

Hi Everybody,



Now that our 60th Anniversary celebrations are on the horizons for the weekend of 24th May, with a fantastic Hog Roast on the Sunday 26th with lots of other fun events and raffle being organised for you – I thought you may be interested to see what we got up to in 1978, only 46 years ago and a time when some of our members can clearly remember as they are still with us and still propping our Bar up!

This is before the Sun Lounge was added and it seems that we encouraged the wearing of bikinis and Captains caps. Presumably that was to distinguish who was in charge? But, just have a look at the number of boats out there! Absolutely stunning.

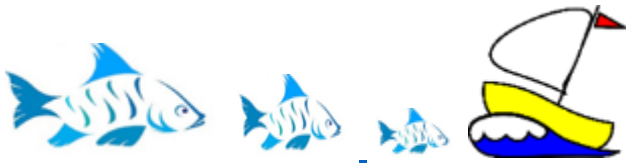
You may also be interested to know that in the beginning when the members started to build the original Clubhouse in February 1968 in what was part of our bigger original Boat and Car park, it was made of wood, was 60ft long and provided changing facilities, a workshop for dinghy repairs and accommodation for Club meetings. You will have noticed that there is no mention of a bar licence and members continued to use Pagham Social Club for “out-of-sailing” activities.

All of that changed when we bought the new beach clubhouse in 1976 which was officially opened on 28th May 1977 with a Gala evening, Disco and Beach Supper underneath a Marquee. Oh – and we applied for a bar licence as well and that was successful. Not a lot has changed over the years and we do hope that you will join us to celebrate how our planned modifications will allow us to carry on providing sailing, fishing, paddleboarding and all sorts of activities for our members.

I am aware that our neighbours have now chosen - quite rightly, to now use this May Bank Holiday weekend for their own Charity fundraising events. Such a shame that it has to be the same date. Oh well, never mind....

Let's hope that you can spread your kindness around and enjoy a wonderful Hog Roast with PYC! Don't forget that this is a celebration of our time, is being subsidised by the Club and is quite unique – along with our cheaper beers and wine!

And on the same note, don't forget to have a look at the improved design for the Sun Lounge and do let Mike Naish and the Committee have your thoughts on how we can make our Club as memorable for the next 60 years - as we are not going anywhere! I look forward to hearing your comments.



Sailing Events & Angling

RC Sailing Stuart Ashwood was pleased to welcome thirty plus club members who attended the sailing meeting on Saturday afternoon. Stuart outlined his plans for the coming year for both getting more people on the water from within the club and drawing in new members. Also highlighted was the need for sailors to assist with the Race Officer and Safety boat duties (Rota on Notice board).

If you would like to help with on-water safety, please do contact Kevin Mason boatswain@paghamyachtclub.com as training courses are being organised for the Rib and the Jet Ski. This also applies if you would like to help on the Bridge, get your VHF licence or become a club First Aider.

With contributions from many of the members at the meeting it was agreed that the successful sailing experience sessions on Saturday afternoons should continue and have organised sailing lessons for beginners and race training for the more experienced. Also, a request was raised to have some cruises which had support from the members at the meeting so, please do keep an eye on the notice board and the sailing WhatsApp and contact Kevin Mason if you want to join the WhatsApp group.

To assist in raising the profile of the on-water activities and increase membership an Open Day is being organised for Saturday 15th June. If you can assist on the water, the beach or in the club to help showcase PYC, please contact Tracey asst.honsec@paghamyachtclub.com or Jenna swo@paghamyachtclub.com.

Thanking you in anticipation.

2024 SAILING CALENDAR

MARCH

16th Work Party – see below. From 10am.

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, despite the very poor weather forecast and the conditions awaiting them on Sunday morning, six hardy anglers fished the beach with several Whiting caught along with a Dogfish and two Flounders. Due to the weather conditions getting worse the anglers decided to stop fishing at 1pm - maybe due to the bar being opened which could have been the deciding factor. RC Angling Paul won the competition with Gary and George a joint second.

The next competition is on Sunday 10th March 08.30am start until 13.30pm with a high tide at 11.14am with hopefully much better weather conditions.



From RC Angling Paul, the Work Party on Saturday 16th March is mainly to address the spacing and angle of where boats are parked to make it easier to take boats out and the party will be equipped to blow up tyres to enable this to happen. There will also be a list of jobs we want to achieve such as painting the Bridge door as well as containers in the boat yard and preparing the ramp for use.

Currently, the potholes are being filled in preparation for boats to be spaced fairly. Paul is hoping to get as many anglers and sailors to help in readiness for the start of the season. No one has mentioned bacon butties yet - but I'll let you know when they do!

