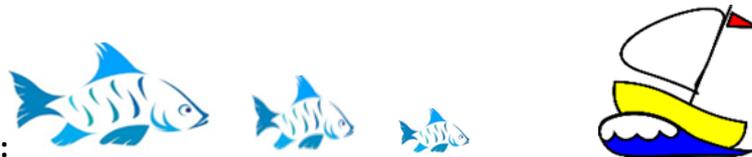


Hi everybody,

Well, what a difference a week makes when you have been incarcerated – not only with your husband who had to self-isolate and then caught the bug from me, but with a dog that you can't take out for a walk and who thinks you are ignoring her! I'm not sure which is the worse option, but I have to say that this Covid-19 has a lot to answer for!

The only good news is that those it has affected at the Club will be up and running well in time for Sea Week, so thank heavens for small mercies – and the website where the calendar for events is posted. Do have a look at what's going on as it's a week full of exciting stuff. Look out freedom, I can hardly wait to get out there and enjoy what we are offering!



Sailing and Angling Report:

From RC Sailing Kevin ... an interesting weekend of sailing!

Saturday afternoon saw four boats taking to the water with Andy Grout taking some family members out in his dart 18, Kevin Robbins in his sprint 15 and youth members Jay and Bertie in a Pico each. With conditions really quite rough it was really a bit too much for Bertie, who hasn't sailed for a long time. Quite wise and well done to Jay who came ashore and the two of them then went out together. So, they then got to the question all youth ask RC Kevin at some point - "Can we do some capsizing training?". He tells me that this is just an excuse to have fun jumping on and off the boat but, having fun is part of sailing so.....



Sunday saw rough seas and strong winds, was touch and go whether there would be sailing or not. With seven boats rigged and all wanting to sail, it was decided to launch with the Race Officers Trench and Sally setting three courses for David and RC Kevin to lay. This was tough going for them in those conditions.



With everyone capsizing at least once with Guy having turtles (oops!) his Pico with the mast coming adrift from the vessel, his boat had to have a serif out at sea. (I looked that up and I think it means a small line but I may be wrong!) Guy had to be recovered onto the RIB and his Pico was towed ashore upside down. Once they had got Guy ashore, Nick and Kevin decided it was their turn and capsized the Lady Margaret, filling it with water. So, after another recovery and a tow in, with just one race completed it was decided to finally call it a day.



From RC Kevin, if anyone has noticed the orange marker buoy still out at sea, they didn't forget to recover it as the anchor was caught on the sea bed! David has kindly offered to don his diving kit on Wednesday and dive to recover it, weather conditions permitting. Many thanks David.

On another note, there will be no water activities on Tuesday 23rd of Sea Week due to the funeral and Wake of Pat Skudder.

Sailing Results 15th August

1st Simon Orde :	Laser
2nd Chris Smith :	Laser
3rd Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman :	Wayfarer
4th Cerys Dickinson :	Laser 4.7
5th Stuart Atwood & Allen Phillips:	Hobie Tiger
Guy Lawson :	Laser Pico retired
Graham Salter :	Laser retired

Angling

From George, to the best of his knowledge only Chris and Sally went out for a few hour's Plaice fishing with only Sally catching a small one. They also had lots of small Bream.

The next competition is Sunday 22nd August, 9am start with the best Bass the target species. Good luck everyone!

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Pat Skudder

Just a reminder that Pat's funeral will take place at 2pm at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday 24th August and the Wake following this will be at PYC. Colin is looking forward to welcoming you all along to celebrate with him, to the full, the life of one of our most beloved members.



Don't forget to wear your masks until you are seated at the crematorium and that, as requested by Pat, any flowers are from your garden. Most important of all – we are all looking forward to seeing the Club filled with the outfits of what could be the horse racing attendees at Goodwood! Let's hope that good taste wins as I have heard that Glorious Goodwood is all about `effortless chic` and beautiful summer dresses, with Linen suits and Panama hats for the boys. We mustn't let Pat down as she was always so sophisticated in her attire. Let's make it an event worth sharing for the happy times and memories! Any donations in memory of Pat then please could it be to St Wilfrid's hospice as they are doing a sterling job and need our support. <https://stwh.co.uk/donate>

Sunday Breakfast

Sue has moved her Breakfast Morning back one week from the 5th to 12th September to coincide with the Bart's Bash. Yes – you heard it, more fun and games on the water coming our way! Get your name down on her list which I'm sure will be posted outside Pebbles soon. Get a look out!

COVID and Bar Duties

The good news is that now we have all survived that little input of Covid-19 and have now put the screens back up over the Bar counter and carried on with our safeguards to effectively stop the spread.

The bad news is that we still do have that drop-off of filling all of the gaps on the Bar rota which hasn't been helped by one or two other problems such as Jo our Social and Fundraising Secretary being whipped into St Richards to have her appendix out, and Guy our Bar Manager deciding to put a red-hot metal chip in his eye when fitting a metal garage. You know, you just can't trust them when you leave them alone, can you?

Despite this, Guy managed to carry on over the weekend with the sterling aid of our Sue from The Pebbles who, it seems, has found a new life in organising life behind the Bar. Well done Sue!

You may have heard the term **TEAM PYC** but, blimey all.....that is, and you are what kept the Bar open this Friday, Saturday and Sunday after we did not open it on that fateful Wednesday.

We should now be proud of what a limited number of members did – not only Committee Members, to carry on and keep our Club open.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart as I, and many others could not help you all to make it happen!

xxx

Golf

Next golf event for PYC golfers is to be at Littlehampton Golf Club on a date, to be confirmed, for either Friday 17th or Friday 24th September.

The day will start with a full English Breakfast followed by 18 holes and then back at PYC for prizes and nibbles for £50.

