 – 6 6 – 7 Close	
Saturday 15th 4.45pm Wales v England 8pm Melissa - Singer	Open 1 -2 2 – 3 3 – 4 4 – 5 5 – 6 6 – 7	7 – 8 8 – 9 9 – 10 10 - 11 Close

