

Hi Everybody,



Early morning photos from the Brass Monkeys.



## Sailing Events & Angling

From the RYA for WSX Flag Officers:

**24/25th February - RYA Dinghy & Watersports Show** - members & children under 15 go free:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/events/dinghy-show>

**24th February** 12-12:45pm at the Dinghy Show - **Meet the RYA London & South East Team** for a chat, at the Show

**16th March - Saturday - RYA Instructor Training Day** at QMSC

**22/23 June RYA Regional Junior Championships** at Datchet SC

**21/22 September WSSYSA Regatta** at Shoreham SC

## Angling

From George, due to the weather conditions and with the Sunday competition not taking place, he is not aware of any fishing taking place over the last week - no surprise there.

RC Angling Paul held a fishing meeting on Wednesday evening with discussions on the boat park allocation of berths and the number of fishing boats that have not put to sea over the last year - and even longer than that! An update on the ramp and winch was also given. RC Paul has booked the Christmas away-day fishing trip aboard Warren Scott's charter boat and is pleased to announce that three young anglers are now joining for the fishing and it will not be a surprise if they show the adult anglers how to catch fish! There may be a space available if anyone is still interested so, please do contact Paul. The fishing calendar was discussed and will be available on the club's website very soon with a copy posted on the angling notice board.

## Calendar

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Ice Breaker Sailing with Commodore's Invite to Sailors for cheese and wine (afterwards)

## Rosie Tomsett

A reminder that following the cremation ceremony for Rosie that is being held at Chichester Crematorium at 2pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, that the Wake is being held afterwards at Pagham Yacht Club. Simon would be delighted if any of Rosie's and his friends and acquaintances would care to join him at the Club to celebrate their life together.



## New Years Eve Celebration

Finally, those few tickets that hadn't been paid for now have been – thanks to Sue's impersonation as a rottweiler! Sorry about that illusion Sue, but it did work!

A reminder that the fun begins on New Years Eve from 7.30pm with entrance only from the beach door, as the West Front door will be closed to admittance and will be used as an emergency exit only. Any smokers **MUST ONLY** use the beach door go outside to satisfy their needs.

This arrangement conforms with fire regulations and if I catch anyone interfering with this then they will lose their membership – and see me in a very bad mood.

Please ensure that you bring your tickets with you as they will be exchanged for a PYC wristband by myself, without which you cannot gain access to any of the drinks on offer from the Bar.

Let's start the fun and have a bloody good time to bring in 2024!!!!

## Pram Race

Do you remember me saying last week that no one had come forward to this year to suggest that they would like to participate in the Pram Race? Well, have a look at the below that we have posted on our Facebook ...

The collage consists of three images. The top left image shows a sailboat with a white sail and a red and yellow hull on the water. The bottom left image shows two men in racing gear, one in a red and blue shirt and the other in a black and red shirt, standing together. The right image is a promotional poster for the Pagham Pram Race 2023. The poster has a blue background with a yellow pram icon. The text on the poster reads: 'Pagham Pram Race 2023', 'PYC NEEDS YOU!', 'Kevin Mason & Allan Fry are representing PYC!', 'Message to join our team or carry a bucket for the RNLI', and the RNLI Lifeboats logo.

We did this last year and, having won the Runner Up in the Novice Section 2022, Kevin Mason and Allan Fry are going for it again this year BUT need your help! They are contacting the RNLI to obtain charity collecting buckets as they did last year – all they need now is members to come forward with our shirts or sweatshirts to follow them down the route on Boxing Day to collect as much as possible for our chosen charity – the RNLI! Do let us know on the Sailing, Angling or Social WhatsApp or email me if you are willing to help them out whilst they re-build their vessel ready to launch into the heady waters of Pagham! Perhaps I shouldn't have said that in case we do have some more flooding! Well, maybe that would to their benefit? Forget I said that.

## Committee Member

Last week we heard from Val who is our new PYC Membership representative on the Management Committee. This week we are hearing from Jenna Ridgway who is our Safeguarding and Welfare Officer, a role previously known as Child Protection Co-ordinator and before that Welfare Officer! I just think that RC Welfare would have summed up exactly what the role consists of but ... let's hear from Jenna what she wants to do:-

Hi, my names Jenna and I'd like to introduce myself as the new Safeguarding and Welfare officer. I am regularly at the club, both during the week and at the weekend with my 6-year-old daughter April, who loves it there. This means that I am familiar with what the Club has to offer young members and that I know quite a few of them personally.

I am keen for the younger members of the Club to know who I am and to feel free to speak to me. I want them to know that I have a daughter and that it is easy for me to be approached and trusted.

I am also hoping to help with more family activities and to attract more families to the club.

If anyone has any questions or queries, be you a parent or a youth member, then do feel free to contact me.



## Social Events

What a very busy weekend! The Club is now looking very Christmasy – if there is such a word, with the final touches and lights being put in place for the children's party – and for Edna, of course!

Well done to Commodore Chef Paul for preparing the Turkey and Pork baps – and to Carol and Lord Andy Grout who carried out the equally important job of clearing up his mess in the Galley afterwards! You don't see other famous chefs on the TV like Gordon Ramsey being chased around by people with mops, washing cloths and T-towels, despite how important this role is. Without them the evening would have been just a warning to get the cleaners in for at least two days as it does take a team to make something for just a short meal as memorable as this. Thank you to Paul, Sue, Andy, Carole and especially to little Joe who kept doing what was asked of him to keep everything in order in the Galley in his own quiet way. Team work!



No photos to show you of the raffle as our potential photographers were well on the way by now to the second or third round and I couldn't be there to do anything to help due to my snotty nose and heaving chest (in the best possible way!!!!). The good news however, is that we won two prizes without me so I now have a pork joint and Guylian chocolates to eat to keep me happy and quiet. So, I was rewarded in keeping my bugs away from you!!! Ha!!!

So, have a look at what they did at the party and enjoy them instead.



## Childrens Christmas Party



## Future Events

Just in time for Christmas! On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm, coming in to entertain us we will have Adrian Fraser, a singer with lots of Motown and Reggae music! "What's become of the broken hearted?" You may remember him from a past visit that got us all going and the air moving!!!! Let's move it and groove it before the New Year!



**December**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>

Adrian Fraser – Singer 8pm Motown!!!!

**New Years Eve Celebration from 7.30pm!** Ticket entry only. This includes buffet, free drinks and entertainment by Sarah Wood!!!

**January 2024**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>      Play Your Cards Right – from 8pm

**February**

February 14<sup>th</sup>      Valentines Dinner

**May**

**Weekend 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** – possible outside within a Marquee with food & entertainment with Louise Connely or other options to be looked at by a sub-Committee led by Vice Commodore.  
More details to be circulated



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