

# AQUILA NEWSLETTER

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**CLUB SAILOR:  
FROM BACK TO  
FRONT**

**Friday 8th March**

A talk from Clive Eplett  
discussing his new book.

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THE YEAR**





# COMMODORE COMMUNIQUE

**GARY PEARSON**

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Thank you all for your vote of confidence in me for acting as your Commodore, it is an honour to represent PBSC having been a member since the dinosaurs roamed the land. I will do my best and hope to leave the club in the same excellent condition it is has been handed to me by the out-going Commodore, David Boniface who deserves a huge praise of thanks for his huge effort and commitment over the past 3 years. So thank you Dave.

I am already learning how much work is involved in this role!

We currently are without a President, somewhat of an oversight by ourselves at the AGM. However, I am very please to announce that long time member and senior sailing instructor Roger Humphries has offered (been pressed ganged!) into fulfilling this role. This is subject to the membership voting Roger in of course and we have therefore called an Extraordinary Meeting to complete his nomination. Dave Boniface and myself discussed this role and Roger was the first name that came into our heads due to his long standing membership and his commitment to the sailing & training school, camp, Saturday cruises, etc. He has done so much for the club over the years that hopefully the Presidents position goes just a

little way towards the recognition he deserves for his contribution to the club. I can already hear many members saying ... hear, hear ... to that statement of truth, so thank you Roger.

We have a talk lined up on the 8th March by Clive Eplett, yes a Friday evening event. Clive will be discussing his book "Club Sailor: From Back to Front" which is described as "a refreshing and light-hearted insight into some of the techniques and approaches to both improving performance and gaining more enjoyment from your racing". Sounds interesting and fun with the intention of it providing an approach for us all to improve our performance on the water.

This event is free to members who have renewed their membership by the 1st March 2024 and includes a Chilli supper. Look out for the flyer and RSVP so we know the number of attendees. It will be offered out to non PBSC members with a ticket price of £12.50 per ticket.

Lynne Ratcliffe has put herself forward as the fleet captain for the RS boats and we seek like minded representatives for the Blaze, ILCA, Europe, and multi hull fleets. The intention is to have a single point of contact for each fleet with the fleet captain rallying the troops for training events, socials as well as racing. So please put yourself forward if you feel this is a role you would like to be involved in.

There was another Environment Agency Coastal Defence Meeting on the 13th February which I attended and will provide an update in the next Aquila. Just to say that in the month of December alone the EA advised that there were 8 storm category events! No-one can deny that the storm events are becoming more frequent with increased intensity as a product of global warming.

That's it from me except to say that the Committee is working very hard in the closed season organising the sailing calendar, training, duties, socials, the club house and equipment, etc. Your help on work parties is always welcome.

Hopefully you are looking forward to the new season, its not far away now and see you down the club soon.





**Pevensey Bay Sailing Club**

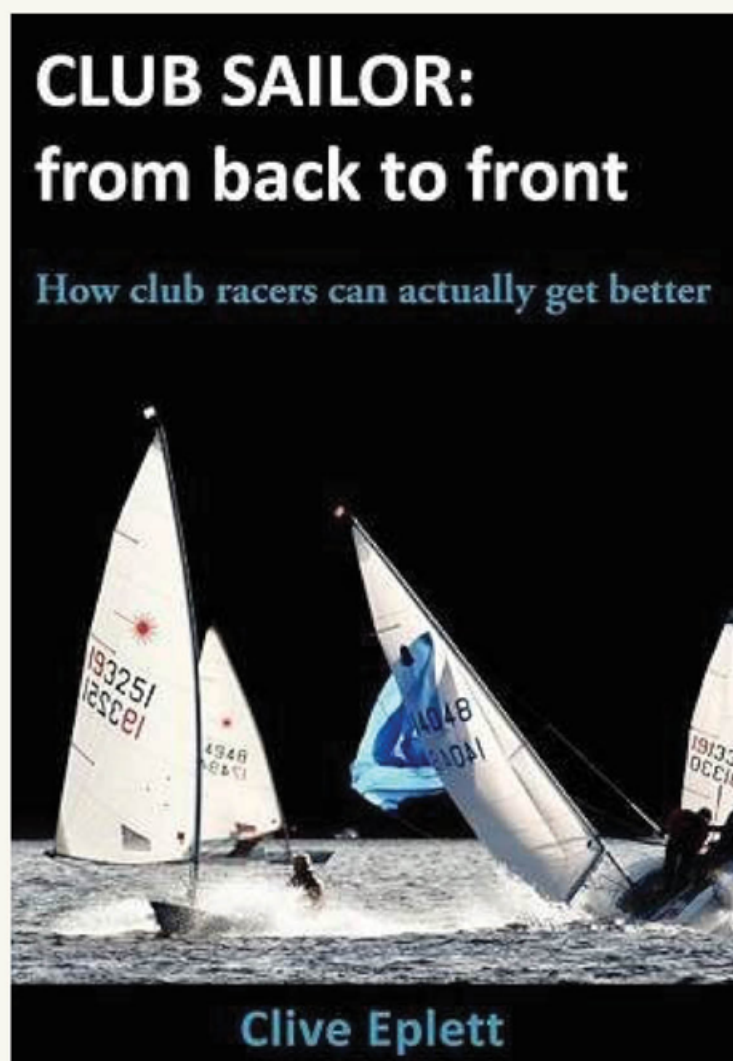
Family friendly sailing on the sunshine coast

