



# AQUILA

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**MARCH 2013**

## COMMODORE'S COMMUNIQUE



I can't believe another month has gone and I have to think of things to tell you all, without boring you. Luckily this month there is lots to tell you....

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in our bid for a grant to replace our old rib 'Romulus'. Fortunately we have worked hard over the last many years to improve our bank balance in case of situations like this. Therefore I am pleased to announce that **we have now bought a new rib 'Romulus II'**, manufactured to the same specifications as our existing rib, by the same company, we are therefore confident that this boat will meet all our requirements.

Romulus II was delivered yesterday 10<sup>th</sup> March and Romulus was taken away, bought by the same company, it was sad to see her go but great seeing the slick fresh model that replaced her. We have decided to call the new rib Romulus II so that the call sign can remain 'Romulus', making it much easier for us to remember.

However, this does mean that alongside all the essential works to the club this year, that we have depleted our funds to a concerning level. We still have enough money that we can keep running comfortably, so no panic needed, however we no longer have flexibility should we have any other major unexpected bills come in. Therefore, I propose that **this year we start a fundraising drive**, I believe that we should set a target for £10,000, I am realistic that this will not be achievable within a year but this is a good target to aim for.

Attached to the Aquila is a **Gift Aid** form that we would be grateful if people could return, to us. If anyone feels they are able to make a one off donation to start the campaign rolling then we are very grateful. However I am very realistic and understand that we are in a current financial climate that is not being kind to many, and one off donations are not possible for all, therefore we will be including fun social activities to help support the raising of funds on a more realistic level. The gift aid forms mean that we can claim tax back on any donation and you can chose whether it is for a one off, this year, future years, previous years or all, so please get the forms back to us as they really help.

I had planned during March to run a **'Duties' training evening** coupled with food and bar open, to help people feel more confident when doing their bit. This will still take place but we have moved the evening **to April 6<sup>th</sup>** as March has proved to be very busy with work parties. See advert later in Aquila. I must say a huge thank you to all that have come down the club and helped out, it has been great to see so many of you, both the old faces but also our newer or even brand new members, and cadets. Yesterday we had over 30 people here at one point, all working hard. The club is looking good and the season is nearly upon us, there are still some big and little jobs that need doing and we would still appreciate volunteers coming down and helping with these last bits. Lunch, tea, coffee and chocolate biscuits are always available for helpers.

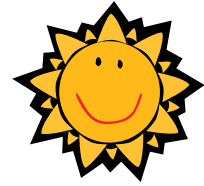
**DON'T FORGET IF YOU HAVE NOT REJOINED BY THE END OF MARCH YOU WILL BE LIABLE TO PAY A REJOINING FEE OF £40...**

***ELAINE FOWLER***

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# VICE'S VERBALS



Well, we are nearly there, dinghy show over, new wetsuits purchased .... Just the weather to sort before the start of our season.

I hope you are all looking forward to what I hope will be a great year of sailing. There's a lot to look forward to, as a great deal of work has been done this winter (and there's plenty more still to do). The **club has had a fantastic internal refurb and the boat park is next!** I have attached a plan for layout, it is not radically different but the aim is to keep classes together and to renew the tie downs that have either been lost or buried over the years.

We will be allocating boat spaces to those who have renewed their memberships and paid their boat park fees on a first past the post basis. So get your fees in quick! Those who have not we will be moving to the back of the boat park. The plan will be marked up with the boat type and number and displayed on the wall by the stairs. We have been meaning to do this for a number of years, and now with the extra enthusiasm of some dedicated members we been able to push this along.

I am done there, but just have to say that I am also looking forward to the Thursday evening training sessions and (the best till last) our new social secretary's offerings .... Her suggestions even made me blush!!!! Can you believe that?! .... The season is nearly here, so fingers crossed for the weather and let's have some fun!

Your spicy vicey

**GARY PEARSON**

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Remember, remember the **31st March**.....

Please don't forget to pay your membership monies before 31 March. You will need to pay an additional **£40.00 (joining fee)** if I haven't received your cheques by this date. Membership renewal forms can be downloaded from our website [www.pbosc.org.uk](http://www.pbosc.org.uk) – don't delay, do it today!

Thank you to all those who have paid up promptly, it helps greatly with cashflow and planning for the year ahead. To all those that have renewed their membership and submitted their boat details, I have prepared **new transom stickers** for you. These are in named envelopes in the Starters Box at the top of the stairs. Please affix the new sticker to your boat so it can easily be identified.

I hope you've all been busy repainting and polishing your boats and you're all ready for the season ahead. And a note for "moth watchers", the rumours are correct - it has now been painted and is nearly ready to fly!

