

Hi Everybody,



What a busy weekend this has been! Just to warn you that this is going to be a blog full of pictures and quite a bit of information so, do settle down to enjoy.

Sailing Events



A really great morning's sailing with eleven boats out on perfect water with just the right amount of wind to make for enjoyable competitive racing. We couldn't have asked for anything better!
Well done to Phil and Zara for their efforts on the Bridge which we know are just as important as the course which, I'm told, allowed great sailing for the weather experienced.

Sailing Calendar

August

Commodores Cup

Race Officers: Phil Cooney & Zara Sanders, Safety Boat: Steve Harrold & Paula Lawson

Race 9

1st Joe Atherton

Topaz Uno Plus

2nd Jonathan Hutchings

Laser Std

3 rd Guy Hickman	Laser Radial
4 th Jacob Ebsworth	Laser Std
5 th Vicki Hutchings	Laser Radial
6 th Emma Hutchings & Issy	Hobie 16
7 th Kevin Freeman & Stuart Ashwood	Wayfarer
8 th Sam Atherton	Topaz 14
9 th Charlie Donoghue	Laser Std
10 th Ryan & Jenna Ridgway	Topaz 16
11 th Andy & Carol Grout	Dart 18

Race 10

- 1st Joe Atherton
- 2nd Guy Hickman
- 3rd Jacob Ebsworth
- 4th Kevin Freeman & Stuart Ashwood
- 5th Sam Atherton
- 6th Charlie Donoghue
- 7th Andy & Carol Grout
- 8th Jenna & Ryan Ridgway

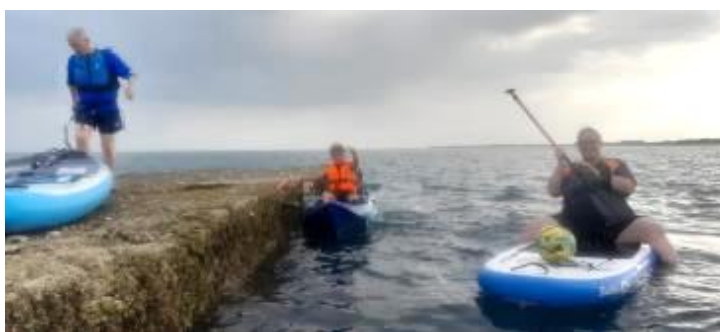
Angling & Fishing

Not a lot from RC Angling Paul C as I am aware that he is enjoying time with his family away from all the hassle that we keep giving him! Don't know what he means!!!!

In the meantime, don't forget that he has planned the following **Work Parties**:-

- 16th August
- 20th September
- 25th October

Paddlers/WaterSports



Finally – some photos of the Paddlers at the Mulberry! We did have a good turn out again with more than 20 members joining us and, although it was a bit overcast, the temperature was very muggy making it good for going into the water. If you have been thinking about joining us on Wednesday evening, do come over and watch what's going on. It is such an enjoyable evening with the jet ski out there in case of any distress – and the showers and the Bar open afterwards. Do let me know if you would like any further information. Which leads me onto the Pizza Night!

Pizza Night

On every alternative Wednesday night, this is proving to be such a success that Sam was serving 40 portions of pizzas and salads this week. I don't know how she does it – I couldn't. And she cleans up afterwards!

It was good to see some of our new members enjoying their pizzas whilst watching what was going on in the water. That is what it is all about.



Meat Raffle

Another eight winners of our Raffle on Sunday looked very happy when they saw what they had won. Was it Salmon Fillets with Garlic Butter New Potatoes & Stuffed Peppers? Or a Gammon joint with Baby Potatoes with iceberg Lettuce & Tomatoes? Or....never mind, as I didn't win!!!! Here's a selection of the winners – and Carole and me in case you wonder.



Social Events

Friday Night Suppers – a very good turn out for Sue and her team for the Baguettes with more than 20 members enjoying some scrumptious food. I spelled that without looking it up in case you were wondering. Shame that wasn't part of the Quiz Night so I could have made a least one point for our team. Oh well.



Don't you just want it???????