WITH CLIVE EPLETT

From Back To Front

# CLUB SAILOR:

A refreshing & light-hearted insight into some of the techniques & approaches to both improving performance & gaining more enjoyment from your racing.



Clive's book will be available to purchase on the evening

## Free to PBSC Members

Who have renewed their membership by 1st March 2024

Non-member £12.50 / ticket  
**Chilli Supper Included**

**RSVP** email [social@pbsc.org.uk](mailto:social@pbsc.org.uk) for any queries



*Link to tickets*

## Friday 8th March

Food Available at 6:45pm  
Talk to Start at 7:30pm



# VICE COMMODORE JUSTIN POLLARD

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Happy New Year and welcome to the 2024 sailing season with a new Executive Committee. Those who attended the AGM will be aware I moved from Sailing Secretary to Vice Commodore. My Sailing Secretary role has been filled by Stuart Cox.

As Vice Commodore, my role sits somewhere between Commodore and Sailing Secretary, so I will have to be careful not to duplicate any of Gary or Stuart's reports. As well as project managing Open events and liaising with other clubs, I will also be chairing the Sailing Committee meetings.

If you have any ideas or suggestions to offer, please do get in touch with either Stuart or me.

Stuart and I have been busy producing the 2024 sailing calendar and it is now on the website, ready to be viewed. As with any calendar produced at the beginning of the season, it is subject to minor adjustment along the way, so please do keep an eye out for changes.

We are continuing with last year's 10.30am start with, three back-to-back races for series races. Trophy Races will be two races in the morning, two races in the afternoon, with a short lunch break in between.

One addition to the calendar we are planning is hosting a Europe Open in April. Details are still being finalised, but it will be on either the 21st or 28th April. It will run alongside our Sunday racing, but we will give the Europes a head start, er I mean a separate start... If you have a Europe, please do support the event and join in. Chris Corke, can you get yours fixed in time?

The event will require all four safety boats to be on the water and Dave Boniface's Wild Goose will be a committee boat. We will require lots of roles filled, including Beach Crews in wet gear, Lap Recorders and Safety Boat Helms/Crews. Please do volunteer for duties as soon as Adam has posted them on DutyMan. Lap Recorders are a good duty to undertake, it involves recording the sail numbers of the boats as they complete a lap and cross the finish line. The bonus being you get to do it from the comfort of Wild Goose.

We are hosting a BLAZE Open in September, with a view to hosing a Nationals next year. The BLAZE and Europe are the only Open events we are hosting this year.

In the next few weeks, we will be meeting the other Federation Clubs again, to discuss this year's Federation Cup, which is to be hosted by Bexhill Sailing Club. Following the meeting the Commodore or I will give you an update.

You may have seen my post on Facebook, offering assistance signing up to WebCollect. We had a session a weeks ago, there was only 1 taker but it was early in the renewal window. It may be suggestive that the membership is happy with WebCollect, if not, my offer stands. Lucy and I will be at the club again on Sunday 10th March.

