

Hi Everybody,



Hopefully, you will have read in the last Blog that I had decided that I would only be putting one out every other week during this month whilst waiting for the new blogger to take over from me. This means that I have lots of photos from two weeks ago up till now of some enjoyable activities – which I hope you were aware of by using the various WhatsApp as well.

Don't forget that the WhatsApp cover Pizza dates and bookings, Paddlers, Bar duties, any Social events, Sailing, and all sorts of General announcements to keep you aware of what is coming up.

One of the most unusual things to happen if you weren't there, was watching the 2025 Sturgeon Moon rising – the last full moon in Summer of this year. It was available for all to see from our beach on Saturday evening between 8pm and 9pm. What a sight! We had a gathering of people in the daylight and then, suddenly the light started to dim and the moon appeared low on the horizon. It all happens quite quickly within minutes, with the moon staying low whilst the Brass Monkeys and many others enjoyed spending time in the sea. Great to see something like that happen.



Sailing Events



Sailing Calendar

Sailing Results 3rd August

Race Officers: Zara Sanders & Carol Grout Safety Boat: John Blagbrough & John Boucher

Summer Series

Race 1

1st Joe Atherton Topaz Uno Plus
2nd Stuart Ashwood & Sam Atherton Dart 18
3rd Kevin Robbins Dart 15
4th Jacob Ebsworth Laser Std
5th Ryan & Jenna Ridgway Topaz 16C

Race 2

1st Joe Atherton
2nd Stuart Ashwood & Sam Atherton
3rd Kevin Robbins
4th Ryan & Jenna Ridgway
5th Jacob Ebsworth

Sailing Results 10th August

Race Officer: Kevin Mason Safety Boat: John Blagbrough

Race 3

1st Nick Cook & Stuart Ashwood Wayfarer
2nd Jacob Ebsworth Laser Std
3rd Kevin Robbins Dart 15
4th Andy & Carol Grout Dart 18
5th Sam & Joe Atherton Dart 18

Race 4

1st Nick Cook & Stuart Ashwood
2nd Jacob Ebsworth
3rd Kevin Robbins
4th Sam & Joe Atherton
5th Andy & Carol Grout

Angling & Fishing

From RC Angling Paul C, he has sent me lots of photos from the past two weeks to keep you aware of what some of our fishermen have been up to. Jim managed to catch these well sized Rays early August but was in competition with Barry who caught.....er, well....something or other! Well done to Barry!



Just to make sure that Barry wasn't going to outdo them with his catches, three boats went out this Sunday with Smooth Hound, Conger, Bream, Rays and a few scarce Mackerel caught. On the previous Wednesday, I'm told that Pete and Jack had a few Bass as well.

Paul C has asked me to let you know that he has had to cancel the planned **Work Parties** as the next one on Saturday 16th clashes with our Charity weekend. He will set new dates to get everybody back together, along with those famous bacon baps but, in the meantime, if you do get a chance, some of the minor jobs that do need doing that can be done in spare time or an afternoon are cutting the grass in the boat yard and looking at the toilet window in the Gents toilet as it won't close properly.

Paul C does have a longer list if you are feeling bored!

RNLI

The Commodore Paul and our Bar Team Co-ordinator Dave took our Blue Rib to Selsey to support the RNLI at their Open Day on Sunday as back-up in case of them being called out. What a fabulous day and a great turn out for them! They watched the launch of their new Shannon class boat and were invited to join the drive past the beach audience with this boat chasing them and pumping so many gallons of water out of its advanced waterjet system. Stunning! Did I hear “Can we have one, Commodore?” (£1.5m to build)



I don't need to tell you to support the RNLI as they are our backbone – we couldn't live without them and they saved my life. I have donated by dd monthly since 2005 to show my appreciation and it's the least I can do. They are always looking for volunteers so, do bear that in mind.

Paddlers/WaterSports

Two sets of photos to show you as we have been blessed with fantastic weather over the past couple of weeks – and hopefully more to come! So, these are from Wednesday 30th July:



And then we moved into August, this time with another two picos out there that I didn't manage to get photos of as I was busy chatting to all those gathering for their BBQ. Whilst the evening started sunny it did turn a bit chilly, so the water was abandoned around 7.10pm in preference for food!





A big thank you to John B who has taken the Jetski out for us regularly to ensure the safety of our members, despite being the last one onshore and being the last one to enjoy his BBQ'd burger when everyone else had finished theirs. That is life, regardless of our fantastic new BBQ that saved his day.



Pizza Night

I have just heard from Sam who wasn't able to provide you with pizzas until this coming Wednesday due to entertaining her son Bertie on his birthday – quite right! The good news is that all is well for this week with an outstanding 46 orders!!! Aarghh!!!! I've just looked up the phrase "when you want to suffer" and apparently there are two types of suffering. One is pure pain and the other makes life worth living. I had thought that 46 orders fell into the first type, but it seems that Sam thinks it amounts for the second type. Don't let her down!

