

Hi everybody,

Now that the nights are closing in and we are greet each sunny day as a welcome surprise, there is still lots to look forward to. Have a look at what our members have been up to and what we have waiting for us! Keep sending me the fabulous pictures – you'll see what I mean!



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin, sorry but no sailing this weekend due to lack of wind. However, three sailors, Graham Salter, Guy Hickman and Kevin Robbins did go for a very slow leisure sail to Bognor, enjoying the views along the way. That is the other side to sailing ...



Oh, and we forgot to tell you about a new member to the Sailing Team.....no sorry, it's the fishing team! Aren't we lucky?



On the Angling front, George tells me that Chris S was out on Friday with fish caught by him included Mackerel, Dogfish, Bass and Skate. On Saturday, three boats went out with Pete W, Steve D and George catching Dogfish, Mackerel, Bream, Thornback, Ray and a nice Plaice. Oh yes, well done boys!

Today, I did see a couple of boats coming onshore around teatime but I don't know if they fished the competition as the forecast had been poor, and I was just passing across the beach so someone will let me know if they did.

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Commodore Paul's Feedback on the recent Member Survey

Please see the footnote to the Blog below.

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I am pleased to say that the Election of Officers list, which was showing three vacancies, has now produced a volunteer for the very important role of Treasurer. This volunteer has been proposed and seconded by members as required.

This leaves two vacancies requiring volunteers to step forward: Bar Manager and RC Planning. As I have said before, the current members filling these roles would love to talk to you about what is involved and why they are now giving it up. Often this is for personal reasons – time limitations due to working or family, or breaks/holidays as the member cannot carry on attending all meetings/duties etc.

If you are interested in any of the two vacancies then please do come forward and have a chat. I know I keep saying this but the Bar Manager is an ideal role to share. If you are interested in

the ordering of beer and lager, plus stock taking – come forward. We need to fit around volunteer's responsibilities and requirements.

If you are interested in how the Bar is run and you are asking – have we got volunteers? Is the Bar stocked up so I can let someone (the other partner) know what we need? Is it clean and tidy? Well.....then we need you to come forward so we can let you know what's involved!!! Having said that, we are always short on Bar volunteers so please do sign to the WhatsApp Group to do one or two hours, perhaps once or twice a month - or even more. It's not a great deal of time and, oh boy, it can be fun!!!!

Email cpc@paghamyachtclub.com and let Lesley know that you would like to help and what days you can do.

As Commodore Paul has said, he will be contacting members who said on their joining forms that they were happy to help behind the Bar, but haven't volunteered as yet. Please, contact us before we contact you. The subsidised bar is a fantastic benefit and an asset to Club members, and we need help to keep it open.

Social Events

Well, let's start with the bad news and the Dinner Dance which we sadly had to postpone due to the high demand for tickets; many more than The Bear is able to accommodate. To avoid disappointment, we are now in the process of looking for a larger venue as we want everyone to have to opportunity to join together on one night and celebrate all that our Club has to offer! This may mean another day beyond a Friday, or perhaps beyond the November date, but this time we want to get a lovely venue where all will want to attend. We have learned our lesson and we will let you have more details once we are able to commit to a suitable venue. All I will ask is that you to support us with this so we can look forward to a fantastic night out!!!!

Speaking of celebrations, on behalf of the Club I would like to offer our congratulations to two of our regular Bar hands, Wooley and Theresa. They have finally enjoyed a wonderful wedding in the sunshine on Saturday afternoon after being parted after losing sight of each other in their teenager years. Blimey! If I look back at my teenage boyfriends, I'm really grateful that they really can't find me now! Anyway, enough said about that – they had a brilliant day with Theresa looking absolutely gorgeous and Rocky behaving his usual well chilled self who delivered the ring and wagged his tail throughout. No listen - I meant the dog Rocky! Not the

Vice Commodore!!! Oh – will you please keep up with what's going on!



Pagham Yacht Club were there in the evening to fully support Wooley and Theresa and show the other guests how to move and groove it on the dance floor.....oh, and how to consume alcohol!

So, now for the reminder time again:

Hopefully you will have put the Halloween Party in your diary. It's on Saturday 30th October for both children and adults with the evening starting off at 6pm with games and prizes for fancy dress for the youngsters. This will be followed by a disco from 8pm for the grown-ups (also in fancy dress). Members and signed in guests only. I have been warned to tell you that no dead bodies are allowed and we will check for pulses if necessary. I have also been told that I cannot bring my coffin. Damn! I was looking forward to giving it an airing. Makes a nice coffee table, doesn't it?

If you Have any Halloween decorations then Sue would be grateful to have them donated to make the Club look even more scary then it usually is.