As I said in last week's blog, Tom Jones has demanded that Sue lives up to her promises to him and makes him happy so she won't be available on the last Friday of August to do the Supper so we are looking at Friday 28th September. That's if she can escape the adoration of a Welsh man....

You do know he's worth £187 million don't you Sue? Just you be careful when he wants you to share an apartment rather than let the bodyguards take you to an hotel! You can always get a bus back to Pagham if you want – via Chi, or Bognor, if you can wait 20 minutes. Or we can come and get you if needs be. You cannot be too careful where money is involved – or bodyguards!

Friday Quiz - Another great evening with Keith, with Tina winning £58 on the first raffle ticket called! This has never happened before so a very well done to Tina! Whoohooo.

On the second round the £50 wasn't won immediately so Keith did a free round and, guess what? It was Mary's birthday....and she won!

Don't you just love it when something like that happens?



Quiz Night



Lots of photos of this night but I can see this blog seizing up on its way to laptops and phones so I'll keep this simple. What a great idea and well done to Matt, the top man to do the Quiz Master!

Despite a limited number of members putting their names forward, on the night the Club was heaving with both members and their guests to make up lots of teams with varying skills and attitude towards winning.

The winning team was Let's Get Quizzical, with Jenna and Ryan and their friends who. I'm sure must read, Quiz Encyclopaedias (I did that without looking up the spelling) to their children as bedtime stories and – I am soooooo pleased to tell you this, the second team was The Escapees with Geoff, Sam, Commodore Paul and Me!!!! In all truth, Geoff was the one who knew all the obscure stuff such as solar bits and thingy bobs. No one asked for us to spell stuff or to tell you your legal rights or the drink driving rules. Never mind – I'm sure someone will and it will probably be a PC when I'm stopped, haven't been speeding, haven't had a drink and need to get home to open the Club.

That means that we are all free for next time when I hear that Matt is willing to step forward again as Quiz Master. Do Come On Down when this next appears as this was a very good evening for all.

Melissa

It was great to see Melissa back with us again – in fact it was almost like welcoming a friend you haven't see for a while as she is so well adjusted to us.

Thank heavens we were able to sit outside and enjoy her singing, the first time this season that we have been able to do that! And did you see the enjoyment of the other beach users and their dancing to her music? Love it!

Speaking of dancing, I think we should get an agent for Millie as she could put Pans People to shame as she is really good. What do you mean – who's Pans People? Shame on you! Put a donation in the RNLI boat now!



I'm pleased to say that Melissa wasn't at all phased by the members who needed to sit inside to listen to her to allow them to have a view of the TV once the Lionesses had started their game against Spain. We all knew it was going to be a split audience but it didn't worry her and didn't it turn out so much better than we hoped!!!

Well done to the Commodore who had the foresight to prepare the turkey, egg mayonnaise and cheese sandwiches, plus laying out the gherkins, pickles, cheese and sausages for all members who came to watch both events. It made it all seem so much more inclusive. A very successful Sunday for all involved (including the Lionesses x)

Had to say it – YES< YES< YES !!!!!!!

Future Entertainment

As we had such fun this weekend, and the sun has finally decided to shine on us, Tina has booked a local DJ Clive Green to come and join us on the beach next Sunday 3rd August.

After the Raffle, using his record decks, he will be playing some nostalgic and possibly rare records with a bit of aka, northern soul and reggae thrown in.

This should be fun so do come out and celebrate with us!

Charity Weekend

As this is getting closer, Sue is getting worried that she hasn't had much response to her requests for donations for the Tombola and the Raffle, amongst other items – and a hamper of any size or content would be really great. Also, she would like any members to join her as part of the team so do let her know if you can meet her and others on a Wednesday or Friday to sort out what is going to happen. The Plan!!!



PYC CHARITY WEEKEND

15TH - 17TH AUGUST 2025



Friday 15th - Cake Auction
Auction to take place in the evening after Play Your Cards Right.
Raffle tickets go on sale for Saturday draw!



Saturday 16th
9am - 12pm - Hot Drinks, Tombola, Roll
 The Coin & Lucky Dip.
3pm - Sandwiches & Cake Sale.
5pm - Music & Pimms.