Meat Raffle

Another really good event on Sunday before the Wishing Well performance with a decent income for our Raffle. In case you are wondering – I didn't win the Pork joint....

Now that the Raffle has donated the stunning black BBQ – which has proved to be a really good buy and a success with the members, Carole has been looking at what else is needed by the Club and what the remaining money can be donated to buy. I'll let you know once she has finished investigating her current idea.

Bar

From David Gosnell, our newly appointed Bar Team co-ordinator, he wants to highlight that as members of PYC, you are all beneficiaries of our reduced bar prices, and that the Bar Team and the Management Committee wish to keep it that way.

To enable us to control who has access to this service, you will be requested to show your membership cards more often going forward. If you wish you can take a picture of your card and save it onto your phone, as showing this will also be acceptable. If the bar staff find people who cannot confirm their membership approaching the bar on a regular basis you will be refused service.

Random checks will also be carried out where a committee member will approach a selection of people who are present in the club and request that you to show them your membership cards, so not just to get a drink, it will be for access to the club's entertainment and facilities. There are many cards yet to be collected and are held behind the bar. If you are a member who has paid but not collected your card, please approach one of our volunteer bar staff to collect them, but try to avoid the very busy service times.

We also wish to point out that it is members responsibility to sign in guests, and this control is also being upgraded to ensure non-members do not take advantage of our lower prices, especially when we have entertainment.

The guest signing in book is to be upgraded and a new form will be in situ soon and this will require your guest to sign in and acknowledge they know about the 6-entry rule. Your membership number will need to be added to the signing in sheet - again another reason to carry your card with you during every visit.

To reiterate the club rule, each guest can only be signed in up to 6 times per calendar year, irrelevant who signs them in, it is not 6 times by as many members as they can ask, and if this rule is being abused, then the guest will be refused entry and asked to leave. We are creating a new data base to record the guests visits to enable us to control this more efficiently. Please do not try to sign people in more 6 times as you will be breaking one of the club rules.

These checks and controls have been put in place as it has been noticed that non-members have been using our facilities and hospitality without contributing to the club by paying their membership fees. Oops!

On another note, now that the Summer has hit us with the hot weather, can I remind you that when you are waiting to be served at the Bar that bare chests are not acceptable. We don't mind if you are passing through to use the changing rooms or toilets but do cover up if you are part of the crowd please.

Special Offer for Madri

A promotion from the Brewery for you if you are a Madri drinker!



Illegal Fishing



I'm pleased to say that I don't have to report anything like this on our blog too often here in Pagham – but when you do see what some fishermen are prepared to do that puts our waters and our beach in danger then we need to be aware of what is going on. These nets – and there were lots more than shown, were found last Thursday on our beach by a member who arranged for them to be removed to ensure that local children and dogs wouldn't be harmed. If you see anything like this, please don't remove them but report it first so that evidence against the offender can be gathered. The nets, and the boat were also videoed by another member and reported to the police and the Fisheries for action to be taken. Well done to all involved! You just wouldn't believe it, would you?

Social Events

Friday Night Suppers – Don't forget that we are now looking at Friday 28th September, so watch out for the list on the noticeboard with the menu which should appear after the Charity Weekend.

Quiz Night

I did tell you that there would be lots of photos at the beginning of this blog, didn't I? Here we are with Keith on Friday 1st August at Play Your Card Right with two lots of pictures of Josie winning £64 and Colin (Ratchet) winning £58 in the second round.

What you have to watch when we publish two weeks photos together is to make sure that you change your outfits. Is that a different shirt Keith? Keith! Keith – are you listening to me? I think it is as he has so many. I think he has a storage unit in his back garden actually, judging by the amount of outfits I've seen him in!

So, back to business on Friday 8th when we saw Sue win £64! Well done to Sue. Is that a happy smile I see?



And then the Moving and Grooving time!



After the Raffle, using his record decks, we had a local DJ Clive Green join us on Sunday 3rd August, not on the beach as hoped, but it didn't matter. A wide range of music from Clive's personal collection over the years for us to get up and dance to but, my own personal favourite was from 1978 – 10cc Dreadlock Holiday! Do you remember that? The best bit?....

*Well he looked down at my silver chain,
He said I'll give you one dollar,
I said you've got to be joking man
It was a present from me mother
He said I like it, I want it,*

*I'll take it off your hands
And you'll be sorry, you crossed me,
You'd better understand that you're alone,
A long way from home.....*

Whoohooo!!! Can't you feel a disco evening coming on? Come on Tina – us oldies can still move it and groove it and remember the words!

After that, we were treated to welcome back the Slow Burn band on Saturday 9th after yet another BBQ out on the beach from 3pm. I'm really getting used to all of this eating out - and consequently staying away from the scales!



Sorry no more photos, particularly of the members dancing as I was one of them early on but my hormones got to me and I had to go home and lie down. It was either my hormones or the three glasses of Pino Grigio. Who knows? – but they had all recovered by the morning if you were worried.

