



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

AQUILA
SPRING
2015



Road mending 21st March

Fitting Out supper 21st March

Warm-up racing 28th March

Easter Egg Trophy 4th April

New Duties Roster

Laser Masters Latest



Commodore's Report

Hello everybody.

The season is just about with us, so time to start thinking about getting your sailing kit back out. Some have bought new boats to try to keep upright, and it give others some entertainment whilst they try.

Everybody in the committee has been working hard getting this year's sailing programme sorted. We have some good events to look forward to, and some equally good social events to complement them. The season kicks off with a work party during the day on Saturday 21st March to repair the road. Lots of help will be needed, and I'm sure Greg Cox will be mustering for this, and it's followed in the evening by the Fitting Out Supper (bring a dish). Racing then commences on Saturday the 28th March with the warm-up race.

As I mentioned in the last Aquila, we have the Laser Masters 19th-21st June. We will need lots of volunteer help for this event, so if you think you might be available please let Adrian know.

Sailing Camp this year will be missing a couple of its usual faces. This unfortunately means that as it stands we have nobody to coordinate the event. If anybody intends to go and might be willing to take on this role I would love to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing you all,

Mark

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The image is a promotional graphic for 'BART'S BASH!', described as 'THE LARGEST SAILING RACE IN THE WORLD'. It features a stylized globe in the background. In the upper left, there's a logo with the words 'BART'S BASH!' in a blue, hand-drawn style font, accompanied by a yellow star and wavy lines. In the upper right, there's a logo for 'ANDREW SIMPSON SAILING FOUNDATION' featuring a blue sailboat silhouette with a yellow star on top. The middle section contains the text 'OFFICIALLY THE LARGEST SAILING RACE IN THE WORLD' in large, bold, yellow letters on a blue banner. Below this, there are three sets of statistics in white text on dark blue arrows: '16,917 BOATS', '30,734 SAILORS', and 'RAISED £366,391.95'. In the bottom right corner, there's a cartoon character of a black bird with a white belly and blue feet, standing next to the text 'ROOKIE YEAR 21.09.14'. At the very bottom, the text 'THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF IT!' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Sailing Committee - For those of you who don't know the structure of the club the Vice Commodore chairs the Sailing Committee that covers all matters related to the sailing, excluding the Sailing School that covers the training. Thus the sailing committee is responsible for the calendar, all racing, manning open meetings and supporting our local sister sailing clubs with safety boats on a reciprocal basis. The sailing committee is formed of myself, Dick Holttum (Sailing Secretary) Chris Clarke (Membership Sec) Gary Pearson, Steve Jobling (Ex Commodore), Ray Ridley (Bosun) and Tim Humphries.

Race officer training - Whilst many people were hunkered down by the fireside in the middle of January Dick Holttum, Greg Cox and I ventured to Erith Sailing club to join a two day residential 'Race Officer' course with 9 others from clubs in the South East. This classroom based session took place overlooking the lower reaches of the Thames which offered the occasional distraction from some brain testing theory on anything from setting the race course to writing the sailing instructions. Even after a very social Saturday night we managed to complete the course on Sunday and pass a surprisingly difficult test. To achieve the RYA's regional race officer status we each need to run 4 races as the principal race officer for an open meeting over the next four years. Wish us luck on the start line!



Dinghy Show - It was good to see 15 members at the dinghy show on the 28th February at Alexandra Palace. Some members had clearly come ready to clean out the accessory retailers and others (me included) acquired a few bits of string and a couple of washers. Some of the main stage (Ben Ainslie: Racing) and coaching stage (Nick Thompson – Laser, likely

Olympic 2016 sailor: Rigging and sail tuning tips) sessions were particularly good.

Duties - We'll shortly be putting out the duties rota for the next few months. Ellie Ratusniak (duty.admin@pbsc.eu) will be Duty Administrator working with me on scheduling the duties and chasing up those who have not confirmed on our automated system DutyMan. When a duty is scheduled you'll receive a notification by email and then a reminder 14 and 5 days before hand. Upon receiving any of these notifications you should please click the link on DutyMan and confirm your duty. If you haven't confirmed by four days before the duty we'll be in touch to check personally that you have the duty in the diary. Naturally when we schedule the duties there will be personal diary clashes and when this is the case please let us know ASAP alternative dates or you can request a swap via Duty Man. With hundreds of duties to schedule over the season this is a logically difficult job and your support in helping us get out on the water safely would be much appreciated.

