



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMUNIQUE



Hi All

What a busy time for the club, we have just had a very successful Youth, Topper and Laser weekend; impromptu barbecues have taken off and with Sailing Camp just around the corner, followed closely by Sea Week, Cadet Cup, Ladies Bowl, Men's Tankard and another taster day, will there be enough time to fit it all in? A big thanks go out to all the volunteers that help plan, organise and put on these activities, without you the club does not exist.

It looks like the good weather is here to stay for a while so hopefully I will see more of you around over the next few weeks. During the summer weekends when there is nothing scheduled at the club, do not forget that you can come down and **free sail**. Please check the sailing programme (pbsc.eu) to see what is on and when. There is also a duty section on the website which gives an up to date duty roster, please check when your next duty is and ensure that you don't miss it. We will soon be adding the **last duties (Sept-Dec)** so you will also need to check these.

Last Aquila you heard from one of our youth sailors, Olivier Greber. He is having a cracking year. I am pleased to report that in the recent SL16 Worlds Olivier and his sailing partner won silver and became the **U19 World Champions**. As I write this piece he is now competing in the ISAF Worlds in Cyprus and is currently lying in 6th position, good luck Olivier.

It is with great sadness that I report the recent death of **Bob Noble**. Bob joined the club about 14 years ago through the sailing school, he and his wife Marilyn soon settled in to the club getting involved socially and helping out, including being involved in the production of Aquila and supporting Marilyn with Membership Secretary duties. Sadly Bob was struck with dementia at a young age and so we have not seen him around recently, however Marilyn, their son Mark and grandchildren are still active members sailing their Miracle whenever they can. I personally have fond memories of Bob in the bar after a Thursday night training session, cheekily teasing and having fun.

As a recent convert to **Facebook** (not socially) I have been impressed with how it has enabled members to chat, catch up, tease and talk serious sailing business. If you have not joined up to our 'Pevensey Bay Sailing Club' group it is definitely worth a visit, also do keep an eye on our new website as this is always being kept up to date.

And finally, **Sea Week!** 12- 16 August. For many years we have suggested a donation for Sea Week of £5 per family per night for those camping over, this year I am afraid that we will need to update this to **£10 per family per night** (£50 for a week family holiday is still good value). This will help reflect the wear and tear on club house, boat maintenance and extra utilities during the week. We will also be asking day visitors to make a donation for their use of the facilities and also ask them to help with the end of day getting boats back up the beach etc.

As Sea Week is so popular, resources are stretched to their maximum and as such I need to remind

everyone that the week is **strictly for members only**. The grass area has been kept nicely mown in readiness for the campers with tents. Caravans and campervans must be parked on the gravel surrounding the grass. The wet bar downstairs will be open for members to use for washing up, storage and tea and coffee, but please keep the urn topped up for others to use after you.

The caterers will be providing **food from breakfast until evening meal**, prices and menu will be displayed at the club in advance, however you are welcome to self-cater on the site should you wish to do so.

Before I cover the fun stuff here as some **basic rules** for Sea Week, again more detail will be available in the club house;

- Members only
- Everyone mucks in and helps, it is every one's holiday
- All u18's must have a responsible adult (RA) present, if it is not the parent the RA and child's details must be recorded on the register.
- No one adult to be responsible for more than 4 children
- Quiet on the camp area at 22:30
- Club house is child free area from 22:30 (ie those left must be old enough to buy alcohol)
- HAVE FUN!
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Ideas for Sea Week;

- Viking theme day on Wednesday
- Camp the camp competition, prize for best dressed tent etc
- Topper football, Topper wars, cruise to Cooden and Airbourne, and other fun games on the water
- Sandcastle competition, tattoos, greasy pole, scrap heap challenge etc
- Team and match racing for adults/sharks
- Evening entertainment including talent night, bingo, karaoke, craft, piñata, raffle, roll a coin, bar games etc

This year we have 2 kind cadets who have agreed to represent the cadets in both planning and during the week, they are Ben Holloway and Rio Ashcroft, you will hear more from them later.

Please watch the notice board on the stair well for more information over the next couple of weeks. If you would like to discuss any of these items or something different please do not hesitate to contact me.

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SAILING SCHOOL

As you read this, the last Cadets prior to the summer holidays will have been on Saturday 13th July. The next Cadet event is on **Sat 10th Aug and Sat 17th Aug, the Cadet Cup, 6 races in all** so a time for all Cadets to have a go at racing and show off their skills and have fun.

The cadets then **restart on Sat 31st August** as normal, although check the Sailing calendar as there are a number of Saturdays where the Cadets are not running due to the Junior Federation race and our Martello Race etc. during September. The sailing calendar is available on the website www.pbbc.eu, under Sailing, Sailing Programme.