Sunday 17th
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & more Pimms!

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

- CAKES
- RAFFLE PRIZES
- TOMBOLA ITEMS
- LUCKY DIP PRIZES

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR CHARITY WEEKEND TO HELP RAISE FUNDS IN RECOGNITION OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE OR HAVE SUFFERED WITH BREAST CANCER

Wetsuit Sale

From Alex, our RC Board Sports one of his wetsuit suppliers is having a summer sale and he thought PYC members and friends might wish to take advantage of this.

Through his Watersports school he is able to offer a further discount to PYC members and friends, so some of the prices are really very good. If members could let him know if they would like a suit(s) he can get them ordered. Suits would be invoiced by his school and payment can be made by credit card.

For info: details on all the suits can be found at www.aldersportswear.com

Alder is a quality UK wetsuit brand that has been making suits for surfers since the 1960s. He uses them and he is very happy with the quality.

All the suits on this list are glued and blind stitched (GBS) so, unlike cheaper flat lock seamed suits, water does not seep in through the stitching. The "Stealth" is a great value all-round suit with a back zip. The other suits are more premium with chest zips etc to further restrict any water getting in.

In general, 3/2 suits are summer weight, 4/3 for spring/autumn and 5/4/3 for winter. If people run a bit colder than normal or intend to use the suits for full immersion sports (surfing, wind sports) he would recommend 4/3 for summer and 5/4/3 for everything else. It is usually better to be a bit hot than too cold!

Alex is obviously happy to answer any questions people may have. As this is a special order, he probably will not be able to exchange suits due to size (unless faulty - as they will have a full warranty). A size chart is on the Sailing noticeboard. If people are really unsure as to sizing, he might be able to bring some of his school suits to the club so they can try for size. If people would like to order a suit maybe they can email him on alex@glidesports.co.uk or text him on (07887 791292).

Looking Ahead

Just a couple of things that will be happening in the future that we want to give you good timely notice now, so that it won't be a surprise, just a natural progression of what happens in the life of a Club such as ours.

You may remember that I have said in the past that I would be stepping away from doing the Blog as I feel it was time for someone else to show our members their skills and their individual sense of humour. It just has to be better than mine! Now that I have a couple of holidays coming up, I have been talking about this some more and, surprise, surprise, a volunteer has now come forward to rescue me! Phew!

Although this member is unable to take over until September – and I will keep her identity quiet in case I frighten her away, what I will be doing in the meantime is to stick to my earlier intention of only publishing the Blog every other week to allow me take in my holidays.

After this blog, the next one will be on the 11th August and I am hopeful that I should be able to get another one out on the 25th. I'll let you know more about what's happening in September when my wonderful liberator is free from her current ties and I will have time to help her chase up the contacts to set her safely on her way to improve – and perhaps change, what I have been able to offer you.

Now, another long-standing item – our Commodore! You can forgive me for saying that at least he's a long-standing item and not an issue! Don't argue with me yet! So, on the 19th November – just before our AGM on Sunday 30th, our Commodore Paul will have served 6 years in that role, having been elected back in 2019. Doesn't that seem like another time and another era?

For those of you fresh to PYC, our Rules do not state how many times a Commodore should be allowed to be re-elected into that position, although anyone else can also stand against the most supported. Having said that, long standing members - and looking at the past history of the time previous Commodores stayed in their position, show that 5 years really is a very long time for all involved to continue a positive relationship when dealing with the running of our Club. Let's face it, it is a long time to be in charge of running any organisation when the membership and the Rules grow, develop and adapt to take into account the current atmosphere of the Club and most important the financial situation. Paul now feels that the time is right to encourage a new person to take on, amongst other things, the development challenge prepared by the current Management Committee and to see the splendid growth in membership continue. He wants to give you advance notice that he will not be standing for this role again in November in the hope that one or two members may be considering taking this on.

The Notice to Members for vacancies on the Management Committee will be displayed as usual prior to the AGM in October, so you have lots of time to talk to Paul about what this role involves if you may be thinking about taking it on.