From Andy Baker

Social Secretary

Well, it's nearly time for the season to start and as ever there are events both on and off the water. The social events start with the Fitting Out Supper on Saturday 21st March from 7.00 pm. This will be a chance to catch up with everyone and welcome Mark to his new role as Commodore. As usual, this is a 'Bring a Dish' event.

Dates of all social events are on the calendar, but to give a flavour of what's coming up:

Fitting out Supper Saturday 21st March

French themed evening Saturday 25th April

Hog Roast Saturday 18th July

Summer Ball Saturday 8th August

Further details to follow. The bar will always be open and food served for each event except the Fitting Out Supper. Please come along and enjoy the club facilities as well as the sailing. Hope to see you all soon.

Sailing Sec writes:

The new sailing calendar has been published and is available on the club website and is also attached to this mailing. On Sundays the racing will start at 10.30 hrs. as it did for the latter half of last season. We will endeavour to have prompt starts this season, not like last year when timings became very sloppy! This means OOD and safety boat crews need to arrive at 9am, please and should be launched by 9.45am. As we did last summer, we will run two races back to back in the mornings and a single, longer race in the afternoons starting at 13.30. The Spring Series will consist of three races per Sunday, running from the 12th of April until the end of May.

Before that, though, we have some warm-up racing on Saturday 28th March, and the sailing really kicks off on Easter Sunday with the Easter Egg Trophy, followed by the first races of the Bank Holiday Series on Monday April 6th. As always, anyone is welcome to sail in any race. If you are new to racing just tag on to the fleet in whatever dinghy you have, you'll soon find you are hooked!

Even if you are not joining the racing your help with safety boat launching is always appreciated. Similarly, and particularly if the shore dump is bad, assistance with going afloat and recovery is welcomed by sailors too.

I wish you all a season of happy sailing.

Dick

Membership Matters

Firstly on behalf of the club I would like to extend a warm welcome to new members:

David King

Duncan & Paula Tanner and family

Mike Chapman, Lynne Ratcliffe and family

And of course the return to the fold of

Gary and Jackie Kinch and Family

I hope you all have a great time at Pevensey this year.

The new sailing season is fast approaching and the weather is beginning to look more spring-like, so it will not be long until we are all back on the water and enjoying our great Club! Now is the time to start thinking about getting ready for another year's sailing by checking our boats are ready and of course making sure that our membership has been renewed.

All memberships must be paid before the end of March. Any which are not renewed by the end of the month will be subject to a **£44 rejoining fee** so please make sure you have all renewed in plenty of time.

I look forward to seeing you all on the water very soon, I, personally, will be making my bid for the inverted cup and providing some entertainment while I get to grips with my new boat!. (*We all wish you luck with that. Ed.*)

And finally, the gate code has changed. Once you have paid you can request the new code if you think you will need it.

Have A Fantastic Season.

Chris Clarke

PBSC Membership Secretary

chris@illusion2.co.uk

Bringing up the Rear

Spring has sprung; days are getting longer so time to go sailing, yippee! I think it will be over five months since I last sailed at Pevensey. Too long. Anyway it's been good to see a few volunteers at the club putting in some very useful hours getting some things up to date.

New decking has been installed, picnic benches sanded down and stained and the patio door that has been out of operation has been repaired.

The gearbox that drives the RIB winch has been rebuilt and was indentified as a Ford Thames truck circa 1932. The cost was over £400 pounds so divided by 80 years that seems good value at £5 per year!

Chris Clarke and Paul Holloway have done a great job in the club container. All the equipment was taken out and sorted; new racking has been installed so that sails, rudders etc. for each boat can be stored on separate shelves. The wetsuits, buoyancy aids and helmets all now have designated places.

So, guys, please respect the effort that has gone into this and replace any equipment that you have used back in its correct place and not just dumped on the floor! In the process of carrying out this job it's come to light that a lot of buoyancy aids that were recently purchased have gone missing. Anyone who was using these last year could you please check just in case they have ended up at home.

