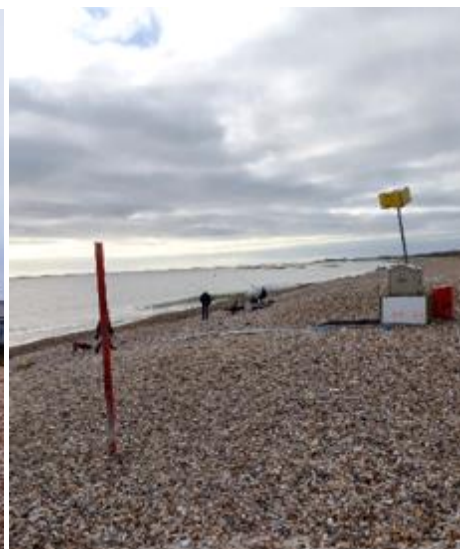


Hi Everybody,



Another chilly Sunday afternoon on Pagham beach outside our Club - with only 10 days to go until that wonderful celebration of Christmas! Doesn't it look desolate? What you can't see to the right of this picture is the Christmas tree and fairy ceiling lights inside PYC where members were keeping themselves warm. Best place to be – and it wasn't even raining!

And so, I went out on the beach today as it looked as if the sun was shining and it was going to be a brighter day but.....oh dear, the sky just wasn't going to give in! Just look at those fabulous clouds. At least the anglers looked happy enough.



## Sailing Events & Angling

### Angling & Fishing

From George, please find below the 2025 Beach Competition dates. The Boat competition dates will be announced very soon and all dates will be put on club website for future reference.

Five anglers fished Sunday's competition, all catching Channel Whiting and a Dogfish. Jim won the competition by landing a 40cm Whiting – a very large fish to be caught from the beach, with Rob 2nd.

On another note, when George arrived at 7.30am on Sunday morning the slipway gate was left open from yesterday evening, which he did lock.

Please, don't forget that by allowing vehicles easy access to the beach and to the club we are risking all sorts of issues. So, if you have used the slipway for an event, don't forget to ask someone who is locking up the Club with a blue key in their possession to lock the gate as well. Simple!

### Pagham Yacht Club Fishing Section 2025 Competition Dates

Date	Start	End	High Tide	Height
05/01/2025	Midday	16.40	14.54	5.17m
19/01/2025	Midday	16.40	14.43	4.93m
02/02/2025	11.30	16.00	13.53	5.59m
16/02/2025	11.30	16.00	13.39	5.27m
02/03/2025	10.00	15.00	12.52	5.81m
16/03/2025	10.00	15.00	12.44	5.32m
30/03/2025	10.00	15.00	12.48	5.83m

### Committee Members

Some good news from our newly formed Management Committee at their first meeting since the AGM, as they have co-opted two additional members to the team. Alex Morey is now the RC Board Sports and Chris O'Brian has taken on the Bar Manager role.

We will see more of Alex in the Spring but the Bar Manager's position is one where the role and tasks have already been divided into three or four sections over the past year: the till and banking, ordering beer, buying spirits and other consumables from Bookers or other supermarkets when required or when on sale has been dealt with by four members. The main action of the Bar Manager will now be to act as a co-ordinator and managing the Brewery. The role will need to be changed formally in the future to a more flexible approach and spreading the workload. Perhaps changing the title to Bar Co-ordinator or something similar. We will let you know how things will work out when Chris gets his feet under the table.

## Christmas & New Year Club Open Times

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve	1pm – 6pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day	12noon – 2pm Commodore's Drinks
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Boxing Day	12noon – 4pm following the Pram Race
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	5pm – 11pm
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1pm – 4pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	1pm – 6pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> New Years Eve	7.30pm till late
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025 Bank Hol opening	1pm – 5pm, followed by normal opening if sufficient interest and any staff

## Rule Book

Many thanks to David Gosnell for updating the Rule Book following the EGM in April this year. We now have Version 1.9 which covers any agreed alterations made and is now a formal copy of this.

The Rules and Policies can be found under the Membership section on the PYC website. David will also be putting a bound copy in the club house when the Christmas tree is taken down for future reference for those who are unable to access the website.

## Lifeboats

Many thanks to those of you who put your spare change into the RNLI boat on the Bar counter as it was so full of coppers that we had to ask them to come over and empty it. I'm pleased to say that we have donated £108.22 without even noticing. Well done to everyone and please don't stop putting your loose change in there as every little bit matters!

## Christmas Raffle



Lots more lovely prizes have either been donated or bought so don't forget to buy your £2 a raffle number or numbers when you buy your next round of drinks. There has been a huge range of prizes and the winning numbers will be picked out on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Turkey and Pork Bap afternoon care of Commodore Paul. The plan is that if you have a winning number, you will then have to pick a ticket from a covered "hat" to which the prize numbers are allocated. That means that you will have an equal chance of winning a really stunning prize - whether or not your ticket is the first one to be drawn or not.

## Social Events

Well done to Geisha who won £59 when Keith entertained the Club with another round of **Play Your Cards Right**. I am told the reason she won was because she took advice from husband Paul C and Olive. Paul C says that was because men are always right! I can only say, without any fear for my life, if that were true then both Geisha and Sue would be living in the Carribean six months of the year to keep their tan topped up! Bah humbug from me!