**JUDY GRIFFITHS**

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(best between 6pm and 9pm)



# SAILING SECRETARY'S SCRIPT

The Dinghy Show has now been and gone it was great to see so many club members there. It is now only a few weeks to the start of the season! The **first race is on Sunday 24th March** so not long now. With the nights getting longer and the days, dare I say it, getting a little warmer, it looks like spring has sprung. I would like to congratulate all of our Members who have been racing over what has been a very long and cold winter!! If some of their enthusiasm rubs off on the rest of our members we should be in for a Great season. The **Sailing Calendar** is attached....

With working parties to sort out the boat park and finish off the club house, which is looking great, over the next few weeks, it is shaping up to be a good season ahead. So why not come along to one of the working parties and at the same time as helping get the club ready for the new season, check over your boats and get them ready as well. We have a new Rib being delivered this weekend and over the next few weeks this will be out being run in and prepared for the new season. Thanks to Gordon Bishop for all his hard work in arranging the new boat. There will be a power boat course run at the beginning of the season. So if you have not got your PB2 then speak to Dave Watson to book a place the course. It is worth doing and is fun too.

I would like to thank all the people who have spent time over the winter at the club and doing the things that no one notices are going on but without which we would not be able to go sailing. I hope you all have a great 2013 season and look forward to seeing you on the water very soon!

*Winter is over Time to go Sailing*  
**CHRIS CLARKE**

## SOCIAL SIDE

The start of the season is nearly here so let's get it off to a fun start. The committee would like to welcome all club members to **the Fitting Out Supper on Saturday 30th March at 6.30pm** to enjoy some time with your sailing friends and wish Elaine well in her new role as Commodore. The bar will be open and food will be available, details will follow. Please drop me a line to [karenhilder64@googlemail.co.uk](mailto:karenhilder64@googlemail.co.uk) asap with numbers and we look forward to seeing you there.

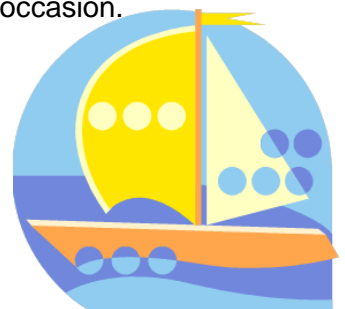
Repeated from last month: here are the Social events for the first half of 2013 for your diaries

Fitting out supper	Saturday 30th March
Themed social evening	Saturday 27th April
Contender/National 12 Open	Saturday 8th June
Topper/Laser weekend	Saturday 29th June
Summer Ball	Saturday 20th July
Sea Week	Mon 12th – Fri 16th Aug

Further details will follow but the bar will be open and food will be served for each occasion.

Club members and their guests are welcome (don't forget to sign guests in), so please join in and enjoy your club's facilities when the sailing has finished for the day.

**KAREN HILDER**



# BRINGING UP THE REAR

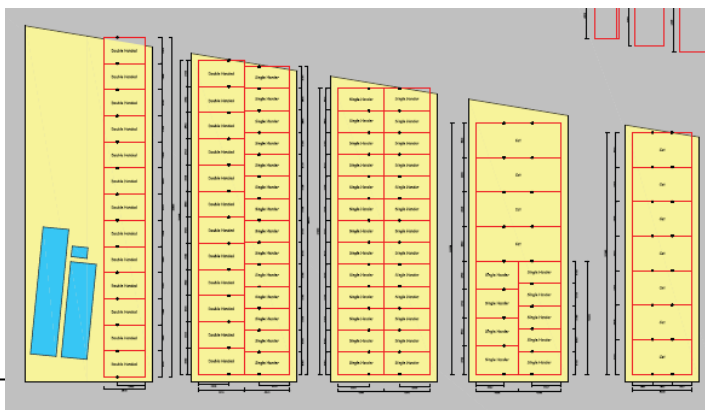
Works on various projects have made good progress since the New Year, for which I would like to say a massive thank you to all who have helped out. The **club room** now looks 'new century' and with a few finishing touches will look really smart. Decorations to the **changing rooms** should be completed by the time this is published. We have been given some bench racking that we will use in the ladies changing as a trial, it's actually meant for primary school use so don't be surprised on the size! Work is to be carried out on the **decking** in front of the race office so be aware of the scaffolding. Hard hats may be the order of the day! A new **handrail to the top patio** is now in production and should be in place for the new season with new chain link under. New **doors to the boathouse** are also in hand.