I have been involved with Chris Tatnall, Jeremy Hinton, Dick Holttum and Steve Jobling in upgrading the control desk in the race office. The old one, having had many alterations over the years, was looking very sad and was very suspect safety-wise. A new top and console has been put in with new cupboards to store the computer and other equipment. The monitor will now sit on the desktop and will have a hood over it; hopefully the new layout will make it easier to use. Steve has put a new computer in with Windows 7 so should be more up to date with security issues.

Finally on the 21st March we need a few volunteers to help with making good the road. Two loads of road planings will be delivered, and so with an excavator, dumper, roller and people with wheelbarrows and rakes (please bring your own) we can try and improve the road.

Look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

Greg Cox



A WORLDS STORY

As I write this article from a bar in Switzerland I begin to realise that the world is a very small place but the smallest logistical blockages can spoil the best laid plans.

My cheap skiing trip planned ages ago with a rush of blood one night surfing the internet resulted in me booking two £ 50 return Easy Jet flights to Geneva, with Fred - for a son and Dad bonding session plus a fast blast down the slopes of the Swiss four valleys.

I've spent many hours congratulating myself on my unusually good forward thinking however, my gloating on such a magnificent deal didn't last long. On arrival at Gatwick my bargain priced package was immediately thwarted. No baggage booked in advance, "that'll be £60 extra each way please!" Sacré Bleu! For what?

So accepting my penalty I soldiered on still pleased i had made my plans so early and saving so much money. It's still a cheap flight I kept telling myself. Plus , I still had a chance to obtain a return flight baggage discount if I checked in my return bags online in Switzerland. Never mind I've saved loads on the resort transfer .

My forward thinking had also planned to save even more money on transfers by getting to the resort by train and public bus. Only £40 for a one way trip. We also planned to hitch a lift back to Geneva airport in a friend's hire car, saving even more money (=free).

So to our flight: Easyjet were brilliant. On time. Couldn't fault it.

However, in spite of the best efforts of Easyjet they couldn't mitigate for the logistics of getting from airport to hotel. Train! Wow, fantastic. Swiss trains are amazing, on time, smooth and spacious - lovely. Buses on time, comfortable and, oh, nearly got us to the right place. Give or take 3 miles.

So there we were. Deposited in the middle of a mountain in minus 4 degrees in the pitch black and no sign of civilisation, with a bag (not too big) with wheels. I had sort of warned Fred that the last bit of the journey might end up being a bit of an adventure.

Surprisingly he didn't fully appreciate this advance notice.

Compass out (well, iPhone, next best thing!) we navigated to a local bar in search of rented local transport. Only it was shut when we finally arrived. This didn't improve the bonding atmosphere very much between Fred and me.

So best not to panic too much. Just knock on the first door with a light on. Well at this point in our slightly extended journey I wasn't expecting a miracle. But, blow me down, we found one. Two Swiss Brits, and a car and very nice, and happy to drive us up the mountain. Lovely people. There is a God!

Ah! I now had to confess to another problem. The Immobilier (travel agency) hadn't answered their phone all afternoon. I'd tried 6 times. So now we had transport but nowhere to stay. Well not quite true. We had a booking but no key to get in.

Another Miracle! Sacré Bleu again. My Swiss Brits listened to the Schweizerdeutsch message on the Immobilier answer phone and realised there was another, emergency, number to call. All was well, the key was supplied at agreed location and all was well. So Fred and I rolled into our lovely Swiss ski apartment - fully bonded!

Why am I telling you this anecdote?

This June we will experience more European and international sailors visiting the humble shore of Great Britain at Pevensey Bay SC than any other non-international event in the history of the UK masters Laser Association.

How many arrive for the event will be dictated by how many logistical obstacles can be removed from the paths of the entrants. "Make it Easy" is the catch phrase.

We on the UKLA and Pevensey Bay SC organising committee have been focusing on making it easy for overseas visitors to come. They all want to race against the Brits because we are the best in the world, winning more world titles at last years Hyères Laser Masters worlds than any other nation.



We now need as many people to help as we can find. So if you can clear the weekend of the 19th - 21st June we can find something for you to help unblock.