However we look forward to seeing cadets free sailing during August, just make sure you sign on to the Free sailing sheet on the club notice board and ask a Committee member before taking a Topper/Pico.

The Tuesday evening Dinghy Level 1&2 course has now finished (I write this in advance so hope I am right !) and well done to all that completed the course. Now don't forget to keep the continuity by free sailing on Saturdays and Sundays or even better joining in the race series on Saturday evenings or on Sundays. Don't feel intimidated, there will be plenty of experienced sailors around to chew the cud with and crew with you or you crew for them if you prefer . Make sure you are around an hour or so before the race starts and either let the Race Officer know you are willing to crew or put a note on the notice board.

This is the time that the PBSC Instructors take their own holidays with their families and I wish to thank them all for their support so far this year and trust that they also have a good break. Don't forget that Summer Camp will soon be with us at the end of this month (27 July – 4 August) and then Sea Week is 12-16 August. Camp is a really good way to extend your sailing horizons in a beautiful part of the Sussex countryside and with the support of experienced members. For those that have not been before, Chichester Harbour is a fantastic sailing mecca with something for everyone to enjoy in a safe environment. Likewise Sea Week provides a lot of entertainment for young and old with racing where anything goes !, cruising for ice creams, on water games and generally getting very wet. For those that attended last year, we were so fortunate that Bradley Wiggins popped in and supported our very own PBSC Olympic Games! I wonder if any celebrities will join us this year ?

“OUT”

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SAILING SECRETARY'S SCRIPT

This time last year my article started by saying how bad the weather was. Well I am glad to say it is not last year and the weather is GREAT! Lots of sun and sea breezes. The last few weekends we have had great sailing with plenty of boats on the water and **barbeques** on Saturday evenings. Bearing in mind the last few summers or lack of them you would have thought that everyone would be out making the most of the great weather but nowhere near all of our members have been to enjoy the club in this glorious weather.

This weekend we have fun sailing and games on the Saturday followed by watch racing on Sunday. So why not come down this weekend and enjoy the weather while it lasts, because as much as we hope this weather will continue into September we all know that is about as likely as me becoming the next Optimist world champion. So why not make the most of it while it is still here!.

In a few weeks time it will be time again for the summer camp in Chichester. Please contact Roger Humphries for more info if you would like to attend – see end of this Aquila. I sure it will be a great week with plenty of sailing and sun. And on the 12th August we have Sea Week which is a great week to stay at the club, sail and socialize and get to know other club members. It is also great FUN so please try and attend one or both of these events and make the best of our summer and our great club.

Mud, Mud, Glutinous Mud!

The tides have swept in more **mud** than usual and at low tide, mud to a few feet in depth has been exposed. Please take care when launching and retrieving your dinghy as the suction from the mud is powerful.

CHRIS CLARKE
SAILING SECRETARY

Enjoy the warmth it comes so rarely!!!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Please say "Hello" to our two **new members** this month:

Carol Sutton (Nicky's mum)
and Thomas Lister

I'm sure you'll make them feel very welcome.

Many thanks to Roger McAll who has been very helpful in trying to identify who's got what in the boat park. This huge task is now appearing a little more manageable!

We've got many craft in the boat park of mixed dispositions and we do really need to sort them out. We have over 160 craft out there, of which only 92 have current stickers. I think that's pretty pants - that's a lot of income the club is missing out on at £41 per dinghy park fee.

There seems to be several issues here:

- dinghies that I know I've written out stickers for that just haven't been stuck on (stickers that must have been taken home, left in the glovebox, lost, eaten....)
- stickers that are still waiting to be stuck on (named envelopes are at the top of the stairs, I know who you are!)
- cadet boats - even though we don't need a payment for these they should have a sticker and declared on the membership form
- non declared craft - omitted from the membership form, new boats, swapped boats, boats that you thought you'd have sold by now.....
- or simply unloved - abandoned, belonging to old members, forgotten shipwrecks, half-baked projects.....
- and that's before I get onto trollies and trailers, which should all be labelled up accordingly.

Please can you declare all unstickered craft that you own to me with additional payments of £41.00 each where appropriate, or if you've lost your sticker please let me know so I can arrange a new one (the jar in the bar will gratefully accept a contribution towards these). I won't be grumpy with you, I just want to get this all sorted out once and for all, so we can all enjoy a tidy, uncluttered boat park.

Thank you

JUDY GRIFFITHS

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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(best between 6pm and 9pm)

Job Vacancy (from late August) Aquila editor and electronic distributor

Job description:

- Send email once a month to chase committee for contributions
- Edit and Format contributions into an A4 newsletter
- Convert to a PDF
- Email Aquila to PBSC members and to our postal distributor

I am moving north to the Lakes after the August edition – please contact me or Elaine if you would like to know more.
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CLUB WATCH DUTIES ROSTER

A Big THANK YOU, to all those that have done their Duties.