You will be aware we have been having problems with the VHF base station radios in the Race Box. Dave Watson kindly assisted me and we identified the two problems. The main radio's antenna cable had been cut off, possibly during some maintenance early last year. The protective sleeving on back-up radio's antenna cable was fractured and weather had got into the cable. Goff has kindly purchased two new antennas and they will be fitted in the next couple of weeks.

Allen Hare and Steve Jobling have been assisting me get the weather station data displayed on our website. This is still work in progress, but once complete it will benefit members who live further afield.

Finally, those of you sailing the winter series at Bough Beech, I wish you fair weather, those not braving the cold waters, hopefully I will see at a closed season social or one of Goff's work parties.

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My basket

## Welcome to Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

Home for Dinghy Sailing, Dinghy Racing, RYA Sailing and Power Boat Training, Paddleboarding, Kayaking and having fun on the water in East Sussex

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club is situated between Eastbourne Sovereign Harbour and Pevensey Bay Village, East Sussex

The Club has an active Sunday Race series through out the year with a number of popular classes of dinghy and catamaran fleets, with additional specific series racing on some Saturdays and Summer evenings.

PBSC is a recognised Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Training Centre, providing Dinghy Sailing training and Power Boat training from Youth to Adult.

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club  
Old Martello Road  
Pevensey Bay  
East Sussex  
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## Events

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### Upcoming events

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Pre Season Tech Talk  
Where: PBSC  
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30-03-2024  
EASTER EGG  
Where: PBSC  
Book places

29-04-2024  
Curry Night & Quiz  
Where: PBSC  
Book places

## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

**LUCY POTTERTON**

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Firstly, Happy New Year to you all and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

I would like to start by thanking the exiting Membership Secretary, Dave Watson for his tireless work over the years and his many other roles within the club, and I only hope that I do half as a good job as he did, then I'll be happy. I'm sure I'll be told if I'm not!

The 2024 membership subscription renewals are now available on WebCollect for you to be able to renew your membership, including £50 discount if you renew before 31st March 2024. Thereafter, the full rate membership is required, so renew early and save £50!

For those of you who joined in Autumn 2023, you have a Rollover membership until 31st December 2024, so no action is required. For those 54 members who have already renewed, thank you. Currently, we have 234 members signed up/using WebCollect to purchase/register interest and pay for events, this means that a few more of you need to create an account with WebCollect for 2024 subscription renewal.

The URL - Pevensey Bay Sailing Club: Home ([webcollect.org.uk](http://webcollect.org.uk)) Top right-hand corner of the page is SIGN IN or SIGN UP. If you use WebCollect for other clubs you are members of, then use your existing SIGN IN and link PBSC to your account. New to WebCollect then SIGN UP.

If you have any questions, then please contact [membership@pbsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@pbsc.org.uk) for assistance. Keep an eye on the PBSC facebook page as Justin will be adding some dates that he and I will be at the club to assist those who may need it.

Regarding payment, you can currently pay via Bank Transfer (preferred option), GoCardless, Zettle in the clubhouse or cheque. Please also check your WebCollect details are correct, i.e. home address, contact numbers, NOK, email address etc. Also, if required please check that your Dinghy Berth or Container Rack allocation is correct. (You can update all this using the EDIT function). Any questions or comments, please contact [membership@pbsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@pbsc.org.uk)

With our shared love for the sea and sailing, I am confident that this season will be nothing short of spectacular. Together, let's seize every opportunity to create unforgettable memories on the water and strengthen the bonds that tie us together as a community.

## RS CLASS FLEET REP - LYNNE RATCLIFFE

Your committee has decided it would be a good move to have fleet reps for our sailors at PBSC. I have been asked to represent the RS fleet to start us off. This is to facilitate opportunities for training, questions and sharing of knowledge. I shall be sailing a mixture of 2's, 4's and my Aero during the year so hoping to represent across the classes. This doesn't mean I will have answers to everything but will hopefully be able to point you in the right direction. I will be setting up a What's App group for any club RS sailors who want to join. Please let a member of the committee know if you are happy to be added ASAP and we will get the ball rolling.

We are looking for reps in our other classes. If you would like to be one, or nominate someone, please let the committee know.

