

Hi Everybody,

It's going to be a bit of a different blog this week as we have so many photos to show you of our working party which cleared so much, thanks to our Assistant Secretary Tracey who has found a new role in her life as a female David Bailey. I'm all for it! These are an assortment of our celebrities



A full selection is on our Facebook so do spend some time having a look at what has been achieved in just one day when the weather Gods decided to be nice to us. Actually, would that be Zeus? God of the skies, responsible for lightning, thunder, clouds, and rain? Now I can pick on two names to blame when the sun isn't shining – Ra and Zeus. Spread the blame, be fair.

As Tracey said on Facebook, it was a great turnout from members for the working party on Saturday and a huge thank you goes out to all that stuck in to the many tasks given out by RC Angling Paul Cooper.

What a fantastic team made all sorts of things happen to make it a better Club for all of our members.

The next working party will happen in April and the Commodore is promising bacon butties again to those who come along to help out. See you there!

Sailing Events & Angling

2024 SAILING CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

24th SATURDAY SAILING MEETING 2pm

MARCH

30th SATURDAY SAILING PREP/RIGGING PARTY 10.00am

APRIL

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

Angling



From George, seven anglers fished Sunday's competition and for a change the fish also showed up in very good numbers with lots of Dogfish, a good number of Whiting, a couple of Rockling and a very small Bass caught.

The successful baits were Mackrell, Squid and Worms.

Derek won the match with George 2nd, Gary 3rd and Steve 4th. A dark object floating about 400 yards out from the beach was spotted travelling from Bognor towards Selsey in the morning. Someone must have reported this to the coastguard fearing the worst, and everyone on the beach were treated to the view of the Selsey lifeboat attending the object just west of our club and hopefully, it was just an object. No further news on that one!

The next competition is on Sunday 25th from 10.30am until 14.30pm with hopefully a good number of fish and anglers to catch the fish.

From RC Angling Paul C, generally the fishing was good and, as George has said, especially the variety of species caught. A big thank you to all that turned out and, as the next one is scheduled for 16th March, please do let everyone know now. Due to the high interest from new members wanting to join with fishing and sailing boats, we do need to address the spacing and also the angle of parking to make it much easier to take the boats out. This will be done on a day when we will be equipped to blow up tyres to enable this to happen. There also needs to be a list of jobs we want to achieve such as painting the bridge door, containers in the boat yard and preparing the ramp for use. Hopefully we will have a good number to turn up to do this. From Paul, another thanks to all that helped on Saturday.

Membership

From Andy D the Membership Secretary, we have received a healthy number of new member applications and, for those renewing, a big thank you for doing so early!

March 1st fast approaches so, for everyone else, please get your membership renewal applications submitted as soon as possible. Forms are obtainable online together with updated lists of fees www.paghamyachtclub.com. Payment can be made via BACS online or, at the Club. Thank you again for renewing with Pagham Yacht Club – we know what we offer cannot be beaten.

Boat Park



Does anyone know who this boat belongs to? The Club urgently needs to speak to the owner before they involve the Hon Sec and I have to start sending letters.

Bar Staff

Now that we have some enthusiastic new members who are willing to be trained to serve behind the Bar, the Committee has discussed the current situation where we have seen children and under 18 year olds behind the Bar when the person serving cannot supervise them, or does not wish to take this on. Often, the under-age person is not on the Bar rota which is not an agreeable situation to the server.

Whilst we do wish to encourage and train 17 and 18 year olds for Bar duties, it has been decided that for the time being, we cannot always guarantee the supervision of this.

Bluntly, this puts us at risk of not being able to watch what is happening with our younger members in charge of alcohol – and what can be a dangerous substance if not properly controlled.

We do not want to see our licence being challenged by any incidents of alcohol abuse.

So, I'm sure you understand that it would be fairer to stop all under 18's from going behind the Bar for the time being until our Bar strength is up to force and all involved are happy with the situation.