Here's a quick list of things which could be useful.

Spare rooms for visiting sailors' accommodation, Lasers for rental, help with support boat cover, beach cover, bar duties, catering, cleaning, lifts, bike loans, massages or anything else you can think of.

One particular need is for a budding photographer who is able to be around for this event to take stills and video from the land and water for showing each evening. Please let me or someone on the committee know if you would like to undertake this job.

Please help us make it a Pevensey Bay World Story.

Thanks,

StickDaring

Sailing School News

Hi everyone, my name is Bill Bracey.

After many years of helping training as a dinghy instructor I have been 'promoted' to Sailing School Principal. The aim of the school is to provide training over a range of levels to help everyone become active and competent members of our sailing club on the water. The training for dinghies and power boats is provided to RYA standards by RYA qualified instructors who volunteer their time to the club. This year, as in the past, we have a range of courses available to members at very reasonable rates as described below. We would particularly welcome anyone who would like to join the club and learn to sail with us so if you know of anyone then please encourage them to join one of the beginner courses. Also lapsed sailors who would like to get back in the sport and would appreciate a refresher.

Powerboat training courses this year. We are running a number of these to ensure we can have as many qualified members as possible to help out with the various safety boat duties that allow us to sail safely. RYA Powerboat - a two day course run on consecutive weekends, with a third in reserve in case of bad weather. This is for beginners to powerboating. Courses this year are:

Course 1 (now full) 15th, 22nd & 29th March

Course 2 (3 spaces available) 23rd May, 6th & 13th June

Course 3 (6 spaces available) 27th June, 4th & 11th July

Cost to PBSC member £60 (it would cost c £300 if you took this at a commercial centre)

RYA Safety Boat - a two day course run as above for those who have their Powerboat certificate, have been active on the water in powerboats since passing and at least a year has elapsed since undertaking their powerboat training. This course focuses on more advanced rescue techniques and boat handling particularly in heavy weather. The Safety Boat Course is on 19th, 26th April and 3rd May. There are currently four spaces remaining. Cost to PBSC member £60.

Dinghy courses:

Adult Dinghy RYA level 1 & 2 (beginners) Tues. evenings 6.30pm from the 21st April until the middle of July. Cost £120.

Adult Dinghy RYA 3 (intermediate) Thursday evenings 6.30pm from Thus 23rd April until the middle of July. Cost £120.

Adult Dinghy RYA level 1 Saturday afternoons from 12 Sep. Cost £60.

Cadets. We will be running our cadet training on Saturdays beginning 2nd May. We will run 3 sessions weekly consisting of Seals (start sailing), Dolphins (improvers) and Sharks (experienced). As with the adults these are RYA training courses and follow the RYA syllabus with RYA certificates awarded as each cadet achieves the appropriate level. There is no charge for the cadet courses but we do need parents to be present and to assist with the boat preparation and tidying away. It is always helpful if capable adults, dolphins and sharks are able to assist with the seals by sailing with them as needed until they are confident.

Normal start times are: Dolphins 10.00am. Seals 11.30am. Sharks 2.00pm.

If you wish to apply for one of these courses or have any queries please email me at sailingschoolprincipal@pbsc.eu

Sussex Regatta - Sat 4th April

SHYC are hosting this - historically for larger keel boats but this year are running dinghy races on the Easter Saturday. Both PBSC and ESSC have said we will support with safety boats and racing dinghies and it has been incorporated within the club calendar. Racing will be off the harbour and quite possibly in our bay. Social at the SHYC on the Saturday night (just turn up), which we know as the venue for our Laying Up Supper is well appointed and we hope to get as many of us there as possible.

