

Aquila



Summer 2019



Commodore's Column

We have retained the Federation Cup!

The results are in.....and although PBSC took only four boats and no catamarans to Hastings we came out on top.

The competition was structured so that each club had to count its 2 best cats and its 3 best dinghies in each of 3 races - so with no cats our dinghies had to do well!

In race 1 we scored 1st 3rd 4th and 6th

In race 2 we scored 1st 3rd 5th and 7th

In race 3 we scored 2nd 4th 8th and 10th

And that turned out to be good enough to keep the trophy. So well done to **Matt Fowler and Lynne Ratcliffe** 1st overall; **Chris and Nikki Webber** 3rd overall; **Colin Coard and Stuart Cox** 5th overall and **Peter White and Dick Holtum** 7th overall, all of whom contributed to that excellent result.

Very light and shifting winds for the **Laser Masters** in May made the weekend a Race Officers' nightmare. In the end four out of an intended 6 races were completed by the simple expedient of taking the rounding mark to the boats!

Well done Race Officer Peter White and many thanks to all those who helped make the weekend a success.

A bit too much wind turned up for the **Joint Race with ESSC** on the 16th of June which we ran just off the harbour. Only a dozen boats arrived at the start line and of those a mere 4 stayed for the second race of which three finished a shortened course.

In two weeks time we have **SEA WEEK**. August 12-16, with all the usual fun and games: Ice creams at Cooden, Drinks at Ronnie's place; Airbourne; Sprint Race to Eastbourne and back; and Pirates everywhere! Don't miss it. But don't forget that you must be a paid-up member to join in.

We are hosting the **National Twelves' championship** over 4 days August 24 to 27 and while we are not expecting a huge fleet, we will need help on the beach and in the safety boats for the four days. **If you can help, particularly on the Monday and the Tuesday, please let us know: Commodore@pbsc.org.uk or sign up at the club.**

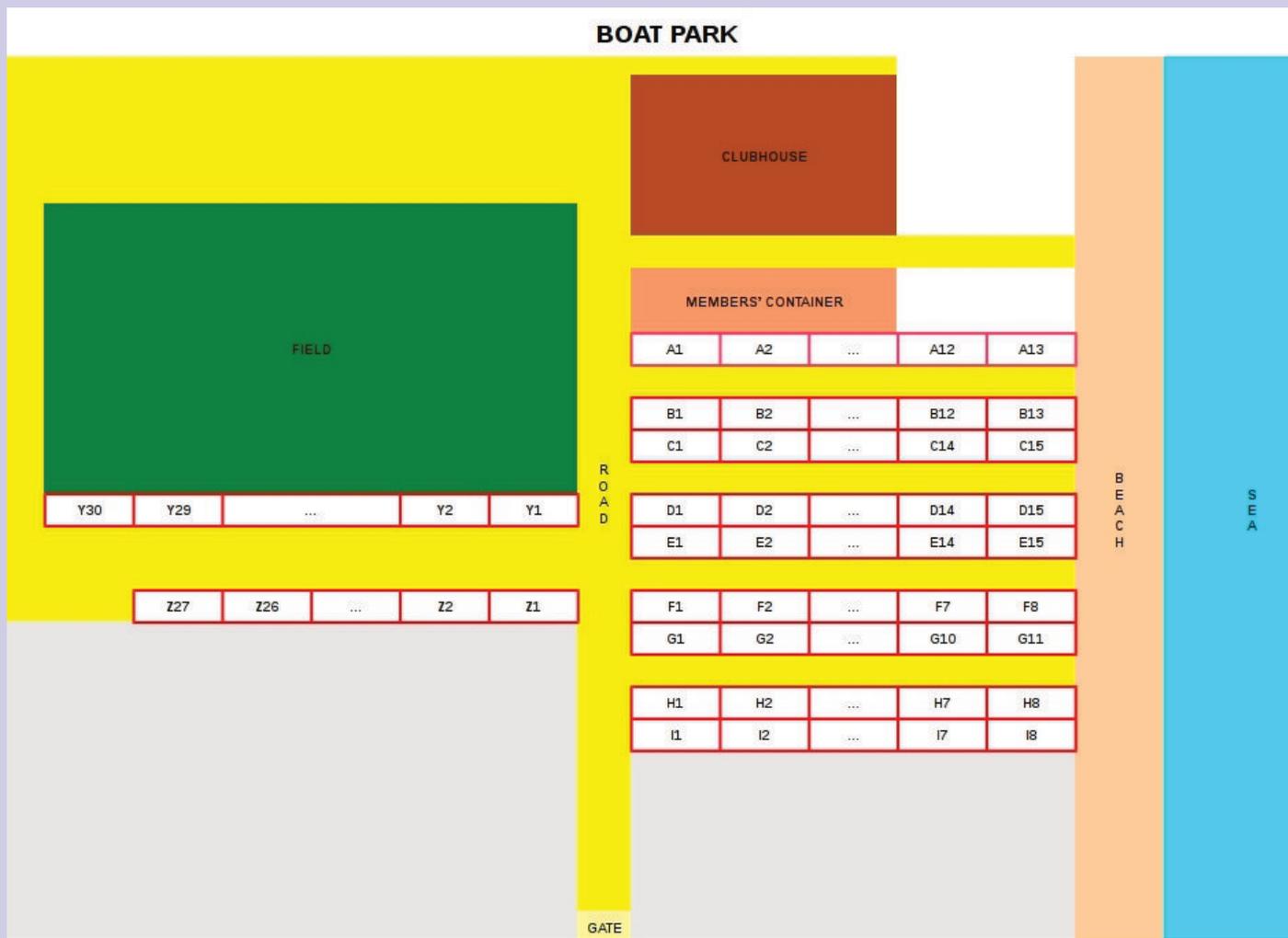
These state-of-the-art racing machines are the result of many years of development and you will see many stages of that development at PBSC over the weekend as a number of the older boats will turn up to race. Even though they will not be competing for the top prizes the competition for special honours is keen.