Committee Members – now that we have raised this, myself and the Committee wish to thank Chris O'Brien who has been acting as Bar Manager until a couple of weeks ago when family issues meant that he had to resolve this to devote more time to care for certain members.

Chris was a "Manager" and his role was still sadly limited as he had only reduced time to spend in the Club..

All of the varying areas of the Bar responsibilities have still been carried out without a "co-ordinator" so no-one could confirm exactly what was happening on a weekly basis. This is not good enough for it to continue as it is.

These areas are: Till 4 times a week and banking and change once weekly, Regular cleaning of Beer Pipes weekly, Bar Rota (daily), Beer Ordering Weekly, Stock Ordering and Obtaining Weekly, Stock Checking weekly, Goods Ordering (Cleaning & Toilet/Shower weekly).

As you can imagine, the Commodore, with enormous help from Scottie, Emma and Dave G have kept quite a lot of the stock/beer ordering going, as we know the Till & Banking plus replacement cash attaining, cleaning of Beer Pipes and Bar Rota has been separated and have been working well.

What we really needed was a coordinator, to come to our Management Committee meeting and recommend what needed doing next. I'm pleased to let you know that, David G, who was always working with us on demand to come in and sort problems out with the Till or the Barclays machine - or anything else that we couldn't fix, has come forward and volunteered to be co-ordinated onto the Committee in this role. This has been accepted by the Committee.

Dave will work on the Committee until the next election when I am hoping he will put himself forward for this or another role as he has a good experience of working with our committee. What I need you note is that at the next AGM the Committee will be putting forward an amendment to our Rules to show the role of Bar Manager will now be Bar Team Co-ordinator.

On another note, although we have filled this vacancy on the Committee, don't forget that we still have one long standing vacancy which you may be interested in. We are still looking for a **PYC Comms & Press Officer** – not a huge commitment, but if you are interested in what happens around you, taking pictures and reporting what you find interesting, then this would be so easy to take on and so enjoyable.

I did look at this before the blog took up so much of my time and then I realised how much the local papers had moved on – and I hadn't!!! That's why I'm a firm believer in moving on.

Don't forget that we are a really sociable, friendly Committee and Club and that we will support you if you show any interest in taking this role on.

Again, I hate to keep using this term "don't forget", but, our village is now expanding towards Chichester and we need to let the occupants of our new housing know that they can look toward to us for their fun and occupation rather than hanging around an estate on the edge. Been there, seen it – but I was paid - and I was driving an official car.

Dates For Your Diary

August

Sunday 3rd 3.15pm DJ Clive Green – Music on the beach

Sunday 10th 3.15pm Wishing Well band & Buffet (Kim's Birthday Party)

Friday 15th till Sunday 17th Charity Weekend – watch out for more information forthcoming

Saturday 16th 8pm The Soul Mo Set (8 piece band!) Bring in the trumpets!!!!

Sunday 24th 3.15pm DJ 80s Club Classics

September

Sunday 14th 3.15pm Louise Connely – a re-visit by singer (Barts Bash Races 1 & 2)

Saturday 27th 8pm Adrian - Singer

Any Other Business

A couple of things.

I wasn't going to mention it above, but I've told you that Commodore Paul isn't going to stand again this November. Just so you know that we are planning on buying a camper van to explore Europe and whatever continents lets us in with asbo when PP retires. That might include me if he doesn't upset me too much between then and now and when I put him in the spare rooms. (He still snores!!!!)

If all goes well, then it will mean, even if he does sort of upset me, that the role of Honorary Secretary will be vacant. After 16 years, I really feel that this role should be taken by another soon and, more importantly, not to be left as it was in the past.

All you have to do is to see how long I have done this for is to see that it isn't a role that is hard to take on if you are familiar with the making of any law of our land.

I hope that something tonight in the blog has caught your attention and that you may respond.

It has taken me almost a whole part of my day to get this blog together which is why I cannot carry on with devoting my time to this with walking a dog, watering plants, feeding baby seagulls,(???) washing clothes etc. etc etc.....

I hope you understand this but, next week, **there will be no Blog.**

As said above, there will be no blog until 11th August so, we can all go out and watch the weeds grow.

The start of my ending xxx

Jill

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