Entry £15 per dinghy online registration below:-

www.sussexregatta.org.uk



America's Cup World Series - Portsmouth Thurs 23- Sat 26th July 2015 in 45ft Foiling Cats

Prior to the 2017 Bermuda America's Cup there is a series of warm-up races from the competing teams including Ben Ainslie Racing, 2013 winners Oracle Racing (US) and 2013 challengers Team New Zealand. One of these regattas will be held in Portsmouth just off Southsea Common. There will be a full-on event experience, and tickets to access the common are free but do have to be requested via Ticketmaster

http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/AC_WSPortsmouth. It will also no doubt be shown on you tube and probably terrestrial TV too. Full event website can be found here http://www.americascup.com/en/ac-world-series/3_Americas-Cup-World-Series-Portsmouth.html

FORTHCOMING DUTIES

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| Sat, 28 Mar | Warm up races | OOD | Adrian Peckham |
| | | TimeKeeper | Ellie Ratusniak |
| | | Safety Boat helm 1 | Dave Boniface |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Charlie Tatnall |
| Sat, 04 Apr | Sussex Regatta | Safety Boat helm 1 | Gordon Bishop |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Dick Holttum |
| Sun, 05 Apr | Easter Egg Race | OOD | Dick Holttum |
| | | TimeKeeper | Lesley Corke |
| | | Safety Boat helm 1 | Matt Key |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Rob Ambler |
| Mon, 06 Apr | Bank Holiday Series | OOD | Elaine Fowler |
| | | TimeKeeper | Karen Street |
| | | Safety Boat helm 1 | Adrian Peckham |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Neil Johnson |
| Sun, 12 Apr | Spring Series | OOD | Greg Cox |
| | | TimeKeeper | Terri Cox |
| | | Safety Boat helm 1 | Paul Limpus |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Emma Boniface |
| Sun, 19 Apr | Spring Series | OOD | Roger McAll |
| | | TimeKeeper | Patrick O'Brien |
| | | Safety boat helm 1 | Andy Baker |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Adam Harwin |
| Sun, 26 Apr | Spring Series | OOD | Gary Pearson |
| | | TimeKeeper | Harry Pearson |
| | | Safety Boat helm 1 | Paul Umney |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Fiona Balkham |
| Sun, 03 May | Vice Commodore's Pursuit Race | OOD | Tony Richards |
| | | TimeKeeper | Barbara Howell |
| | | Safety boat helm 1 | Eric Greber |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Clare Greber |
| Mon, 04 May | Bank Holiday Series | OOD | Ronnie Hall |
| | | TimeKeeper | Liz Jones |
| | | Safety boat helm 1 | Chris Clarke |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Aimee Pearson |
| Sat, 09 May | Safety Boat to ESSC RS open | Safety Boat helm 1 | Volunteer Required |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Volunteer Required |
| Sun, 10 May | Safety Boat to ESSC - RS open | Safety boat helm 1 | Volunteer Required |

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| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Volunteer Required |
| | Spring Series | OOD | Richard Thomas |
| | | TimeKeeper | Anne Barrell |
| | | Safety Boat helm 1 | Lulu McNally |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Jay McNally |
| Sun, 17 May | Spring Series | OOD | Peter White |
| | | TimeKeeper | Margaret White |
| | | Safety boat helm 1 | Peter Bell |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Roger Lovell |
| | | Safety boat helm 2 | Roland Thorpe |
| | | Safety boat crew 2 | Volunteer Required |
| Sun, 24 May | Laurie Lester Trophy | OOD - Committee Bt start | Dick Holttum |
| | | Timekeeper Committee Bt start | Adrian Peckham |
| | | Safety boat helm 1 | Ian Halfpenny |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Ray Ridley |
| Mon, 25 May | Bank Holiday Series | OOD | Steve Jobling |
| | | TimeKeeper | Julie Watson |
| | | Safety boat helm 1 | Owen Poplett |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Bev Stevenson |
| | | Safety boat helm 2 | Stuart Keen |
| | | Safety boat crew 2 | Patrick O'Brien |
| Sat, 30 May | Safety Boat to ESSC - Cat open | Safety boat crew 2 | Volunteer Required |
| | Safety Boat to ESSC Cat open | Safety Boat helm 1 | Volunteer Required |
| Sun, 31 May | Safety Boat to ESSC - Cat open | Safety boat crew 2 | Volunteer Required |
| | Safety Boat to ESSC Cat open | Safety boat helm 2 | Volunteer Required |
| | Spring Series | OOD | Nigel Fish |
| | | TimeKeeper | Caroline Fish |
| | | Safety Boat helm 1 | Pat O'Leary |
| | | Safety boat crew 1 | Victoria Cook |