Boat Park

We have recently been auditing the boat park and there are a number of boats which appear abandoned or are in spaces which have not been paid for.

Next time you are at the club can you check the list in the club house and write your name against your boat if it is not already on there. If your boat doesn't have a sticker then please find Duncan Tanner or Dave Boniface and ask for one.

We will shortly be e-mailing club members who have paid for a space, but we are not sure where their boats are, in order to identify them.



Once we are sure that we know exactly which boats have been paid for, we will be contacting the last known owners of the remaining boats. Eventually abandoned boats will be disposed of.

This is important as we now have very few "spare" spaces for new members.

There is also a space which just has a road base in it, and another which just has a windsurfer in it. If these are yours, now would be an appropriate time to move them!

As a general point, any trailers and road bases left at the club should be clearly marked with the owners name and boat number.

If we know you have paid for a space and we don't know where your boat is you will probably receive an email asking for your help in locating it.

The above schematic may help you to identify your boat space.

From the Cadet Co-ordinator

It's been a busy start to the year for our cadets with training at our Saturday morning OnBoard sessions and racing in the Inter Club Regatta series.

Despite the weather conspiring against us on a couple of occasions we've had a great start to the year in our OnBoard Saturday morning sessions. The younger group are getting to grips with single handers as well as honing their crewing skills for some of the older helms.

The older children are receiving race training from Dave which is delivering some great results at the Interclub Regatta Series.

Pevensey Bay hosted the first of the Inter Club events with over 30 children racing from Eastbourne Sovereign, Hastings, Eastbourne Sea Cadets and Buzz Active. It was a successful day for the Cadet class as first place in the gold fleet was taken by Ella Hebron with her crews Julie and Nancy, and Chris Corke finished a close 3rd with his crews Ella, Eve and Oscar. Not to be outdone, the Mechan boys Fraser and Finlay sailed their Cadet to 3rd place in the Silver Fleet.

The second round of the series, hosted at Eastbourne Sovereign, saw a similar number of boats competing in frustrating light wind conditions, but this didn't prevent our juniors bagging all the podium places. As I type this we're still awaiting on the official results to be published, but Jacques Miller finished first with Saul Harwin in 2nd and Peter Harwin in 3rd.

