

Hi Everybody,



Hopefully you will have seen on the news that today is the 200 Year Anniversary of the RNLI, founded in a Tavern, and who have served people like us for all those years. Congratulations to all of the volunteers who give their time – and in some cases their lives, to make this such a wonderful organisation! You are truly brilliant!

I hold a very special part of me devoted to the RNLI as they saved my life on 20th May 2006. The event of part of that day is something that I can't remember but when I learnt of what they had done to recover me during my lengthy convalescence, I became a Governor by committing a monthly subscription to enable them to continue their volunteer work to save others.

As I have already said, this is run by volunteers who normally work full time. You will know that they have to abandon their jobs and rush to the station when a call goes out to make sure they can prevent any further harm to swimmers, sailors, fishermen or walkers who find themselves cut off by the tide. Those of us who live by the sea know that we can't live without them so please, do think to donate any spare change after a round to our RNLI boat on the Bar or, do what I have done, and make a formal monthly payment as they are truly worth every penny you can spare! Can't say much more than that.



Sailing Events & Angling

Another reminder that 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.

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

JUNE

- 29th Shearwater & F18 TT – please note that this date has been changed.
30th Commodore Cup Series Race 7 & 8 and Shearwater & F18 TT

Angling

From George, a reminder that next Sunday's beach competition starts 08.30am until 13.30pm with a high tide at 11.14am and 5.73m. See you then!

From RC Angling Paul, he has been suffering with this chest infection that some of us have been having but he managed to get out yesterday and caught five Whittings and enjoyed the sunshine. Unfortunately, it was one of those tales about the one that got away as well, with his line snapped. Oh well, maybe next time.



Young Charlie caught a Pouting and a Dog Fish off the pier and what a beauty! Unfortunately, only fish caught from the pier to the spit count in the fish score. Never mind - great to see our Youth section having a go.

Just a reminder that the Work Party is on Saturday 16th March and that there will be a Fishing meeting in the Snug on Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm. All existing and new members are very welcome.

Blog

I'm still not giving up! If you are interested in having a go at producing the weekly Blog then do contact me. Go on – give it a go! You may just get hooked!!!!

Pop In Session for Future Members

I am delighted to say that our Pop in Session on Wednesday 28th February was a huge success and that from this evening we now have an additional 13 Full members, including 4 youth members in one family. This was boosted yesterday when we gained another full family members including a youth member.

This is what we are looking to achieve this season – to increase our sailing and youth members which will cheer our Youth Officer Allan up enormously!

During a really productive evening, the Committee welcomed many visitors who asked about the many water activities that we have on offer and which are due to start in the near future. It's going to be a really good and fun season! Watch this space everybody!

Membership

The new membership year has started but we are still receiving the odd renewal membership and boat fees. If you are still behind in sorting this out, please do get in touch and let us know that you are intending to re-new or if you having a problem with payments at the moment.

From Andy D the membership Secretary, he would be grateful if you could pay your fees by BACS if possible as cheques involve us travelling into Chi or Bognor to pay them into a bank, and any Bar transaction do cost us a fee – which goes out of our Bar profit.

On another equally important subject - for non-members, our Rules are quite clear about admission to our Club; **Members shall enter the names of all guests in the Visitor's Book. Not more than three guests may be introduced in any one day and the same guest may not be introduced more than six times in any calendar year. Guests introduced by a Youth Member must be countersigned by an adult member.**

Guests of members are permitted to purchase alcohol providing that their names and addresses are entered into the Visitors Book with the name of the member introducing the individual to the Club.

Please be aware that I am raising this matter for your attention to ensure you are aware that what the Rules do not allow is for a non-member – and this includes former members who haven't paid their fees or have no intention of re-joining, to walk in uninvited and find someone to sign them in. This has happened and as we are now starting a new membership year, we want to prevent it happening again.

This would be a serious, heavily underlined no, no for the member concerned.....and we will be checking the Visitor's Book, and your card, as it's your fees that are paying for the running of our Bar. Well, I will be so watch out who you sign in!

Social Events

Following a very successful Happy Hour (which I missed due to a germ invasion), Ryan organised Killer Darts (as Keith was unable to attend to do Play Your Cards Right). Some of our new members from Wednesday came down to enjoy the fun too and we had Vicki who thought it would be a good tactic to cover her eyes when throwing her darts. Don't ask me why she thought that – but everyone else was wise enough to stay out of any line of fire when anyone's armed! Jenna was the winner – everyone survived and no ambulances were called.



Following Carole's Marvellous Meal Raffle on Sunday, (which I didn't win again!) we had High Tide propelling out some of our favourite tunes which got the boys strumming their own guitar! How on earth they thought Mike could be a guitar?!



Never mind all that. The boys managed to get us all up again to their wide variety of classic rock and pop favourites that have kept us entertained and dancing for a couple of years now – and will no doubt still keep us rocking and rollin'. A great afternoon that kept the blues away!



From Olive, his words were "Rocking on a Sunday afternoon!"

Six Nations & Curry Night

Now running out of time if you want to put your name down for a **Commodore's Curry** on **Saturday 9th March** at £8 ph. It is cash only, with the payment list behind the Bar when you hand your money over. Be warned that if you haven't paid yet then we will assume that you don't want feeding!!!! More for me.....

Coming Up..... Our Diary



March

Saturday 9 th	16.45pm England v Ireland Six Nations plus the Curry Night
Sunday 10 th	Carole's Marvellous Meal Raffle
Saturday 16 th	20.00pm France v England Six Nations
Saturday 23 rd	Skittles evening from 6pm with Local Pie & Mash & Peas £6 or Sausage, Mash & Beans £3 for children – list up!
Sunday 24 th	Men Behaving Badly 3.30pm
Saturday 30 th	Easter Egg Hunt 3 – 5pm followed by Killer Darts in the Evening

April

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

Sunday 7th Melissa – singer: Fleetwood Mac, Blondie, Kate Bus, Donna Summer, Queen, ABBA and more!

Sunday 14th One 4 The Road band

Sunday 21st Sean sings Elvis with Malc de Reding (welcome back!)

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

I'm going to let the Brass Monkeys have the last word on the blog this week. From them:



What an amazing weekend with the Brass Monkeys passing out parade! Pagham beach saw seven cheeky monkeys turn into Brass monkeys.

There have been more that have swum from October until March on dark mornings, windy days, rough seas and driving rain – and survived. Well done to Geoff L, an ex-marine for guiding them through those tough mornings into the sunshine of Spring! Well, we can hope for more sunshine.

If you are brave enough, come down and meet the full membership early mornings on the beach outside [Pagham Yacht Club](#) and join them in the fun.

NB: They put the Vice Commodore's sign back where they "borrowed" it from – albeit much cleaner. Sorry about that Rocky.

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