A major task is **reorganizing the boat park**, for which we will need lots of help to move boats etc. This is planned for the weekends of 9/10<sup>th</sup> and **16/17<sup>th</sup> March**. An excavator is being hired so we need to make sure we put it to maximum use by also repairing the road. The plan with the boat park is to re-designate the slots with new tie downs. This opportunity is also going to be used to reposition boats more into their classes and type and give the regularly used boats currently stored down the road a position on the beach. This we hope will encourage people to interact with other owners of the same boat and inspire them onto the water more. Inevitably this will mean that some boats that are considered under used will be moved to new positions.

This is a snapshot of the new layout, showing (left to right) spaces for double-handers, single-handers and catamarans; a full size version is an attachment to this Aquila and will also be posted on the notice board.

I look forward to seeing you.

**GREG COX**



# PHOTOS NEEDED

We are redesigning our publicity material, including website, club brochure and event posters. We're keen to have **a central collection of photos** that really sell the club, **taken on sunny days** including any of:

- Members enjoying themselves on an off the water - cadets / training / club racing / open days / sea week / Chichester camp / social events;
- Camping on the club lawn;
- Club with Pevensey Bay/ Hastings in the background.

I'd be grateful if you could send up to 10 of your best shots to me at [adrian.peckhamPBSC@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.peckhamPBSC@gmail.com) ideally **within the next two weeks** and confirm that you are happy for the photos to be used by PBSC. Thereafter please feel free to send me ad hoc photos on an ongoing basis, which we'll add to our website and *flickr* link as we go through the season.

Many thanks

**ADRIAN PECKHAM**

# SAILING SCHOOL

The new sailing season is nearly with us and I hope that you have all readied old and new sailing kit, boats are fettled and ready etc. !

## Adult Training

Informal Training wise we start on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March (Easter Saturday) with Ad hoc power boat training.** This is not an official power boat course, but the idea being that we blow away the cobwebs for previous PB2 certificate holders, and depending on who turns up, and what people want to revise, we will make up the format on the day. So far several people have mentioned setting race marks, maybe some capsized dinghy practice if we can find a volunteer with a dry suit ! I think we will throw in some boat handling exercises and MOB etc. As you can appreciate we are realistically limited to the two Tornados and small RIBS, so it will be a **first come first served** opportunity, probably aiming for a morning exercise at 09:00Hrs and one in the afternoon at 14:00Hrs, depending on numbers. There will be no charge for this day, however with the price of fuel, if anyone wants to donate towards this then I am sure our Treasurer would be appreciative.

On **6<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> April we have Adult refresher sailing**, not yet sure if this will be run by the coaches or instructors, but come and get those Stomach and Thigh muscles working (or whatever their technical names are) after the winter break.

Formal RYA training starts with the **RYA Power Boat Level 1 & 2 course**, this is being run on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> April. Both days must be attended** to complete the course, and on completion the certificate will include Coastal and Displacement endorsements. This is our ideal minimum to drive one of our safety boats. The course fee is £65.00 per person and an update passport photograph is required for the certificate. Please let me know in advance if you would like to take part.

The **RYA Dinghy Level 1 & 2 evening course starts on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and runs until 16<sup>th</sup> July inclusive.** On successful completion the student will obtain the RYA Dinghy Level 2 award with Coastal endorsement. Start times will be 18:30Hrs until around 09:30Hrs each evening. Course price will be £120 per person. If you have friends or family wishing to try sailing or undertake a course, then this is a good value way to start. Although we only accept members on our courses, the membership joining fee is waived if this course is undertaken, just leaving the appropriate membership fee and the course to pay for.

We have opened **Thursday evening sailing** to all sailing abilities, the evening will be run by one of our race coaches and the aim to have as many people on the water during the evening, where more informal but constructive race coaching will be provided on and off the water. This is an ideal course for people **to progress from their Dinghy level 2 and prepare for the Sunday races or just develop their sailing skills.** The idea being to coach people to overcome any nerves they have with racing and close quarters manoeuvring with our dinghies. For those of you that know me, I don't often join the Sunday racing as I cannot commit to instructing all day Saturday and then racing Sunday, so you may well find me lurking at the back of the fleet as it sounds great fun ! After the session the plan is to open the bar and have some food to then chew over the session, has all the making to be a great evening event.

Although not yet rostered into the sailing calendar, **we hope to run a RYA Safety Boat course later in the year as well as an Assistant Dinghy Instructor course**, as I know that there are several budding Duke of Edinburgh award cadets wishing to progress their sailing contribution. For both of these courses we will advertise in Aquila and on our website, so keep watching if you wish to take part. For the AI course see the late addition at the end of this piece:

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## Cadets

Cadets are going to be run as three separate groups again after last year. Seals is our group of beginners. Dolphins is for intermediates wanting to improve their sailing. Sharks is the top group working on advanced boat handling skills and racing.