Dates for your diaries

10th August 10.30 am Cadet Cup Races 1, 2, 3.

17th August 10.30 am Cadet Cup Races 4, 5, 6.

James Allerton

Social Secretary

Sea Week is just around the corner taking place between the 12th and the 16th of August and it's shaping up to be a memorable one as we mark its 20th year! Activities will include all classics like the Ice Cream Cruise, Airbourne Armada and general skullduggery on Pirate Day. Updates will be posted soon on the club's Facebook page and notice board so keep your eyes peeled.

For those who are new to the club or have never been to Sea Week before it's a great opportunity to experience PBSC at it's best. There's something for everyone both on and off the water with members chipping in on the chores creating a fantastic community feel. You're welcome to camp down at the club or just attend on a daily basis, but please remember that it is a strictly members only event.

James Allerton

Lyn Learns to Sail



We joined Pevensey Bay sailing club in the Autumn of 2017. I grew up in Westham and had spent many summers as a child sailing with my father who kept a catamaran on the beach at Pevensey Bay. We have always had a boat of some kind but I had always wanted to learn to sail so now seemed a good time to start.

Initially it was just me who wanted to learn but Gary, my other half, thought he might give it a go even though he would much rather be in something that had an engine!

We started on a very breezy Saturday afternoon, and I remember thinking: 'what on earth have I got myself into?'. Somehow we got through RYA 1, (to this day I am not sure how); we were presented with our certificates and that meant only one thing RYA 2 the following Spring.

By this time we were starting to get to know the other group members and my confidence was slowly improving and then they let us out on our own. Well I thought I had seen larger ironing boards than those toppers, I remember standing on the beach watching everyone going off and praying that there wouldn't be enough and I could stay on the shore, but I knew there were enough and I nervously left the beach trying to look as though I knew what I was doing. I lost count of the number of capsizes and whacks to the side of the head. Poor David our instructor had to haul me into the safety boat as I was completely exhausted. Thankfully we were relieved of toppers for the following sessions.

Tuesday evenings finished, we all passed but I still wasn't sure if I was going to make it any further, nerves and fear seem to get the better of me each time. This was one of the hardest things that I had ever learnt. Slowly bit by bit we started to make progress; we got our own boat, a Graduate, which although a little on the small side was a great first boat and my confidence started to grow from there. We then progressed onto *Improvers* on a Thursday evening, which we are still doing now. Scary at first being so close to other boats but we started to get used to it. Thursday nights are quite a work out. Instructor Dave keeps you very busy tacking here there and everywhere while getting us used to racing.

Defining moments for me have been Summer Camp at Chichester. This will be our third year, last year was the first time all those instructions finally paid off, the repeated cries of "sheet in Lyn" from the instructors finally made sense which was great as we then found ourselves in the middle of a thunder and lightning storm, another potentially scary situation, but the instructors remained incredibly calm and with their guidance I managed to get us safely to land where we took shelter.

All this has only been possible with the dedication and patience of the instructors and the friendliness and support from all the club members. It has been fantastic learning a new skill in my 50's and overcoming my fears. Sailing is a

wonderful confidence building sport and I am so pleased that I didn't give up. Next step I would really love to get into racing but not sure how my crew is going to feel about that! Poor Gary he has endured me getting into all sorts of scrapes, steering the wrong way, slipping all over the place and managing to get tangled up in just about every available bit of rope, but he loves it really (I think).

On a last note, the Ladies Bowl is on Sunday August 11th, let's try and get as many female helms out on the water as possible, practicing our skills, and having lots of fun. Don't forget it doesn't have to be all female; you can have a male crew.

Lyn Brocklehurst

Membership

Please welcome our new members this season - Katy and Lesley Wilfort, Max Marshall, Toby Odone, Ivor and Christine Pollard, Phil and Faz Kemp, Nick Brace, Thierry and Maja Brecqueville and family, Adrian Galea, Marcos Jarvis, Mark Carless and Stephen and Angie Pemberton - and welcome back to Simon Plant and family.