What we are asking for now please, is to encourage our younger members to help us with collecting glasses and put them on the Bar for washing. It doesn't sound much but it all helps!

Social Events

Well, where to start?

Last Friday saw another of those evenings when no one won Play Your Card Right! Aargh! Sorry Keith. Really frustrating. And did you see that wimpy bloke with the side parting who took part? Strange looking – is he a member? Is that a wig? Must speak to him about finding a new hairdresser. Never mind – it all starts again on Friday 23rd and we can all have another try!



This weekend we will have the mighty competitive Family Crazy Golf starting with children at 6pm, followed by adults, with Darts for those of us who cannot hit a ball (let alone a dart board!)

Sue will be doing Chilli Nachos with French bread at £5 per adult or £2.50 for the child (10 and under). The list is up on the noticeboard behind the TV and Sue must have names by Friday end of play please.

On Saturday, we are fortunate to have our Keith come back to Take Your Pick but we are asking for some more prizes please as the stock is running low!

Looking a bit further ahead, Sue has just told me that she has managed to get Adrian Fraser back for Friday 23rd to work with and alongside our Keith! What a combination! My mind boggles. There is going to be so much energy going on that evening that we may have to warn Octopus to take meter readings to ensure we weren't cheating them!

Sue has also warned me that we will have lots of new acts coming up over the summer so please do have a look at Facebook which is regularly updated, as well as our website to see what is happening.

Six Nations & Curry Night

February

Saturday 24th 16.45pm Scotland v England

March

Saturday 9th 16.45pm England v Ireland *

Saturday 16th 20.00pm France v England

Oh yes! on Saturday 10th February, we won our game against Wales!!!!

I'm delighted to say that we had more than 40 members who enjoyed the game which we helped on at half time by Sausages, Potato Wedges and delicious sandwiches provided by the Commodore (who spent the next few days criticising the Referee. Groan ... never watch a game with a former Referee!)

The good news was that there was a plentiful supply of those wonderful sandwiches left on Sunday for the Italy v Ireland game as well. NB: Rugby players and Referees like as much food as they can get so please now include PYC members in that.

The list is up for the **Commodore's Curry** on **Saturday 9th March** at £8 ph, cash only, with the payment list behind the Bar when you hand your money over. I have heard that Pete W has now donated his time and expertise to produce a bhuna sauce (had to look that up) to help produce an aromatic and savoury curry. Angling Paul C has also offered to come in and help by preparing the onion bhajis. You are being spoiled!

Diary

February

Saturday 17th Crazy Golf with Nachos from 6pm. List is up on the noticeboard behind the TV

Friday 23rd Adrian Fraser, singer & action man! - with our Keith!

Saturday 24th 16.45pm Scotland v England – Bar open

Sunday 25th **Lightening Brothers** from 3.15pm. Returning again with their fabulous Soul, Funk & Disco from the 60s until today, due to popular demand!



March

Saturday 9th 16.45pm England v Ireland followed by **Commodore's Curry** at the conclusion. List is up so please put your name down!

Sunday 10th Laura B singer 3.30pm (after the Meat Raffle)

April

Saturday 6th 21st Birthday Party with the Athertons - Evening event

May

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

July

Sunday 14th Lightening Bros 3.15pm

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th – Shearwater Catamarans visiting. The car park will be closed from Friday afternoon.

August

Saturday 16th Triple X – we thought it best to cancel their date on 16th 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

Right, you will remember the details of the proposed development works to the Club that we published last week. We will be taking to an EGM shortly to allow us to take this forward to our local planning authorities to see what other materials or information we may need. I will let you know when the date is fixed.

With that in mind, this week's jokes are:

What kind of criticism does our architectural critics give to us so far?
They give constructive criticism!

Be warned – we won't be allowing any of our construction workers to go to the Bar.....we heard that they will
get hammered!!!!

Is that enough? No?

Which band do our construction workers love listening to the most?
They absolutely love 'The Carpenters'.

That's enough of all that. Hope to see you soon!

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