**Sharks start on 6<sup>th</sup> April at 14:00Hrs** and not per the time in the sailing calendar!  
**Dolphins and Seals start on 4<sup>th</sup> May, Dolphins at 10:00Hrs until 11:30Hrs and Seals at 11:30Hrs until 12:30Hrs.** Although, if the Dolphins are up for it, we may ask them occasionally to assist with the Seals, but only if they want to. The cadet sessions are free of charge for club members, however a responsible adult for each Dolphin or Seal Cadet must be onsite at PBSC during the session in case of any issues and we ask that parents help with the rigging of boats and getting them up and down the beach. We may also ask adults to participate in the sessions.

*There will be a **new protocol for the Cadet sessions** this year in that each Topper hull has a unique number written on it, which is associated to its own rig etc. So the plan is that as a Cadet signs up each session, they obtain a wrist band with their Topper number on it. That's their boat for the session. It is then up to the cadet with the help of their parent/carers to rig the boat and get it ready to sail. When the boat is put away to the instructor's satisfaction, then the wrist band can be handed back and the boat custodianship handed back to the club/instructors. I suspect that the **Dolphins** will take the boats down the beach as rigged, bring the boats back up to the 'Crown' of the beach at the end of the session, then the **Seals** will take over and return the boats back on their racks de-rigged at the end of the session, with sails etc. put away. If an Arm band and boat is errant, we shall know who to chase! In the past the instructors end up hauling 12 odd boats back up the beach and putting them away, we are only volunteers and doesn't seem unreasonable to hope the students will put their own boats away. Do consider we only have 11 Toppers and 2 Picos, when no breakages, so it is first come first served, when we have run out of boats, the late Cadet might not get a chance to sail. So I would suggest that you arrive in advance of the start time to ensure that you get your boat.*

*The **Sharks**, being older may well not use the Toppers or Picos as they may have sessions on the DART 16's or Visions etc, However we will advise at the start of session which boats we are using and once again cadets and their parents/carers will be responsible for rigging and derigging boats for each session.*

Any questions or queries etc. then please contact me, preferably by email as I travel for work and I find email easiest to respond: [dave.watson@pbsc.org.uk](mailto:dave.watson@pbsc.org.uk) or tel: 07896 425785 but response maybe delayed.

And lastly

*We are looking to run an **Assistant Instructors (AI)** course around May time, but we need to gauge the level of interest for numbers, could anyone wanting to undertake AI instruction please let me know at email: [dave.watson@pbsc.org.uk](mailto:dave.watson@pbsc.org.uk) as soon as practical.*

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**DAVE WATSON**

*PBSC Sailing School Principal*

# CLUB WATCH DUTIES ROSTER

## MARCH AND APRIL 2013

Hello again.

Well, we have got the sailing calendar and the membership list (so far), and have made a start on the duties list. I hear a cry of "yippee".

Please don't hesitate to contact me if anyone has any issue with their duty, questions or ideas [pumney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pumney@yahoo.co.uk) or 07508 277375

### ***PAUL UMNEY***

Editor's Note: The Duties Calendar is a separate "stand alone" document enclosed with this Aquila. But please note that **those in the list below have been allocated duties in March and April.**

Adrian Peckham  
Alex Geal  
Alistair Cameron  
Andy Street  
Angela Green  
Annette Janes  
Annie Ford  
Anthony Delow  
Barbara Howell  
Becci Street  
Bev Stephenson  
Colin Strain  
Dave Harrington  
David Bracey

David Geal  
David Plested  
Derek Bulled  
Fiona Balkham  
Greg Shipley  
James Allerton  
James O'Leary  
Jay McNally  
John Read  
Karen Bowles  
Karen Hilder  
Lisa Bassett  
Matt Fowler  
Matt Roach

Mike Williams  
Nigel Fish  
Owen Poplett  
Pat O'Leary  
Paul Janes  
Paul Umney  
Paula Bayntun  
Ray Wood  
Roger McAll  
Roger Simmons  
Steve Green  
Tom O'Leary  
Tony Richards  
Will Street

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7pm**

(Food available from 5.30 until 6.30, order at the Galley)

# **DUTIES TRAINING EVENING**

Interactive sessions on:

- Rescue boat duties including mark laying.
- Race officer duties including course setting.
- Time keeper duties including use of the computer programme, SmartRace.

**Interested? Contact Elaine Fowler:** [elaine.fowler@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.fowler@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Saturdays 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April**

# **Power Boat Level 2**

**£65 per person**

This is the basic course required by Pevensy Bay Sailing Club to helm our safety boats; this is a nationally recognised qualification that can be helpful to those that wish to drive power boats outside of the club as well.

**Interested? Contact Dave Watson:** [dave.watson@pbsc@org.uk](mailto:dave.watson@pbsc@org.uk)