Thank you to everyone who paid their membership renewal fees promptly and sent me a completed and legible renewal form. That very much helps with the smooth administration of the club and avoids wasted energy chasing people!

On that note, there are several boats in the boat park for fees have not yet been paid. If yours is one, please sort it out (£46 to 40-20-05 81134515 with your name as payment reference). Please see Duncan's piece in this edition for more information on the boat park and transom sticker(s).

I have also been made aware again of some confusion with road trailers stored at the club. Please may I remind you that they must be clearly marked with your name and sail number as stated on the club's application and renewal forms.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club and on the water.

Enjoy the fabulous sailing weather!

Mike Chapman

Forthcoming Duties

<u>Sat, 10 Aug</u>	<u>Cadet Cup 1,2,3</u>	OOD	Adam Harwin
	Time keeper		Karen Hilder
	Safety boat helm		Volunteer Required
	safety boat crew		Goff Brooks
<u>Sun, 11 Aug</u>	<u>ladies bowl 1,2,3,4</u>	OOD	Volunteer Required
	Time keeper		Volunteer Required
	Safety boat helm		John Oastler
	safety boat crew		Mark Noble
	Safety boat helm		Steve Jobling
	safety boat crew		Thomas Jobling
<u>Sat, 17 Aug</u>	<u>Cadet cup 4,5,6</u>	OOD	James Allerton
	Time keeper		Matt Fowler
	Safety boat helm		Volunteer Required
	safety boat crew		Volunteer Required
<u>Sun, 18 Aug</u>	<u>Summer series 25,26,27</u>	OOD	Greg Fowler
	Time keeper		Kenneth Hammond
	Safety boat helm		Gary Brocklehurst
	safety boat crew		Lyn Brocklehurst
	Safety boat helm		Paul Umney
	safety boat crew		Fiona Balkham
<u>Sun, 01 Sep</u>	<u>Autumn series 1,2,3</u>	OOD	Chris Clarke
	Time keeper		Sally Clarke
	Safety boat helm		Richard Thomas
	safety boat crew		Anne Barrell
	Safety boat helm		Lee Potterton
	safety boat crew		David King
<u>Sun, 08 Sep</u>	<u>Conventional/asymmetric trophy 1,2,3,4</u>	OOD	Matt Fowler
	Time keeper		Lynne Ratcliffe
	Safety boat helm		Greg Shipley
	safety boat crew		Tim Mottram
	Safety boat helm		Matt Key
	safety boat crew		Adam Harwin

Sun, 15 Sep Autumn series 4,5,6 OOD Mark Doughty-Keen

Time keeper Shelly Doughty-Keen

Safety boat helm Stephen Green

safety boat crew Gary Stevens

Sun, 22 Sep Autumn series 7,8,9 OOD Tim Humphries

Time keeper Paula Bayntun

Safety boat helm Neil Peters

safety boat crew Emma Peters

Safety boat helm Andy Baker

safety boat crew Philip Leyland

Sun, 29 Sep Cock'o'bay pursuit + Autumn 10 OOD Tony Richards

Time keeper Barbara Richards

Safety boat helm Harry Pearson

safety boat crew Nick Humphries

Safety boat helm Katy Wilfort

safety boat crew Michael Riches

Sun, 06 Oct ESSC joint racing 5+6 OOD Volunteer Required

Time keeper Volunteer Required

Safety boat helm Volunteer Required

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Sun, 13 Oct Cecil Bale Pursuit Race + Autumn 11 OOD Tony Richards

Time keeper Barbara Richards

Safety boat helm Andrew Hebron

safety boat crew Claire Hebron

Sun, 20 Oct Autumn series 12,13,14 OOD Adrian Peckham

Time keeper Emma Wilson

Safety boat helm James Allerton

safety boat crew Goff Brooks

Sun, 27 Oct Autumn series 15,16,17 OOD Duncan Tanner

Time keeper Paula Tanner

Safety boat helm Colin Coard

safety boat crew Stuart Cox