

Hi Everybody,



A slightly different introduction to our blog this week to just show you the work of our volunteer members who helped to prepare the refreshments for the guests at the Wake of a father of one of our members last week. A lovely tribute that we were able to help with as we do have some talented ladies with amazing artistic skills. Well done girls!



## Sailing Events & Angling

### Work Party



I don't need to say that the more the merrier as it makes the work seem easier and the time go quicker - and that Tracey has promised bacon butties for the hard workers!

### 2024 SAILING CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

10<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY WORK PARTY 10.00am onwards

24<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY SAILING MEETING 2pm

#### MARCH

30<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY SAILING PREP/RIGGING PARTY 10.00am

#### APRIL

7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SPRING LAUNCH RACES 1 & 2 11.00am Commodore's Invite to Sailors for cheese and wine

## Angling

From George, to the best of his knowledge no fishing has taken place over the last week.

Next Sundays' competition starts at 10.00am until 14.30pm with the high tide at 12.17pm. Channel Whiting, Dogfish, Rockling and Plaice likely to be caught.

All anglers are reminded that NO Bass can be kept for the table until 1st April 2024 if you're lucky enough to catch one!

## Membership

From Andy Day our Membership Secretary, now that we are in February members should be submitting their membership application renewal forms and fees. The new Membership Year will start on March 1<sup>st</sup> and details and forms have been posted in the Club and, of course, online at [www.paghamyachtclub.com/membership](http://www.paghamyachtclub.com/membership). Please do contact Andy at [membership@paghamyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@paghamyachtclub.com) if this timescale will be a problem for you to enable you to talk about alternative arrangements.

And a 'pretty please' from all of the Management Committee for you to complete the volunteer element on the application form, especially for the Bar, so that we can help cover the many roles in the Club that rely upon our amazing supporters and volunteers.

In terms of the Boat Park, we will shortly be checking availability of spaces because we already have a waiting list of new and some longstanding members who want to get out on the water and need a boat park space. If boats are not seaworthy, have not been out in a while or are not owned by a current member, they should be removed.

Let's remember that the boat park is for active members. That said we are always willing to listen if you are unable to meet these criteria. You just need to speak with Kevin Mason or Paul Cooper so that we know what is happening. The same criteria apply to the kayaks and boards in the containers. In due course we will expect all vessels to be marked with stickers to be supplied by the Club. Boat owners will know that trailers should be marked with an owner's name, and a mobile number for contact purposes. Let's help reduce the additional and often unnecessary work involved for Committee members by ensuring that the Club Rules are complied with [pagham yc rules & policies.pdf \(paghamyachtclub.com\)](https://paghamyachtclub.com/pagham-yc-rules-&-policies.pdf).

## PYC Redevelopment

**As** part of our 5-year plan, the Committee have discussed and developed a five-phase concept to lead our club into the future. The Planning Subcommittee have pooled our combined experience, utilising 3D modelling to develop our PYC Re-development Proposal for your consideration.

We now need you, our members, to engage with us as to your thoughts and feelings on this. Like with any major change, we appreciate that everyone will have their own view, and we need to ensure that we facilitate and best manage the engagement process both internally and with external stakeholders.

There are two options we intend to put to the members to vote on in due course:





### Initial Works - Phase 1 to 3

Phases 1 to 3 – Initial Works – Works to refresh the beachside appearance of the club, enhance the usability of existing space, and provide better access both inside and out with the patio and beach. New side entrance with wheelchair access (subject to council granted access permission), allowing members in the bar vicinity to monitor people coming and going, whilst also creating a better route for those coming from the water, allowing us to consider alternative flooring for our main area. On the north side, allowance for boundary improvements, a covered cycle store and coded gate access, which is safer for our children, as the existing system has little to no security, as well as improving boat store operational security. Budget to improve vessel launch and retrieval. Sustainable solutions already approved by the members such as the Solar Panels. All these works are planned for outside of opening hours, keeping the club open for the members, with as close to business as usual as possible.

### Major Works - Phases 4 and 5









On Saturday the Rugby with Italy v England, followed by Wales v Scotland saw the Bar open later than the usual which required both of our “Tracys” to know how the Bar worked until it was taken over.



Well done to you both for sharing your knowledge and expertise and allowing our Rugby fans to enjoy the start of the season with a pint! Don't forget everybody that we still need as many members to be trained as we can as it so much fun – and a good way of getting to know lots of other members. (and you don't have to be called Tracey)

On Sunday we had for the first, and we all hope not the last time, the singer *Sharon!* What a great performer and a fantastic choice of music to keep us all singing – or doing the backing “doowap deedoo” to the main words. That's the bit I love!



Hopefully we will have her back again as she was so good with the audience – and we had quite a crowd in there to listen and sing along with her! Good choice Sue!

## Six Nations & Curry Night

### February

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	16.45pm	England v Wales *
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	16.45pm	Scotland v England

### March

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	16.45pm	England v Ireland *
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	20.00pm	France v England

On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, whilst we were hoping to arrange someone to do some “nibbles” for half time, it looks as if a Comedy Night at the Village Hall may entice quite a few members away so we are now looking at a more tamed and simple menu to keep the Rugby lovers happy. I think the Co-op may have a visit by the Commodore.

You may have noticed that the list is up for the **Commodore's Curry** on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March** so do put your name down if you are keen to enjoy another stunning experience if the rugby is a success or, if you feel the need for something totally breathtaking and wonderful to take your mind off what has just happened if it wasn't what you hoped for. Either way, you won't forget the Commodore's Curry in a hurry so do let us know if you will be joining us! £8 ph cash only, another payment list behind the Bar when you hand your money over..

### February

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	16.45pm England v Wales Six Nations Game with Nibbles at ½ time
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Golf with Nachos from 6pm. List to be put up!
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lightening Brothers</b> from 3.15pm

### March

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	16.45pm England v Ireland followed by <b>Commodore's Curry</b> at the conclusion. List is up!
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Laura B singer 3.30pm (after the Meat Raffle)

### May

Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> PYC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration over the long weekend to include a 60s/70s/80s disco! Please do put this in your diary for the selling of tickets for Hog Roast!

### July

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lightening Bros 3.15pm
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### August

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Triple X – we thought it best to cancel their date on 16<sup>th</sup> March due to the France v England rugby match BUT, due to popular demand, this has been delayed until the warm weather to allow them to play for us out on the beach!

## Conclusion

Well, now we are into the Six Nations, best we have a Rugby joke to finish off with:

A rugby player goes to the physio and says “it hurts when I touch my arm, my chest or my leg”. The physio says “you’ve broken your finger”.

Says it all.....

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