Hi Everybody,



Brass Monkeys early on Sunday morning.



Sailing Events & Angling



From RC Sailing Kevin, on Saturday we saw what we thought from the beach was a fairly good sea state, with slight gusts and a little swirl of wind direction.

With three boats and four youth sailors taking to the water, RC Sailing Kevin went out on the jet ski with Joe M as his crew. The wind did blow harder than they thought and, it did move around more than anticipated. Boats were now capsizing quite a lot, more than usual and, after about an hour on the water the winds were gusting from a force three to seven and moving from the south west round to the north west. RC Kevin decided to call it a day and told all boats to head for shore.

Unfortunately, Charlie had capsized in the feva and after already dropping Jay off at shore was struggling to right it. Joe jumped of the jet ski to help.

With them safe, RC Kevin went back out to the Mulberry where Bertie was also over in a topper. After righting he found had a damaged rudder, so no control of the boat. It was going to be one of those days! They managed to derig and tow it back to shore with no further damage or any injury.

A big thanks to Paul P and Scottie for getting on their wet gear to assist with the recovery of boats and jet ski as everyone working together is what it is all about.

Apologies from me about the photos. By the time I made it to the beach on Saturday with my phone camera, all of the capsizing had happened and they were still too far out to get decent pics.







Sunday saw very similar conditions to Saturday, nevertheless ten boats were rigged and ready for races 7 & 8 of the Mulberry series

RC Kevin set a standard triangle sausage course and Paul P and Jeff L went out in the rib to set the course. With very challenging conditions, everyone was quite surprised that only one boat capsized. Despite that, after they finished the first race, six out of ten decided not to do the second race as there were lots of tired sailors.

Again, a big thank you from RC Kevin to everyone who assisted in making it happen and well done to all involved.

Mike Cole RNLI Event 9th July

I think most of you will remember that this is a great annual event at the PYC sponsored by his wife Lina in memory of one of our past members, Mike Cole, for the RNLI who he supported for many years and worked for at their base at Selsey over a very long period of his life. His involvement was to the extent that the Selsey lifeboat scattered his ashes at sea.

For those of you that didn't know who Mike was, he was a former Commodore of our Club and together with his wife Lina, committed a lot of time and effort for the club and, together with a few others were always raising money with raffles, fetes etc. Some of you will always remember his never-ending jokes!

We, as a Club have always supported his efforts and his aims to promote the RNLI and we want you to come along on Sunday 9th July and not only enjoy the Memorial racing which starts at 11am but we want you to see if there is anything that the RNLI ladies have on their stall that they are setting up on the beach that you would like to purchase. Don't forget that they sell a wide variety of gifts including Christmas cards, mugs and other gifts that you can put away.

The Bar will be open from mid-day as usual and we look forward to seeing you on the beach and spending some money with the RNLI!

Results

Sailing Results 2nd July Mulberry Series

Race 7

1st Steve Greene D Zero

2nd Jack Goodland Laser

3rd Joe Atherton & Bertie KirbyTopaz Race X4th Andy & Carol GroutDart 185th Kevin RobbinsDart 156th Anya Dickinson & Lola StuartLaser Pico7th Guy LawsonTopper8th ScottieFusion 29th Charlie DonoghueRS Feva

DNF Stuart Ashwood & Alan Phillips Dart 18

Race 8 1st Steve Greene 2nd Kevin Robbins 3rd Jack Goodland 4th Scottie

Sailing Calendar

July				
8 th	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30	
9 th	SUNDAY	RNLI MIKE COLE MEMORIAL RACES 1 &	2	11.00
15 th	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30	
16 th	SUNDAY	COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACE 7 & 8	11.00	
22 nd	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30	
23 rd	SUNDAY	SUMMER SERIES RACE 1 & 2		11.00
29 th	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30	
30 th	SUNDAY	SUMMER SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00	

Angling

From George, Sundays' competition was cancelled due to the poor weather forecast and the next one is Sunday 16th July from 8am until 4pm, with best Bass the target species with hopefully a good weather forecast. George hasn't been made aware of any catches over the past week.

From RC Angling Paul, a big thank you to the digger driver and to all those who helped clear both the slipway and path on the beach on Wednesday evening. Ever the optimist, Paul went out fishing afterwards, watched by young turns hopeful for some food but sadly, no Bass in the water to get caught.

On Thursday evening, Paul was joined by other members who helped him clear the majority of the combustible vegetation in the boat yard. Paul will have another go soon, as well as sorting those mysterious boats out that no one is admitting to own with RC Sailing and the Membership Secretary. More information will be added to the Blog. During the evening there were about 12 fishermen on the beach which, although great to see, no reports of catches. Looking ahead, SailFish this year is being sorted and it looks as if it may be either 12th or 19th August, dependent on weather. It will be just a one-day event this year and they are looking at fishing in the morning, followed by lunch – hopefully a fish BBQ. Do watch this space!

Paddlers and Snorkelling

My apologies for not bringing you any photos of what everybody got up to but it was one of those overcast evenings with a storm brewing where the concentration was on getting the most out of it. There were four paddle boarders, five kayakers and two of our sailing youths out there enjoying the sea while they could. The session finished slightly early at 7.45pm in case the storm broke, just in time to enjoy their ordered pizzas. The well-deserved prize at the end of the competition!

