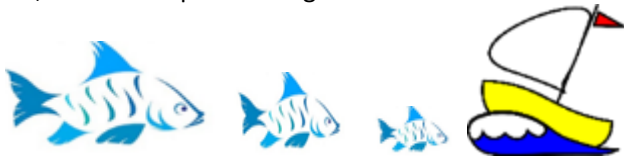


Hi Everybody,



The calm on Sunday morning at 5am before the sea decided to get somewhat choppy and stop any idea of fishing. Oh well, it didn't stop the sailing later on!



Sailing Events

I'm really sorry that I wasn't able to get any photos of the sailing on Sunday due to my running around for other matters - and sadly no one has come forward with any for me to show you. Can I just ask that if you are watching the sailing - and I just know that you must have a better phone to take pictures than I do!!!! - that you take one or two photos of the interesting bits so we can all have a look at what they get up to out there. It's the bits where we can see DNF and we want to know why? What happened? Did someone fall over? Or was the sea so determined that this boat really wasn't going to finish the course, no matter what they tried to do?

SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2025

SAILING RESULTS

Commodores Cup

Race Officer:
Stuart Ashwood


Safety Boat:
John Blagbrough & Ric Forsdike

Race 3

- 1st - Joe Atherton (Uno Plus)
- 2nd - Simon Orde (Laser Radial)
- 3rd - Jim Forsdike (Laser ST0)
- 4th - Jacob Elsworth (Laser Radial)
- 5th - Andy & Carol Groat (Dart 18)
- DNF:** Kevin & Alice Robbins (Dart 18)

Race 4

- 1st - Joe Atherton
- 2nd - Jim Forsdike
- 3rd - Simon Orde
- 4th - Jacob Elsworth
- 5th - Andy & Carol Groat



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Sailing Calendar

May

24th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

25th SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 7 & 8 11.00

31st SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

June

1st SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP RACES 5 & 6 11.00

Angling & Fishing

From RC Angling Paul C, he is posting 5 changes to the Fishing Match Rules on the WhatsApp this evening which he wants the Anglers to vote on within the next 48 hours. They are:-

Point 1. From now on all fish caught to be photographed on the boat and measured.

Point 2. All fish caught during matches will count to either beach or boat competitions IF the boat competition is off due to poor weather AND the match can be fished from the beach as long as minimum 3 number anglers agree.

Point 3. Fishing during non-matches – specimens count only as the biggest caught that year with no points awarded.

Point 4. Dogfish can be photographed on the line with only 10 maximum counting.

Point 5. Mackerel, as this is a fish that lots like to catch, 1 point per fish, maximum of 10 points, photos in bucket or on line. Running totals agreed after matches when photos to be shown. This also brings a chance for more fishermen to be involved, along with healthy competition.

From Paul C, he tells me that he knows he cannot please everyone with the above but he thinks that it seems fair and is in line with what other Fishing Clubs follow so please, do place your votes.

Moving on to the next Fishing match where these rules may apply, the Bass – or Beam Match if no decent sized Bass is caught, is next Sunday 25th starting at 07.30am until 15.30pm for the Don's Cup. If not fished from boats this weekend, then the trophy will move to the next Bass match.

On an important issue – the gate to the Car/Boat Park has been left wide open on two occasions, once overnight. Can we just emphasize that this is really unsafe to anything you may have in your boats – let alone the boats themselves. This is without my mentioning the risk of travellers setting up camp and locking the gate with themselves in situ.

Please do not be so naïve to think you can leave the gates open whilst nipping back home or to the shops for some sandwiches as it only takes 5 minutes to move 2 or 3 caravans in whilst waiting for the rest to turn up.

Paddlers/WaterSports





A really good turn out on Wednesday teatime for the second Paddlers gathering, with a good number of various ages taking out paddleboards, kayaks and a couple of the Club's Pico boats. Great to see everybody meeting the challenge of what is a still chilly sea.

PYC Pizza

Despite the Paddlers returning to shore last time without the knowledge that there was a pizza waiting for them, this week they will hopefully have put their orders in on time to Sam to ensure that they can enjoy a reward for their time on the water.

As I'm writing the blog, I can hear the ping on my phone of a member who has forgotten to place their orders by Sunday lunchtime at 12noon and are hoping to still get around this. Sorry – this just cannot happen as Sam has to place her order for the bases etc and does let everybody know in good time. Let's respect her system or we will lose her!

Social Events

As promised, I'm pleased to let you know that PYC raised over £600 with their various stalls of Ration food, Tea & Cakes, Gin Punch and the Orange & Ginger Cake sales amongst others for our celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. A very well done to everybody involved and to anybody who spent their money!

Speaking of spending their money, you may have seen that some of our ladies decided to escape the shores of Pagham and see what life in Benidorm has to offer them. Fortunately, they were allowed back in again. That was a surprise to some of us as they seemed to be having a better time over there! Now unfortunately, we are going to have to increase the amount of certain alcoholic drinks we buy for our Bar as some of the non-drinkers discovered something special – alcohol consumption tastes better than diet coke! Ah well.....

