

Hi Everybody,



This weeks' dawn photo.

Just in time for Christmas, the new 6-seater high Bar tables and chairs arrived and have been set up and what a difference they make! They fit in well with our existing 4-seater high tables but do allow for a more sociable get-together without obstructing access to the Bar. Brilliant idea!



Speaking of a brilliant idea, for those of you who haven't been in the Club on the weekend recently, we have started the Meat Raffle again on Sundays. This weekend we had 6 prizes ranging from a beef joint, chicken breasts, Pork chops through to enough sausages to feed all of those present. Tickets are £2 for 3 strips of 5 tickets or £1 for 1 strip and we usually draw the tickets between 3 – 3.30pm on Sunday 19th if you are interested in filling your freezer before Christmas. We'll start again on Sunday 9th January 2022. We will be putting the occasional fish choice in there as well for those veggie members who don't want the meat choice.



## Sailing and Angling Report:

From George, he isn't aware of any angling taking place in the last week. Do you think they were downhearted by the lack of interest by the fish to the carefully prepared bait last weekend? Which reminds me, George wanted you to know that the plaice he caught was 20cm NOT 18cm! My apologies George.

Don't forget that the last competition of 2021 is on Sunday the 19th from 8.30am until 1.30pm.

Fingers crossed that there will be some hungry fish out there by then!

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## Social Events

I did let you know last week of what we have planned for you but we now have an extra fun based experience for this Friday – a Karaoke & Disco evening starting at 7pm, with American food to keep you going. We have that famous team leading the way with the music – Russ and Keith, otherwise know affectionately as the **Ruske Bros**. Or was that the name of those Mafia gangsters in New York? Oh well.....they haven't found them yet.....yet.....



Sue will be preparing the basics of an American Supper but asks if you can bring along any contributions to embellish what we have on offer then it will be most appreciated. Pizza, crisps, sausages, dips, veg sticks, chicken legs.....anything!!! (That was from me).

Thursday 23rd December - the 3 course Christmas Dinner at PYC for £15 per head will be at 7pm with the Bar open from 6pm. I'm not sure if all places have gone now but do ask Sue you are interested, just in case.

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve – the list is now up for the Pork or Turkey baps which will be served early evening in readiness for the drawing of the Christmas raffle. I'm pleased to see that members have started putting their names down already as we do need you to this to ensure we get enough rolls etc so please don't leave it too late.

Tickets are being sold by Sue at £1 per strip or 6 for £5 for some lovely prizes so again, do get your tickets now in case your favourite numbers are chosen by someone else.

Christmas Day – the best day of the year! The Commodore would be delighted if you can join him from mid-day until 2pm to celebrate with him the joy of Christmas, along with a drink or two. I know I keep saying “hopefully” if the weather is kind to us we will be able to open the doors and enjoy chatting to each other with a drink in our hands but, you and I know what the weather has been doing recently so do come equipped with wet weather gear if you need to stand outside.

New Years Eve – again, I am pleased to see that we already have some members putting their names up for the fun party evening with a late buffet along with the light hearted quiz on New Years Eve. Don't forget that we will have a bottle of Champagne for the winning team to enjoy at midnight along with the celebrations on TV. As I have said before, this will be an entertaining quiz for those with a sense of humour who would like to enjoy a comfortable get-together and some dancing music. The Bar will be open from 7.30pm and the quiz will start around 9pm with the second round after the buffet.

### Bar Duties

Just to let you know that Commodore Paul has now contacted all members who have said they would do a Bar duty on their registration forms and not joined the WhatsApp - with a somewhat varied response.

There are a few social members, who haven't been in the Club for some time, that may not be renewing their membership and would not be able to help out.

Whilst this is disappointing, it may free up some spaces for those potential social members that we have on our waiting list to join the Club. Over to Membership Secretary!

The good news is that the majority of the responses were very positive and some were from members who live outside our area and cannot give immediate help or, have hitches with their health that will endanger them if they should be in contact with Covid. They have let us know who they are and that they will put their name forward again once the sailing season starts or the spread of Covid changes, and one suggested how they could help in other ways by monitoring wine prices etc so it was a worthwhile effort.

In the meantime, do keep your eye on the WhatsApp for the Bar duties as, this Sunday again saw that we had no volunteer after 4pm, that being the one time when it did become busy!!!!

In this case it looks as if members waited until they had finished watching the Grand Prix at home and decided then to come out for a drink – and stayed. The Commodore took this elongated shift, having been there since 2pm, closing up at

7pm. Whilst we don't mind this happening to Paul who has taken it on board, we don't want this to happen to all of our volunteers as we need to keep them. Sorry Paul.....

Our drinks are very much cheaper than pubs or clubs in our area, due largely to our volunteer bar staff. A typical large Gordons Gin & tonic will be £4 – what would you be paying elsewhere??

Having said that, it seems the benefits enjoyed by all are the result of only a few volunteers. It would be good if we could spread that load across more of our membership, and one bar duty a month would significantly help in achieving that. So, keep smiling, enjoy and prosper as our social side helps pay for much of the other activity at the Club.

I would love to see you at any of the events mentioned above so do let us know if you can make it so we can cater for you in the way you deserve. I am really looking forward to seeing you soon and enjoying Christmas!

We all work together xxx

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