Sam's Pizzas

On Wednesday, Charlie was the winner of the free Pizza with his number being pulled out by one of our younger members, April. What a great idea! It certainly cheered April up!



Although Pebbles wasn't open for the usual goodies on Saturday due to Sam's other commitments, don't forget that it will back to normal on the 8th July with all sorts of food – remember she has a new sandwich maker and chip fryer to make you all sorts of goodies, such as sandwiches, rolls, pies, sausage rolls, cheesy chips so do support her as she is proving indispensable!

Sue's Charity

We are getting nearer to Sue's Charity Day and Night in aid of Cancer which is being held on $Saturday\ 22^{nd}$

July. Whilst we want you to come along with friends to support Sue for raising funds for this great charity – we are desperate for items to sell for the Tombola, Cake Stall, Raffle prizes and Bottles for Roll a Pound.

As important, we need help during the day and the evening behind the Bar so all can enjoy to sit and have a drink whilst the children are entertained.

During the day will be a number of things going on; Tombola, Cake stall, Face painting plus kiddies Games, Raffle tickets on sale and Roll a Pound to Win a Bottle amongst others!

And then the evening.....Live music with the lovely vocalist, Louise Connolly, BBQ, Jugs of Pimms with the Raffle being called around 9pm plus so much more going on.

Please can you speak to Natalie or Sue or Jill if you are able to help with goodies, a donation or your body! as we can co-ordinate these offers and then go back onto the blog to ask for more help.

We need you to help us make this work - please!



Car Park & Boat Park

I'm sure you will be pleased to hear that the padlock to the main gate has miraculously re-appeared in its usual locked position! Astounding! Our magic Padlock Fairy has been looking after us again! Enough said by me.....until it

happens again. Aren't you glad we didn't waste our time sitting in front of several hours of the CCTV recordings? Groan......

Another reminder about the number of notices posted on boats in the Boat Park asking the owners to come forward as we have been unable to identify who they are. So far, the response has been sadly lacking so, I must remind you again that if Trailers don't have the name of the boat, the owners' surname and a mobile contact number, we will assume that these are owned by a person who is no longer a member and action will be started to remove them from the site. We need the space that these unused boats are filling so, as we have mentioned earlier in this blog this will be started shortly. Last warning.

Social Events



What a Sunday!!! A re-visit by Lou Taylor who has proved so very popular with us before, bringing us back the best in Soul and Motown again! A very good move by Sue who, in the meantime, has deserted us with Olive for some foreign land and a suntan. Ayip! That's Turkish for Shame! Bet you didn't think I knew how to rip people off in another language other than Yorkshire? Hah! Bletherin know ow!

Where was I? Oh, yes. What a fabulous afternoon's entertainment – "Let's Groove Tonight," "I Heard It Through The Grapevine"......and so much more! And what a voice?!! Let's have him back again Sue, please.



And then, halfway through all of this, Pete W and Carol laid on some food they had bought from the Chichester Cheese and Chilli Fest. Amongst the assorted Cheeses, Chilli oil, tubs of pickle and chutney dips there were different breads and.....throat threatening chilli peanuts! Thank heavens I only tried one as more than that could have destroyed 100% of household germs! Aaargh! You have been warned – but a great idea so thankyou both!



Bar Duties!

No, no – not a bad message!!!! This is a really good message as the Bar Committee have decided to start a Bar Volunteer of the Month award with the winner getting a £10 voucher worth of meat raffle tickets. What a great idea! Each month the Bar Committee will vote for who the winner will be – not necessarily always the person who has worked behind the bar but perhaps someone who has helped with collecting glasses or restocking from the Cellar when it has been busy. This is to try and encourage as much help as we can because we all know that this is such an important part of the Club and without everybody helping, we would be well and truly stuffed – putting it politely. Do let Natalie know if you are available to help in any way so she can put your details on the phone system so you can see where the gaps are and then volunteer to come forward.

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Other Future Events

July

Sunday 9th Mike Cole RNLI Event from 11am

Saturday 15th Paul Kerswell's 70th Birthday Party with **The Smilies** in the evening – all are welcome to join in his

celebrations!

Sunday 16th Search For Solitude band (after Raffle) 3.15/3.30pm

Saturday 22nd Sue's Charity Day (We need your help please)

Sue's Charity Evening 6.30pm till late

Sunday 23rd Rewind 3 Piece Band (after Raffle) 3.15/3.30pm

Saturday 29th Joint Birthday Party

Sunday 30th Adrian Fraser (after Raffle) 3.15/3.30pm

August

Sunday 13th Lightning Brothers c.3.30pm (outside event)

Ok, it's time for a bad joke if you survived last weeks. This time I gave it some thought and decided that they might as well relate to Chilli:

One of our youth members runs into his parent's bedroom at 3am and says, "Dad! Dad! There's a burglar in the kitchen eating all of mum's leftover chilli!" The dad replies, "Go back to bed, son. We'll bury him in the morning."

Did you like that? Oh, well okay.....sorry about this but how's about....

A sandwich, steak and chilli walk into Pagham Yacht Club bar. The bar person says: "Sorry, we don't serve food here". Boom, boom!

See you soon,

Ill Honorary Blogger

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