Which reminds me, please do send any photos in to share as I have seen some fabulous photos that would look really good on our website. The ones I take are just snapshots for those who can't be there and so are not of good quality. I'm frequently shown some really good photos and promised that they will be sent to the honsec email address but they never turn up. Our loss.

As I've said before, this has been a really busy time and on Sunday 10th we welcomed back Wishing Well band, along with a Buffet to celebrate Kim's 50th Birthday Party. I was going to borrow her sash and crown for my next birthday but some ignorant person said that somebody would recognise that I wasn't actually 50 any longer! How dare they!!! It's the thought that counts and my thought are somewhere in the 30's so I am well behind Kim! In fairness, I didn't want to embarrass Kim so I let her keep them.



Dinner Dance

Our Vice-Commodore has thought ahead and booked our annual Dinner Dance! And it's only August! Well done Rocky! We won't put the list up yet but just to let you know that the date is Saturday 22nd November and, to make sure that most of you won't have to get a taxi home, we are booked in to The Lamb in Pagham for a 3-course meal plus entertainment. Put it in your diaries now as the numbers will only be up to 50!

AGM

Another reminder about our AGM on Sunday 30th November. The reason I have started so early is for you to think about certain roles that will be vacant and that you may be interested in. Have you thought about the Communication & Press Officer role that has never been filled? And I know I keep mentioning my role as HonSec – but do talk to me about this as it is mainly an admin role so it may be of interest to either a man or a woman.

Speaking to our existing team, I am aware that a few would like to change their roles and experience something different so don't feel that you can't step forward and give something a try. Would you like to try the Treasurer's role? This is something where you would have guidance if you were not sure about our position. Also, if you are keen angler and fisherman, how's about taking on RC Angling?

Have a think about all of the roles and do ask.

Future Entertainment

Dates For Your Diary

August

Friday 15th till Sunday 17th Charity Weekend

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 Connelly – a re-visit by singer (Barts Bash Races 1 & 2)

Saturday 27th 8pm Adrian - Singer

Charity Weekend

Don't forget that from Friday 15th we have our **CHARITY WEEKEND!!!!**



PYC CHARITY WEEKEND

15TH - 17TH AUGUST 2025



Friday 15th – Charity Auction

Your opportunity to bid for a variety of items including Speciality Hampers, Delicious Home-made Cakes & Unique Experience Vouchers To take place after Play Your Cards Right
Raffle tickets for Saturday on sale and Preloved clothes rail.



Saturday 16th

9am CAKE SALE - chance to buy a variety of homemade cakes.

9am -12 noon enjoy hot drinks & cakes; have a go at the Tombola, Roll the Coin and Lucky Dip. Browse the Preloved clothes rail. Buy your Raffle tickets.

2.30 -4.30pm Cream Tea - being served.

Scrumptious scones with jam, cream and strawberry garnish served with a pot of tea OR upgrade to a glass of Prosecco or Jug of Pimms

5pm Live Band & Pimms . raffle being called.



Sunday 17th

10am -12.30pm Breakfast baps – on sale

Choice of Bacon, egg, sausage, BLT, or the Full Monty Bap (bacon, egg & sausage) served with a hot drink.

AFTERNOON

Pimms by the jug

BBQ -you are invited to bring and cook your own food.



Please come and support our charity weekend to help raised funds in recognition of all those who have or have suffered with breast cancer.

Any Other Business



A big thank you to Julie and Kerry (PYC members and Brass Monkeys) who have continued to tend the rear entrance boat/garden and water and weed it constantly early mornings, as they have done during last year as well. It makes such a difference to how our Club looks when you approach it. It shows that someone cares.

And another big thank you to our Bar staff who not only worked through last week, but managed to survive Sunday afternoon and night when it was really busy with members bringing in their friends and family who didn't understand that they needed to bring their glasses back off the beach to the Bar as we are all volunteers. Yes, I know – it meant such hard work at the time and makes you think whether you want to do it again. Please don't let it put you off as we all know what you did and we are really grateful! I did manage to avoid clocking someone and being quite frank to several people outside who wanted me to bring empty bottles back when my hands were full of glasses that they hadn't managed to return when they had full glasses on the table...

Another big thank you to our Commodore, Andy D, Rocky and any others involved for ensuring that our new BBQ was cleaned off and put away from its use in the past week as, from past history, we know that members expect a magical angel to appear and sort it all out without doing anything. If you use the new BBQ – and the donated BBQ, please pay attention as to how it is left and who is going to deal with it. It doesn't take much effort and you don't need to be a committee member – just a responsible person.

The same applies to the Galley. If you use the Galley, leave it as you found it. Don't expect someone to empty the bins if you have filled them and if you use plates, forks or cups – wash them up and put them away. Don't leave them to drain – they can't fly!

Oh, and do keep smiling 8-)

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