I thought I'd found Mr Right  
- instead, he's Mr Always  
Bloody Right

Moving on, Saturday saw Jamie Stewart's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration in full swing which, I unfortunately missed, due to this bug or virus or brain damage that keeps attacking me when I want to enjoy myself! From what I hear it was a really good doo – so good that everybody was having so much fun that no one took any photos! Or at least, no one took any photos that they have passed on to me to let you have a look at. Sorry about that but, equally glad to hear that it was a good time for everyone.

Don't forget that if you want to have a "doo" to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any other event that we would be very pleased to help you think about what we could possibly offer. Do ask us and let's see what we can do. We are a family Club and we want to help out where we can.

## Turkey & Pork Baps and Christmas Raffle



I've mentioned above the Christmas Raffle which will be drawn during the afternoon of Sunday 22nd December, along with the pre-Christmas Bap Roll treat for our members from the Commodore Chef Paul with Turkey and Pork. I did say last week to let me know if there are any vegetarians attending but no one has come back to me so far about this. Do let me know as we need to get our shopping list sorted.



## Christmas Day

Again, (do I keep saying again??) a reminder about this as the Commodore Paul will be inviting the members into, or outside the Club from 12 noon until 2pm on Christmas day to help him celebrate with, perhaps, a Christmas drink or two.



## New Years Eve Celebration!!!

Oh yes! The bit I like!!! We've already put in our order at Jordans for the scrumptious goodies to keep us going through the evening of our New Year Eve's party whilst we think about what we consume next - our wine, beer, Gin & Tonics or whatever we feel the urge to treat ourselves to.

Remember - don't drink on an empty stomach and what we are getting from Jordans, plus some extra goodies is looking very highly desirable! (I'm getting quite picky as the years go by so do trust me when I say this!)

If you have put your name down on the list but haven't paid your £45 per head yet, please can I advise you to get a move on as the list is filling up and we want to keep it an enjoyable gathering where we can have some fun and show the world that we can party! I know I'm being fussy but I want a great team who can enjoy the entire evening and get behind the Bar to help themselves without any hassle from anybody.

Likewise, if you have been pondering about whether or not to join in the fun, what can I say? It has always been a sensational evening and this year after the music by Sarah Wood, we are being treated to a firework display to welcome 2025 into our lives. Who else is doing that?

For those of you who have children, we will be opening the Family/Training room - provided that parents take full responsibility for their youngsters and do not allow them into the main area of the Clubhouse, apart from coming to watch the fireworks – if they are still awake. The children, that is. There will be no charge for them but we ask that parents to make their own provisions for any snacks to stop them starving to death! (We know that 30 minutes without access to food can seem like the end of the world to someone under 3.6ft tall).

Another thing that we will be asking in is that the key to this room is taken back to the Bar after the room is open and not left with the children. (We think they are selling it to the Russians (??) for anyone who they are not giving sanctuary to but, we can't prove it as no one has landed and no cash has changed hands yet.) We are now taking the key back when we open the room routinely now, just in any case.

I will be publishing more details about entry to the Club on the evening to prevent any strangers or non-ticket holders gaining entrance and these will be in-line with Fire Safety regulations. This should reassure anyone who wishes to bring a child to the Family Room or anyone with concerns about the child's or their security on the evening.

Please be assured that we are all very aware on the Management Committee of our member's safety when large numbers of people are involved in areas neighbouring a beach area when alcohol is involved.

As I have said, we are all looking forward to an absolutely brilliant evening!!! Whoohoo – let's bring it on!!!!



## Future Events

### December

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Please note that Iain Donaldson's Wake will be from 12noon following the funeral service at Arun Crematorium at 11am

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Raffle and Commodore's Turkey & Pork Rolls (and any veggie rolls)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Commodore's Christmas Drinks from Midday until 2pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Pram Race from 11am (roads closed from 10.30am)

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve Celebration with Sarah Wood, food & drinks included in your ticket from 7.30pm

### January 2025

New Years Day Bar Opening 1 – 4pm

## Any Other Business



If you didn't see it in last week's blog, you may have heard that we are now taking part in The Pagham Pram Race! It's still too soon to give you any more information about what the Pram will look like but the race starts at 11 am prompt on Boxing day, starting at **The Mill** on Pagham Road and stopping at **The Bear, The Lamb public houses and Maria's Cafe**, a course of approximately **3 miles** that finishes at **The Lamb Inn** car park. There will be bucket collectors following the course so please do put any spare change aside in readiness for this morning. It is so worthwhile!

OK. It's time for the bad joke. Are you ready for this:

A preacher was making his rounds on an electric scooter around Pagham when he came upon Johnny trying to sell his rib outside PYC.

"How much do you want for the rib?" asked the preacher.

"I just want enough money to go out and buy me an Orkney," said Johnny.

After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my Scooter in trade for it?"

Johnny said, "Mister, you've got yourself a deal."

The preacher took the rib onto the water and tried to start it. He pulled and pulled on the rope until he was dripping with sweat but the rib refuses to start.

The preacher called Johnny over and said, "I can't get this rib to start."

Johnny said, "That's because you have to swear at it to get it started."

The preacher said, "I'm a man of the church and I can't cuss at it. It's been so long since I've been saved that I don't even remember how to swear."

Johnny looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pulling on that rope. It'll come back to you."

Are you smiling? Go on.....it was a good one!

Looking forward to seeing you soon xxxx

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*Honorary Blogger*

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