Bonfire Night on Saturday 5th November with a BBQ at £5 each. A list has been put up on the notice board for you to tell us you are coming, and it will be taken down on 31st October. This is to ensure that we can order the correct amount of food. Tickets will be sold from this list so make sure you put your name on it before it is removed. Don't forget that we are also asking

members to bring along a selection of their own fireworks that all attending can share to enjoy. This means the grown-ups as well as the kids!!! Again, members and signed in guests only and we have already sent out a letter to our neighbours to warn them of any possible noise in case they have dogs or children who are unhappy with any noise.



Again in November on the afternoon of Saturday 20th we have Duncan McKenzie coming back to entertain us. This will be inside as we are sure the weather is not going to hold out that long. Have you heard about snow over half-term? Aaargh! Duncan is to be followed by the Prize Giving Supper at 7pm so keep an eye out for the food list.

The Smilies on Saturday 4th December have let me know that their evening will be a Pre-Christmas Special with platinum classics covering all those famous songs from The Drifters, Diana Ross, The Supremes, The Temptations, Martha and the Vandellas, the Beatles and many, many more! All they want from you is to be dressed from the 50s or the 60s.



Is this a current member? He looks strangely familiar? No? Oh.....

Anyway, I'm sure you can dress up with similar bad taste without digging down too far in your wardrobe. And I'm equally sure we could find a prize for the most authentically dressed rock 'n roller or the shortest mini skirt. Might include the women in the last one as well! (Just jesting, honestly!) But it looks like a really good evening so do mark it in your diary.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all at the above events! Full details of any forthcoming events are again published on our website so do check for any updates.

See you very soon,

Jill

Honorary Blogger

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Commodore Paul's Feedback on the recent Member Survey

Dear All,

I thought I would send out a response to the members' survey that went out in July and into August this year, the main reason for which was to get a feel for members' thoughts around the future of the club based on the introduction of the 'Five Year' business plan voted in by the members at the 2019/20 AGM.

The current five-year plan put together by Bob Newman and the Planning Sub-Committee was formally adopted to replace the previous plan by the full Management Committee on Thursday 7th October. You may well ask why we did this? The simple answer is that this is a "living document" and the committee is charged on your behalf with keeping a rolling five-year plan in place, not just giving it the once-over periodically.

So, back to the satisfaction survey. The questions were aimed at what we currently do and how we can improve it in certain water sports areas, not forgetting that PYC is a sailing club and we are all volunteers. The sailing has been thriving in recent months with huge efforts from our RC Sailing and his committee, along with great support from the race officers, RIB crews and beach support teams, all born out of their passion for sailing.

Before we get to the positives of the survey, I need to point out that this was sent out to all members, full and social, but the total responses received was still low. I wanted to reiterate that this was your opportunity to have your say and I want to say a big thank you to those who did respond. I will give a brief overview of the results and what it means for the future.

Bob Newman put together some pie charts that were easier on the eye and that were circulated last week and have been posted in the corridor of the Club so I won't go into detail which allows me to concentrate on the important bits:

The responses to the club and the current committee were very positive; a great deal of time and hard work is invested and carried out on the members' behalf by volunteers.

In terms of the water-based activities currently in place, this was roundly supported by the members.

The social events being arranged by RC Social were also fully supported.

One area I do want to cover is the Clubhouse itself. The general response was good to satisfactory, but the overriding view was the need to modernise the club and improve the facilities available like the changing rooms, the sun lounge and the general layout of the club. The committee have taken this on board and some remedial actions have already been taken or are in process.

The Planning Committee have been working hard at looking at this area and, as members will be aware, the build of the club comes in three distinct phases. The carriages, the sun lounge, and the newer section at the front (roadside) of the club.

Due to the structural make-up of all three elements, we will need to complete a full structural survey of the club premises to allow the Planning Committee to make evidence-based judgements on what we can actually do. Planning laws have changed in recent years, particularly in relation to flood risk areas and we are obtaining costs for future work.

As you can imagine, this is an extended project with a great deal of work required to assess the impact of the survey and then prepare plans and options to be put before the membership. It is anticipated that this will be completed and put to the AGM in November 2022.

For the future, we will continue with the 'Meet the Commodore' get-togethers to allow me to update the members with developments, to listen to ideas and take the Club forward.

Whilst the Coronavirus Pandemic has had a significant impact on trade and business you, the members, have kept PYC vibrant and numbers are excellent with full membership increasing for the sailing and the fishing.

Some local sailing clubs have suffered and we are looking to extend a friendly welcome to them and help where we can.

We have fostered good relations with Pagham Lagoon Sailing with sterling work from Barnaby and Colin and the team at PLS with our RC Sailing Kev Mason, Trench and Andy G at PYC.

I will put a date in the diary for the next 'Meet the Commodore' session and let you know via the blog and the website.

In the meantime, stay safe all, and I look forward to meeting you at PYC very soon.

Paul

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