If you have been into the Club in the past week you will have seen the tasteful re-decoration of the hall, ladies' and men's toilets and changing rooms. A huge thankyou to Olive, along with his crew for deciding that they didn't like the flaking paintwork and dull colours. Olive took it on himself to choose and pay for the paint and arrange for his crew, along with himself, to carry out the work needed. Fantastic effort – and great colours!

Another big thankyou to Andy Grout for his part in this by emptying the changing rooms and shower room of surplus unwanted items and clothes, and installing new lockers in readiness for the decorations. Brilliant Team Work!

A very different mention this time for social events is for one of our sailing members, Louise Greene, who is taking part in Around the World in 80 Days at Sidlesham Village Hall, 12 – 24th June. I'm told that rehearsals are going well and that this

is going to be a lovely show for all the family. Let's support Louise if you can as it's the first time she has done anything like this!

Friday Night



Keith was at it again with his Play Your Cards Right! This time we had Father Peter narrowly missing out on winning, with him going to donate the money to the RNLI. Instead, Big John won the £64 and donated it to buying the crowd a drink instead! Well done to John. Hic!

That was the good news but, as always happened when the Karaoke starts, there has to be some pain. This time it was the Commodore Paul singing – yes, you guessed it, Spanish Eyes.....again! Groan. And it just doesn't get any better however many times he does it....

Sunday Meat Raffle

A great Sunday raffle just before Duncan McKenzie with guests from another RYA affiliated Club visiting who won twice! Bless them – they put the second prize back to be drawn again and their first prize they gave to Duncan before they left as they enjoyed his music so much! What a fabulous group of people. I'm sorry that I didn't remember to look in the book to see where they are from. That is what being an RYA Affiliated Club means – joining in wherever you are in the country and enjoying the company and what's going on.

Duncan McKenzie Singer



It was a real pleasure to welcome Duncan McKenzie into our midst on Sunday afternoon and to listen to some fantastic songs – both that he has written and popular songs, and stunning guitar work from him. And that voice! I've been trying to work out since yesterday whose voice his reminds me of and it's just hit me – Chris Rea! Fantastic to listen to him singing some songs that I couldn't work out who the original singer was because of his unique rendering which made it such a fabulous afternoon for us all to enjoy in the sunshine. A very talented musician and I'm hoping we get him back again.

Real Ale Weekend



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Festival

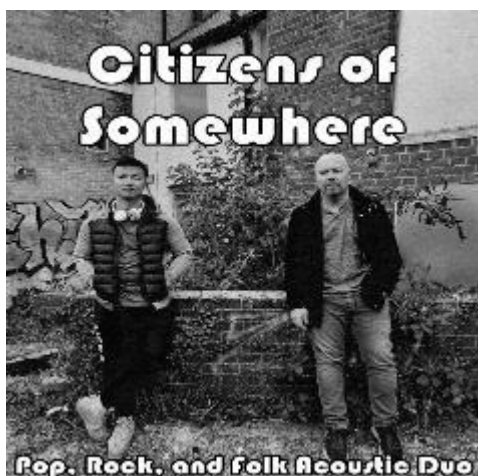
Friday 23rd May
Saturday 24th May
Sunday 25th May
Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May

Seven Real Ales
for you to try so, do come on in and
try Sea Fury, Old Speckled Hen, 6X
Amber Ale.....and the rest!!!

And the full range of Ales available over the weekend from Friday 23rd until the Bank Holiday on Monday 26th are: Sharps Doombark Cask, Sharps Sea Fury, Fullers London Pride, Moorland Speckled Hen, Moorland Old Golden Hen, Greene King Abbot Ale, Wadworth 6X Amber Ale. Enjoy!

Citizens of Somewhere

Next Sunday 25th will see the return of the very popular Citizens of Somewhere. I've looked at the weather forecast and, at the moment, we are being promised light rain and moderate breeze so it looks like this may be an indoor situation – the same as last time. No more BBQ on the beach Rocky!



Dates For Your Diary

May

Friday 23rd – Sunday 26th Real Ales Beer Festival

Sunday 26th - Citizens of Somewhere, a return to us of a very popular twosome Band

June

Sunday 1st – Slowburn Band. A new one to us.

Sunday 8th – Luke Elder, a return to us of a popular guitarist & singer
Sunday 15th - Louise Connolly, singer

Any Other Business

A very bad joke to go with the Ale Festival:

Two PYC sailors were stranded at sea on a lifeboat. On the 4th day, a mermaid came out of the water and offered them one wish to save their lives. The sailors thought about it, and one shouted out, "I wish the ocean was a sea of beer." And it happened.

A little while later, the other one shouted, "Great, now we have to pee in the boat!"

If you don't like that one....

A member walks into our Bar holding a large block of asphalt and says to Denise who's on Bar duty - "A beer for me, and one for the road." (Needed to sign the road in as wasn't a member).

See you soon. 8-)

Jill

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