Naughty people if you haven't.

I was asked if we could monitor the attendance percentage. I guess we could install a clocking on and off machine, but really..... I feel the club's ethos is for the onus to be on the members to monitor themselves on DutyMan and their own consciences. :-)

There is a header on the PBSC website www.pbsc.eu called Duty Check;

Which when clicked on, lists a real time duties calendar list.

We are investigating a possible issue with the reminder emails. I will keep you updated on the outcome (bet you can't wait ☺) however in the meantime, please check when your next duty is and put it in your diary. The duty lists were published some time ago so; is not getting a reminder good enough reason to not do your share?

Just as exciting is that we will be working on the September to December roster shortly.

If you would like to volunteer for any dates, don't hold back in coming forward.

My email is pumney@yahoo.co.uk (or phone 07508 277375)

Stay safe in the sun – slip, slop, slap

PAUL UMNEY

DUTIES MONITOR

34TH AMERICA'S CUP

JULY TO SEPT 2013 SAN FRANCISCO HARBOUR

This is 'World Cup' of sailing held every 3 years. It started in 1851 in the Solent when the Yacht America beat the British entry and retained it until 1983. Since then the cup has been held intermittently by Australia, New Zealand, and in 1994 landlocked Switzerland. Racing is on yachts determined by the holding nation and this year racing is on 72 ft foiling wing sail (hard - like an aircraft wing) catamarans that sail at 50 mph.



Racing commenced on the 6th July 2013 in San Francisco with the Louis Vuitton Cup to determine which country will challenge the current cup holders, USA, in September. Sweden, Italy and New Zealand are fighting it out to challenge USA in September.

The teams are:

- USA (defender) Oracle
- Sweden (Artemis)
- Italy (Luna Rossa)
- New Zealand (Emirates Team New Zealand)

Sailing these speed machines are the top sailors in the world including Ben Ainslie - Oracle, Nathan Outteridge (2012 49er Olympic gold medalist) - Artemis, Tom Slingsby (2012 Laser gold medalist) - Oracle, Iain Percy (2012 UK Star Silver medalist) – Artemis. The favourite helms are Jimmy Spithill who won the last America's cup for the USA in 2009 and Dean Barker who won in 2000 for NZ. Ainslie will crew for the USA and has desires to run a British team in the 2017 Cup. At £10m per boat and £50m to run an America's Cup campaign, raising the cash is a sizeable challenge and usually only done with the help of indulgent corporate billionaires.

Sky Sports is the UK broadcast partner and Channel 4 broadcast a magazine show each Wednesday 2.30am (record it!) but the racing is best viewed live/replay on youtube: www.youtube.com/user/AmericasCup. The America's cup website is also excellent www.americascup.com. Links are also on the PSBC website:- www.pbsc.eu/gallery-2/americas-cup-2013. Enjoy the summer of racing!

ADRIAN PECKHAM
SECRETARY

PBSC SUMMER CAMP 2013

This year's sailing camp at **Chichester Harbour** is due to run **from Saturday 27 July until Sunday 4 August**. It has been a regular part of the sailing programme for many years and is one of our biggest sailing events in terms of participation and time on the water.

Chichester Harbour is a fabulous setting and provides the perfect venue for a week of sailing as a group visiting the various creeks, villages and sailing clubs round in the area. The campsite is in the grounds of Cobnor House close to the waters edge with toilets and showers nearby.

Unfortunately this year some of the regular organisers are not around to help and there has been some doubt as to whether the camp will continue. However there is still a lot of interest from club members in attending and the club committee have been keen for the event to continue but in a simpler format to reduce the organisation required.

The main changes are:-

- 1) This years camp will be self catering and those attending will have to bring their own cooking facilities or cater in small groups.
- 2) The club will be charging a contribution towards wear and tear on club boats and so there will be a two tier pricing structure covering those
 - i) With their own boats (that must be capable of keeping up with the main fleet)
 - ii) Those without their own boats

Activity	Per Day
Adult Camping/Sailing Club Boat	£13.00
Child Camping/Sailing Club Boat	£10.00
Adult Camping/ Sailing Own Boat	£9.00
Child Camping/ Sailing own Boat	£7.50
Adult Sailing only	£8.00
Child Sailing only	£7.50
Adult Camping only	£5.00
Child Camping only	£2.50
All prices subject to confirmation of current charges from the Cobnor Estate	

Other features of camp such as the use of Kellie, the camp fire and the marquee will still be there.

Space will be limited by the boat capacity so please let me know as soon as possible at rogerjhumphries1@aol.com if you wish to attend.