Kayaks

Please can you have a look at the attached photos of Kayaks stored in containers in the Boat Park and undercroft and let Andy the Membership Secretary know if any of them belongs to them. This is an urgent matter as we need to find out who they belong to! membership@paghamyachtclub.com



Blog


Well, unfortunately no one has come forward to show me any interest in taking over the Blog but, we have heard from a couple of our techie ladies who are planning on extending what we can offer from not only our Facebook and Website, but by using TikTok. This is a social media platform that will allow users to view downloaded videos of anything that has happened at PYC and, whilst it would have to be monitored and subjected to an admin advice, it would be a good way of sharing any great episodes that happen on or off the water.

I'll let you know how this progresses but, in the meantime – if you feel the urge to take the blog over in however many portions.....then let me know!!!!

Pop In Session for Future Members

Hopefully you will have seen our invitation to our Pop in Session on Wednesday 28th February from 6 – 9pm which we have advertised on the Facebook Group in Pagham Matters, We Love Pagham and Bognor Regis Matters as well as our outside noticeboard.

If you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a member, do tell them about our this when they can come in to talk to the Committee and other members about what the Club is all about. The Bar will be open if they want to have a drink or, tea or coffee will be provided if they are driving. A good way to see what we are all about.



Pop In Evening at PYC
Wednesday 28th February
6.00pm - 9.00pm

The Membership Year starts 01.03.24.
 The Club invites you to come along and have a chat with some of our members and Committee to find out what we have to offer!

Membership

Membership and boat park fees are coming in fast so, a big thank you. These can be paid via BACS, cheque or at the Bar by cash or card. If you are having a problem with either of these then do contact Andy so he can sort out a solution – please do not leave them unpaid.

Social Events

Friday

What a night we had with one of our favourites, [Adrian Fraser UK](#) and the legend that is [Keith Lawrie](#) old members and the new hit the dance floor and took to the microphone, shook and shook those tambourines making it a fabulous Friday at the PYC! Phew! I'm getting exhausted just thinking about it.





Saturday

Following the Sailors Meeting in the afternoon, the Bar was still open for those optimists – including the Commodore, who thought that England would easily defeat Scotland. Despite sandwiches and nibbles prepared by the Commodore to keep people going, he has now lost interest in what the final score was and can't be bothered to look it up for me as I'm sure it was awful.

That was the bad news but, the really bad news was that no one went home after the game and the Commodore didn't get in till midnight in a depressed state having done the Bar. That'll teach him!

Sue has asked me to remind you again that the Crazy Golf evening was such a success that she has booked Saturday 23rd March in for a Skittles night with local Pie, Mash & Peas. The kids can have Beans with theirs and all for £6 per head. She will be posting a list up so keep your eyes open for that!!

Sunday



Following Carole's re-named Marvellous Meal Raffle from 3.00pm-3.15pm, we had the sounds of the [Lightning Brothers](#)



Soul Band.



A really good band playing Motown, Classic Soul, Funk & Disco from the 60s to the 80s which we are looking forward to welcoming them back again in the summer on 14th July outside, especially if you missed them this week. Do watch this space!

Whilst paying attention, you may want to know that next Friday 1st March is bringing you our first Happy Hour of this year, 7.00pm - 8.00pm for Beer, Wine and Cider!

It also brings you another night of PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT with your wonderful host, [Keith Lawrie](#) ♥♣♦♠ and remember, you have to be 18 and over to play and be a member of the Club.

Guests of course are welcome to come along **but** must be signed in at the Bar.

Six Nations & Curry Night

I've just looked at the list 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. At the moment we have around 20 persons down so please do not leave it too late to put your name down as those of us who are on the list will be spoiling ourselves!!! I have to say that I am looking forward to this!

Yum, yum....spoil me!

Coming Up..... Our Diary



March

Friday 1 st	7 – 8pm	Happy Hour – Beer, Wine & Cider followed by.....
	8pm	Play Your Cards Right – Keith
Sunday 3 rd	3.30pm	High Tide Band



Saturday 9th 16.45pm England v Ireland *Six Nations & Curry Night
Sunday 10th Carole's Marvellous Meal Raffle
Saturday 16th 20.00pm France v England
Saturday 23rd Skittles evening with Local Pie & Mash & Peas
Sunday 24th Men Behaving Badly 3.30pm

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, Raffle, Games & Water Sports! Please do 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 3.15pm

Conclusion

Okay, it's that time again for bad jokes:

While sailing across the Solent at night in a Granada 38, one of the sailors saw a dark shape in the distance. He called one of the other sailors, who also couldn't tell what it was. So, he called the Captain. "I can't tell either," he said. "Fetch me one of the sailors who's asleep downstairs and happens to be an obstetrician.

The obstetrician came to the bridge, squinted into the night and said: "Congratulations, Captain. It's a buoy!"

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