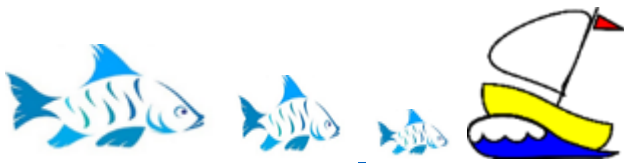


Hi Everybody,



Early morning Sunday photos from angler Bob P. What a beautiful setting to sit and watch the world go by – and perhaps do some fishing?.



Sailing Events & Angling

2024 SAILING CALENDAR

MARCH 30th SATURDAY SAILING PREP/RIGGING PARTY 10.00

APRIL 7th SUNDAY SPRING LAUNCH RACES 1 & 2 11.00 Commodore's Invite to Sailors for cheese and wine

Angling

From George, six anglers fished the beach on a lovely Saturday evening with a good number of Chanel Whiting caught, along with a couple of small Conger Eels with Squid Mackerel and worm bait used. George thinks it was especially nice that an angler who hasn't fished for over two years tried his luck and managed to catch a few Whiting.

Next Sunday's competition starts at 10.30am until 15.30pm with hopefully a nice forecast and a good number of anglers taking part.

One angler also tried his luck on Sunday morning, had a few bites but didn't catch anything. Was that Bob P who wasn't successful on the fishing front but took some amazing photographs of the Brass Monkeys and the views across the sea? It was well worth him getting up to enjoy the wonderful scenery as he has shared it with us.

Calendar

Sunday 14th January 10.30am – 15.30pm Beach Angling Competition

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

Beach Works

Subject: Pagham Shingle Recycling w/c 8 January 2024

Please be aware of the following that has been sent to PYC:-

"Good afternoon,

I am sending you a brief email so that you are in the loop should you receive any questions from the public.

We have contracted Les Searle Group to recycle 8,500m³ shingle from the ebb delta at Pagham Beach to the foreshore in front of properties at East Front Road, Pagham. They will be commencing works on Monday 8 January and will be working up to 9 hours shifts for an expected two weeks (subject to weather and tidal conditions). Les Searle Group have planned to use a 50t excavator, three 40t dump trucks and a bulldozer to complete the works, these will be operating on the open beach. Working hours will be between 5am-10pm due to the tidal nature of the work. A full-time site supervisor employed by Les Searle Group will be on site overseeing the works.

Natural England are aware of the proposed works.

If you have or receive any questions regarding these works, please direct them to coast.protection@arun.gov.uk where they can be answered by the Senior Coastal Engineer, Karl McLaughlin, or myself.

Kind regards

Sarah Burrow

Engineering Assistant, Coastal Engineers and Flood Prevention"



Tony White

I have just heard from Pam Sibley, one of our founder female members (remember the bikinis!!!) who has seen that Tony White will be 90 on 26th January. Tony was a member from long ago and, although not many of our current will have heard of him now, he was a brilliant sailor with his wife Jean and, later on with his daughter Debbie (now Debbie Atlee). Debbie has put on FB that he is now in a care home and it would be nice if he received some cards – perhaps from members who knew him and especially from Pagham Yacht Club.

Well, our blog is posted on Facebook and on our website too so, from all at Pagham Yacht Club, we wish Tony a very Happy Birthday and long may you sail!

If you knew Tony in the good old days, do let him know by sending him your memories of your time with him as it all helps.

Baby Changing Station



I am delighted to let you know that, as an inclusive family orientated club, we now have a baby changer installed in the disabled shower room! The baby is extra I'm afraid.....

Meat Raffle

Sunday saw a good turn out for our first Meat Raffle of 2024 with a wide variety of six prizes to suit different tastes. This week saw the below but, do join us again next week to see what we have on offer for you! Perhaps some fish for our

veggie members? In the meantime, Pork Chops, Herby New Potatoes, Cauliflower Cheese & Green Beans, Diced Chicken Breast, Jalfrezi Sauce, Long Grain Rice, 2 x Garlic & Coriander Naans & Poppadoms, Beef Meatballs, Tomato & Chilli Sauce, Linguine & Garlic Sauce, Diced Beef, Crispy Potato Slices, Carrots, Swede & Cabbage.....



Social Events



Breaking News!!! At long last we can all take deep breaths again as the final Jackpot of **£900** for Play Your Cards Right was at long last won on Friday night!! And, not surprisingly, it wasn't by me.

This finally happened when Keith modified the rules in the second game of the evening, so that when a ticket would be called out and if they were unsuccessful, every other person called up for a turn a card was removed from the board to reduce the odds.

This resulted in some exciting plays where eventually two people got down to the last two cards! On one occasion, the second to last card was a Queen and the last card turned was another Queen!!!! Aaaargh!!!!

The result of this allowed Paul Haynes in the final round to guess his final card - which was a 5, having gone higher on a 4, and be the winner of this stunning amount of money!

Now, if I believed in Stribog, the Slavic God of winds, sky and air who ripped the roof off my garage and deposited it in next doors garden, and has just cost me £960 to repair, then he would have made me the winner! I wouldn't have minded being nice to him, praising his existence and forking out the extra £60 if he had made it a tit for tat situation. Honestly, I wouldn't have minded at all. Sometimes, this winning stuff can be highly non-prejudiced if a garage roof and your belief in Slavic gods is involved! Do I really mean that???



The effect of cash on men!

In the future, Keith will continue with the modified rules when the cap reaches £200 to allow more people a chance to win. That means me as well! Good idea Keith.

Future Events



Advance warning of two spectacular singers over the same weekend at the end of January:-

We are being re-visited by TreeAnna on the evening of Friday 26th so we can enjoy getting down to some soul, Motown, Cher and ABBA amongst others. Best you put that in your diary as she was such a success the last time that you really don't want to miss her.

To keep you entertained in a less upright position, on the Sunday we are stepping back a bit in time and chilling out with Roy Coombes who will smooch us while we relax and enjoy classic vintage songs from the likes of Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Nat "King" Cole, Bobby Darin, plus a few more. I am looking really forward to this and have listed the songs I want to hear! Join the queue behind me for "the colours of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky...I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do....."

On a slightly different note, it has been decided for this year that we will not be following up on the proposal for a Valentine's Dinner at the Club as the support has been very lukewarm. It may well be that we should have approached this with more details sooner so, we will look at this again for next year at an earlier date and with more information. We live and we learn!

January 2024

Friday 12 th	Take Your Pick 7.30pm for 8pm start
Sunday 14 th	3.30pm Meat Raffle
Friday 19 th	Play Your Cards Right 7.30pm for 8pm start
Sunday 21 st	3.30pm Meat Raffle
Friday 26 th	TreeAnna 8pm - Singer
Sunday 28 th	3.15pm Meat Raffle 3.30pm Ray Coombes - Singer

May

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

Is it too soon to be telling you embarrassing jokes and wishing you belonged to another Sailing Club? No? Good!!!

A pirate walks into PYC with his ships' steering wheel sticking into his pants. G, working behind the Bar says to him, "Excuse me Sir, do you know you have your ships wheel in your pants?"

The pirate replies, "Aye G! It's driving me nuts!"

Boom, boom!

Well, it is the beginning of the season – what did you expect?!

Jill

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