Currently we have several club boats sailing in the Bough Beech Icicle Series. It is not too late to join. This series runs through until 25th Feb.

You don't have to take part in the whole series; it is possible to do just one day.

If you are feeling a bit nervous to take part this year, it is worth coming up to watch. The racing can be seen clearly from the shore and you will get a good feeling of what is going on ready for next year.



# SAILING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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## UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

### PRE-SEASON POWER BOAT TRAINING

Sunday March 3rd  
9:30am to 1pm

This is land-based training with no prior knowledge required. These sessions are free to attend and are the best way to familiarise yourself with the equipment and any procedural updates that may have been implemented during the closed season. For many who only do one or a couple of powerboat duties throughout the season. Don't wait until the morning of your duty to find out everything you've forgotten!!!

### FIRST AID COURSE

16th March

Instructors whose tickets expire this year will need to attend, but this course is also open to all club members at a discounted rate.

The availability of our RYA sailing courses is strictly limited. We are currently offering early bird places to our existing members, so if you were

hoping to complete either your level 1 or 2 this year, now is the time to sign up.

### RYA LEVEL 1

7th May - 11th June  
Tuesday evenings  
6pm to 10pm

### RYA LEVEL 2

18th June - 16th July Tuesday evenings  
6pm to 10pm

### IMPROVERS/WOW

9th May - 18th July  
Thursday evenings  
6pm to 10pm

### YOUTH SAILING

11th May - July 20th (Summer Break) 7th Sept (Excl 14th Sept) - 26th Oct

Keep an eye out for a more extensive calendar with specific activities over the coming weeks.

### POWERBOAT TRAINING

RYA Power Boat Level 2 -  
Two-day course  
Saturday 20th/27th April

### RYA POWER BOAT 1 - YOUTH TRAINING 14+

Friday evenings  
June 14th/21st/28th

### RYA SAFETY BOAT - TWO- DAY COURSE

Saturday 6th/13th July

For further details on any of our courses, please contact James Allerton at training@pbsc.org.uk





# YOUTH SAILING OFF-SEASON ACTIVITIES

On a rather windy 23rd December just before the excitement of Christmas, the intrepid youths of PBSC decided the cold sea wasn't for them and that they'd try the frozen version instead. The adventure took them to Lightning Fibre's Eastbourne Ice Rink.

The venue was magical with twinkling lights and Christmas tunes ringing out giving it the proper festive feel.

Watching the greetings made it clear to see just how pleased everyone was to see each other again after a rough autumn with limited sailing.

There was an interesting and entertaining mix of abilities, some speedy and agile, at times graceful, others less so. Some preferred not being on their feet for more than a few seconds.

There were races and wind-ups, people pinching other people's hats as they whizzed past – catch me if you can! PBSC Human Trains formed and split and, I quote “movie moments” were played out. Lots of memories were made and shared and smiling, laughing faces could be seen everywhere you looked.

Further events are being planned that will be open to all of our youth sailors, so please keep a look out for further information on the youth sailing WhatsApp group and the PBSC Facebook page.



PBSC SOCIAL PRESENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH - OCTOBER 2024

**08 MAR** **FROM BACK TO FRONT TALK**  
A Talk given by author Clive Eplett (author of From Back to Front - how club racers can actually get better! + FREE MEAL for members

**23 MAR** **FIT OUT SUPPER**  
Buffett supper and get together before the first race of the season

**30 MAR** **EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Easter egg hunt on and off the water, fun for the kids and codgers alike

**20 APR** **CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT**  
Our new catering teams favourite thing to make, followed by a dazzling display team quizzery

**25-27 MAY** **THE LONG WEEKENDER**  
Join us for a weekend of sailing & fun, Saturday BBQ for a new & old members get together

**01 JUNE** **LADIES BOWL BBQ**  
Celebrating the powerhouse of PBSC ladies on the water. ALL are welcome.

**29 JUNE** **SOLSTICE BBQ**  
The longest days are upon us - maybe we can have a Bonfire without getting rained on.

**12-16 AUG** **SEA WEEK**  
All the usual Fun – Daily fun on the water, daily sailing options with a built in race series, social gathering each night.

**05 OCT** **OKTOBERFEST**  
Dust off those lederhosen and dirndls outfits & celebrate the sausage

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