

Hi Everybody,

I don't know where to start? It has been such a surprising weekend for everybody around us, but we have been here before and have survived! The sea has been that beautiful turquoise with white heads but has made it impossible to sail on. A bit like a stroppy wife – gorgeous to look at but don't you dare touch her without risking everything else that you hold precious! Especially if you are male! And if you do.....it was nice but maybe if you risk it then this is goodbye.....

The good news is, like a divorce, if you have managed to keep the most precious item intact there is always the chance of re-launching it again next weekend when the socializing is looking a bit more friendly – or welcome to your boat without you going down under the waves. Simple!



Sailing and Angling Report

My apologies to the sailors from last weeks' fabulous racing as I didn't publish their results as I was so busy choosing which of the great pictures to post. Yes, I know! Need to pay more attention so apologies again....

Sailing Results 1st August

Summer Series Race 1

1st Guy Hickman Laser

2nd Jack Goodland Laser

3rd Hannah Hill Laser 4.7

4th Andy & Carol Grout Dart 18

5th Graham Salter Laser

6th Steve & Louise & Matthew Greene Dart 18

Summer Series Race 2

1st Guy Hickman

2nd Jack Goodland

3rd Hannah Hill

4th Graham Salter

5th Andy & Carol Grout

6th Steve & Louise & Matthew Greene

Mulberry Series Race 9

1st Jack Goodland

2nd Guy Hickman

3rd Andy & Carol Grout

4th Hannah Hill

Having just said how amazing last week's sailing was, I am disappointed to let you know that there has been no sailing this last weekend to report on. I just love this "breezy" weather! Yes, I am joking.....

The good news is that Pagham Lagoon Sailing have asked if our sailors, fishermen and social members would like to join them at the lagoon for the Bart's bash on the Saturday morning of the 11th September at 10:00am to have a sail around on a course in a hoppy. Groan.....I just knew you were going to ask! I don't know what a hoppy is but I will be there to find out and I hope to see you there as well. Sounds like really good fun.

Don't forget that we have the Raft Race on Monday 23rd August so you have time to practice your water survival skills – and the Lagoon is not that deep!

RC Sailing Kevin has invited the Lagoon to join us on the Sunday morning to race in the Bart's bash, even if it is to just jump in a boat as ballast as it will get them out at sea. Great idea – once you have been out there and sensed the thrill then we know you are hooked!

On another note, RC Kevin has removed the bin from the car park when he and another member noticed how full it was - and the amount of rubbish that was just left by the side of the bin. This has happened before when it was becoming a health hazard and possibly attracting rats and other vermin.

I don't need to tell you that when they emptied it the smell was horrendous and both RC Kevin and the other members were almost sick. This is partially due to gutting fish and depositing other "food" matters in the bin. That is not what it is there for.

So, from now on all members will have to take their rubbish with them or deposit it in the main bin outside the Club please. Don't forget that we do have CCTV so please respect what we are asking you to do as it is for all users of the Boat Park. Thank you in anticipation.

Angling

From George, three boats went out in the week with Dogfish, Mackerel, Bream and Conger caught. He tells me that it was not the most productive day! Also, a Bass caught from Pagham Harbour.

The competition on Sunday was cancelled due to that famous "breezy" weather with the next one on 22nd August starting at 9am with Bass the target species. I've just looked at the long-term weather forecast. Oh. Well, this "breezy" weather may change.....Good luck all!

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Pat Skudder

I'm sure some of you will already have heard the sad news but if you haven't been included in the loop, I'm really sorry to let you know that despite her rebellious approach to it, Pat has been defeated by her cancer.

The funeral will take place at 2pm at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday 24th August and afterwards the Wake will be at PYC. All are very welcome to come along and celebrate the life of one of our most loved members who enjoyed her time with us to the full.



Colin has asked that if you attend the crematorium that you wear masks until you are seated and that any flowers are from your garden, not bought, as that is what Pat would like. He has also asked that come along dressed as you would if you were attending the horse racing at Goodwood as this is one event that is happening during their prime season. We know Pat would approve of that.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Pat then please, could it be to St Wilfrid's hospice as they were so helpful when Pat came home at the end. <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

Although Covid cases in Pagham & Nyetimber have reduced in the past couple of weeks, some members have recently been affected, including myself, although I do not frequent beyond the Club, Sainsburys and the Co-op! Please note, we continue to take sensible precautions; the bar counter screens are in place and we continue to ask members to carry on sanitising their hands and wearing masks.

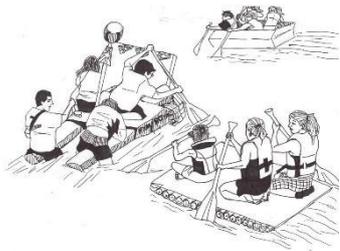
Perhaps understandably, we have empty bar duty slots, and the bar will be closed this Wednesday, and may be closed other days and evenings.

Please help if you can; there is a WhatsApp Group to manage bar duties, which I can help you join.

#### SEA WEEK

Some changes to the calendar so do keep an eye out by checking the website but so far....

Monday 23rd August



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



Gin Night from 6 pm followed by Karaoke (I think this is a practice for Pat's night!)



Tuesday 24th August

The Wake for Pat Skudder from 3pm (Rosie and Andy's quiz night has been re-scheduled)

Wednesday 25th August

Bucking Bronco & Surf Machine from 2 pm

Pagham Lagoon invited to sail with us



American evening – more details to follow!

Thursday 26th August

Golf Day with refreshments after golf



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

Fish Night with a small charge

Saturday 28th August

Hi 5 Band playing at 7 pm (our own band!)

Cocktail evening with Caribbean Fancy dress

Sunday 29th August

The Bridge Party 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.

Malc Redding and Sean Ward ('Elvis') singing at 4 pm (Yes – they are 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



Social Events

On Saturday the Vice Commodore, Rocky took a last-minute decision to keep the Bar open into the evening and arranged a get together via our Face Book. There was just a small group who enjoyed pizza, pool, darts and the kids had a game of Jenga. Sorry – no one took any photos to show you how much fun they had! Aren't those the best evenings?

That was until I at looked at what we have coming our way! Wow!!!! This is going to be a good month! Xxxxx

Don't forget that we have Skykick Surfers on Saturday 14th from 3/4pm so we can enjoy their music.

Keep safe everybody and I look forward to seeing you soon,

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