Please can you put your details on the sheet on the noticeboard in the main corridor, or let Clive know if you are interested.

Social Events

I am so really sorry to have missed the Skykick Surfers on Saturday as I have seen them on Facebook and they look really good. Damn! Never mind, we'll have them back again.

I know we have a really busy Sea Week coming up with Karaoke, Audio Riot, Duncan McKensie, Hi 5, Malc Redding , Elvis and Change of Plan bringing all sorts of music our way but in the meantime don't forget that Tina has invited us to join her celebrating her 70th on Saturday 21st. Hi 5 will be there to get us all in the mood to move it, groove it and shake our booty – or do whatever you want to do with yours. Do come along and join us as I know that Tina will look forward to having as many of us to join us as possible!

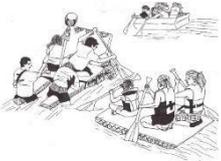
Disco & Karaoke Equipment – more good news from Jack who will be down the Club from 2pm on Saturday 21st August with all of our new sound equipment set up and waiting for you to learn how to make it work!

Please don't waste this opportunity – get yourself down to the Club and take this opportunity to find out how to make the equipment work for you and us and make for better evenings that you have already paid for! This is your Club! Please do make the most of it as I have already said that this is your Club!!!! Don't forget that.....

SEA WEEK

Again, do keep an eye out by checking the website for any changes or updates but at the moment Sea Week is

Monday 23rd August



Raft Race – Fishermen versus Sailors **and** Social Members versus the Committee Members!

The really good news is that they haven't asked me to participate in this yet so I haven't ordered a new set of contact lenses in the hope that they really won't get so desperate to ask me as you cannot imagine how difficult it is to find a contact lens in the Solent. Paul once threw my lenses down the toilet thinking they were his disposable lenses and then he went off to work. This was when my glasses were at another house so I was totally blind. Do you know how much hard lenses cost and how long it takes for a prescription to be filled?? Especially when you are blind as a bat??? That's why you won't see me swimming underwater – or surfacing anywhere near our coastline! Hey ho!



So, getting onto the good stuff early! Gin Night from 6pm followed by Karaoke. I did say last week that I thought that this was going to be a practice for Pat's night! Please, can I just say that I did mean the Gin

Night that I was talking about– not the Karaoke! Having said that, when we get the Gin down us then the Karaoke just follows.....hic!

Tuesday 24th August

The Wake for our Pat Skudder is being from around 3pm at the Club. Rosie and Andy's quiz night has been re-scheduled so do keep an eye out for that as I'm just getting my act together to chase up what's been decided whilst I've been isolated. Love that phrase....."I've been in isolation!" Makes it sounds like The Shining. Aaarghh.....No. We don't want to go anywhere near that movie. Altogether now, shake it out and re-start again.

Wednesday 25th August

Bucking Bronco & Surf Machine from 2pm. I am not going to tell you again how old you have to be to get on and risk your survival! No – not how tall – that doesn't count!!!!

Pagham Lagoon invited to sail with us so do watch out for more information from RC Sailing Kevin.



American evening – more details to follow! Watch this as I need to know as well!!!!!! I think it will be an evening where we bring plates of food to share. I love evenings like this.

Thursday 26th August

Golf Day with refreshments after golf for those who signed on.



Audio Riot playing at 7 pm

Friday 27th August

Final of the Raft Race – Yahoo!

Duncan McKensie playing at 6pm so do get down to the Club to enjoy before the food gets in the way (or is the food first?)

Fish Night with a small charge. I need to know more! What fish? What chips? What time? Do we need to pre-order? Do I need to put a list up? I think I'm recovering from this Covid – 19 things as my hunger is creeping in! Sorry.....

Saturday 28th August

Hi 5 Band playing at 7pm. Our own band so come along and support them!

Cocktail evening with Caribbean Fancy dress – this is where I want you to take as many pictures as possible (apart from me as the Covid – 19 didn't mean I lost weight!!!). Let's get some really great pictures and can we have a competition for this? Can we? Huh? Can we? Or if not – how about the joke competition to go with the pictures? Only an idea.....

Sunday 29th August

This is the official bit as we are keen to get as many of our members familiar with what we do with the workings of the Bridge – as well as encourage more team members to take part in what can be a really exciting part of the sailing practise and route. (Actually – this is what it is really all about as we do need to extend our help!)

The Bridge Party will happen from 2.30 pm. - 4.30 pm. Members will be invited up to the Sailing Bridge to be entertained and hosted by the Bridge crew for free drinks and nibbles and an insight as to the workings of the Race Officers, a look at the equipment and to get an overview of what the team do to make things happen on the water. This is an absolutely crucial role and they do so much that is hidden from view. Come and see 'behind the scenes' and maybe we can sign you up to help out with what is going on and receive training in the art of the Race Officer.



We will be providing snacks, G&T, red/white wine and bottled beers for those attending but please be warned that the Bridge is a small area so it will be an appropriate phased access.

I have to say that no one emphasized this final point! With Trench up there we were relying on the slim build of Sally to ensure that those drinking in the Bar below were safe from the creaking roof/floor of the Bridge joining them.

Don't worry, so far, we haven't yet put a weight limit on any new applicants for Race Officers!!!! (Phew.....)

Back to the singing.....Malc Redding and Sean Ward ('Elvis') singing at 4 pm.



Yes, Our own Elvis is coming back!!!!

Monday 30th August

Sailfish race in the morning.

"Change of Plan" playing from 3pm

Meet the Commodore from 5.15pm with Commodore's Cheese and Wine at 6pm



I feel that we may have to have another blog before Sea Week to keep everybody up to date with what's is going on as we have had so many of the Management Committee off their usual settings for us know what's happening.

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