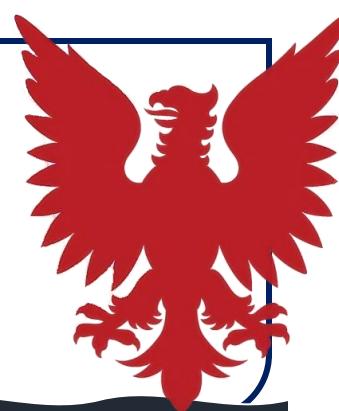




Aquila Newsletter



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club Old Martello Road Pevensey Bay East Sussex BN24 6DX

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Commodore's Communiqué

Dick Holttum



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To those of you that I haven't seen yet this year: Happy New Year! 2019 – The Year of the Pig.

As I write the sea temperature in the Channel is 8.4 degrees but the brave and the foolhardy have been battling the elements at Bough Beech during the last few weeks - with impressive results. At close of play on Sunday 17th, Matt and Lynne are lying 2nd in the asymmetric fleet with Tim and Paula biting at their heels in fourth. These two teams will be hard for the rest of us to beat when our season starts.

The out-of-season talk this winter is a bit later than usual on March 9th when Ron Pattenden will be telling us about his adventure round Britain in a Laser. Details elsewhere in this Aquila.

February is nearly over; the days are lengthening, the weather is warmer and it's only a month until we start sailing again. March 31st will be 'Boat Bimbling Day'. Come to the club, put up your mast, shake the mice out of the sailbag and, if you need any help, the club's top sailors will be around to answer your questions. OOD, Race Officer and timekeeper training will also be in full swing to refresh your skills.

April 6th will be the Fitting-out Supper - Bring a Dish - more details from the Social Secretary. And then the first racing of the year on April 7th. Three short races back-to-back to ease you into the season. The calendar for the year will be distributed with this Aquila.

Every club like ours is only as good as its volunteers and, yes, we are going to be asking for volunteers again this year. We have a very large fleet of Laser Masters, possibly 120 boats, coming in May (18th and 19th) so we will need a large fleet of volunteers to man the bar, the beach and the boats. Please come and help if you can. We are also hosting the National 12 championships at the end of August. This will be a four day event 24th to 27th of August. Not as many boats as the Lasers but if you can help, particularly on the Monday and Tuesday, please put the date in your diary.



Work Parties have been taking place on alternate Saturdays and the clubhouse and grounds are looking smarter already. There are still opportunities to come along and spend the morning chatting with your clubmates and to cap a perfect morning bacon butties are served for lunch.

Another of Pevensey's former cadets has joined the exalted ranks of international sailors. As well as Will Street and Nikki Boniface we now have Olivier Greber who has been accepted into the INEOS Team UK's assault on the America's Cup which will take place in Auckland March 2021.

Congratulations Oli, and we wish you and the rest of the team all the best.

We are hoping to see Oli, Nikki and Will around the club later in the year.

After many years in place, Dave Watson is standing down from his positions as Senior Dinghy Instructor and Senior Power Boat Instructor. The club is very grateful for the huge amount of time and expertise that Dave has put into the job.

We have a new editor for Aquila this year. Ellie Ratusniak has taken over the reins and she would love to hear from you! Much of what goes into Aquila is the run-of-the-mill dissemination of information from the Committee, so you can live it up with your own contributions. Send Ellie your views, comments, experiences, ideas, and of course, photos. We would particularly like to hear from our younger members



Ellie Ratusniak



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PBSC Executive Committee

At the AGM we thank last year's executive committee for delivering another great year of sailing events, social gatherings and club upgrades. Everyone has done a fantastic job!

We "waved" goodbye to our Commodore Adrian Peckham who has served six years as a committee member with two of them as a Commodore. He can now get a good night sleep whilst Dick is about to find out what insomnia really is...

Let's welcome the new committee who no doubt have some great things prepared for us all this year:

Commodore

Dick Holttum

Vice Commodore

Chris Clarke

Sailing Secretary (Results Officer)

Matt Fowler

Rear Commodore

Andrew Hebron

Social Secretary

James Allerton

Hon Secretary

Lyn Brocklehurst

Treasurer

Tim Humphries

Membership Secretary

Mike Chapman

Committee Member (H&S)

Phil Leyland

Committee member

Mark Doughty-Keen

Committee member

Duncan Tanner

Committee member

Dave Boniface

Sailing School Principal (co-opted)

Karen Hilder

Please remember that they are all volunteers devoting their time to the club and club members like you. Do offer help when you can – especially with the work party, duties and events planned for the year.



Sailing Secretary

Matt Fowler



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It's nearly that time of year again. Sailing starts again on the 7th of April with the beginning of the spring series. This year we're trying a new format in which the first weekend of every month (with exception for August and October) there will be 3 shorter races back to back from 10:30 and then just some ad-hoc sailing in the afternoon if the conditions permit.

The week prior to the start of the sailing season there will be a boat bimbbling day. So, if you want help setting your boat up, some repairs done or just general ideas for upgrades come along and speak to the experts. On this day we will also be running duty refreshers on both time keeper, OOD and setting up the safety boats.

On the 20th April, Saturday of the Easter weekend there will be a training day. It's for all levels, whether its boat handling or racing techniques there is something for everyone. The format will be a short session in the morning with boats rigged for 11 o'clock followed by some lunch and then back on the water in the afternoon. More info to come shortly via Facebook and the website.

There is a taster day on Saturday 11th of May and is a very good place to try and grow membership. Help is appreciated around the club and don't forget to bring your friends!

We've then got the Laser Masters back on 18th and 19th of May. We're expecting upwards of 100 boats for this, there are various roles that need filling to ensure we can deal with the expected 150+ guests that will share our club house for the weekend.





Membership Secretary

Mike Chapman 
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Happy New Year!

The club's membership year runs from 1 January to December 31 - so 2019 membership fees are due.

Thank you to those members who have already returned their renewal forms and paid.

We experimented this year with an emailed PDF form that can be completed on-line. This has worked for most who have tried it - but not everyone. We will try and improve it for next year.

Paper membership renewal forms have been sent out to all those who have not renewed on-line. Thank-you to those members who kindly helped to make that happen. Do let me know if you have not received one.

We are working to accommodate new members' boats. We need your help in ensuring boat park fees are paid - and any abandoned boats are clearly identified and removed. Please do check the boat park plan on the club noticeboard.

Please also remember that there is a substantial 'early-bird' discount for membership renewals paid before the end of March. Details of the discounted fees are on the form.

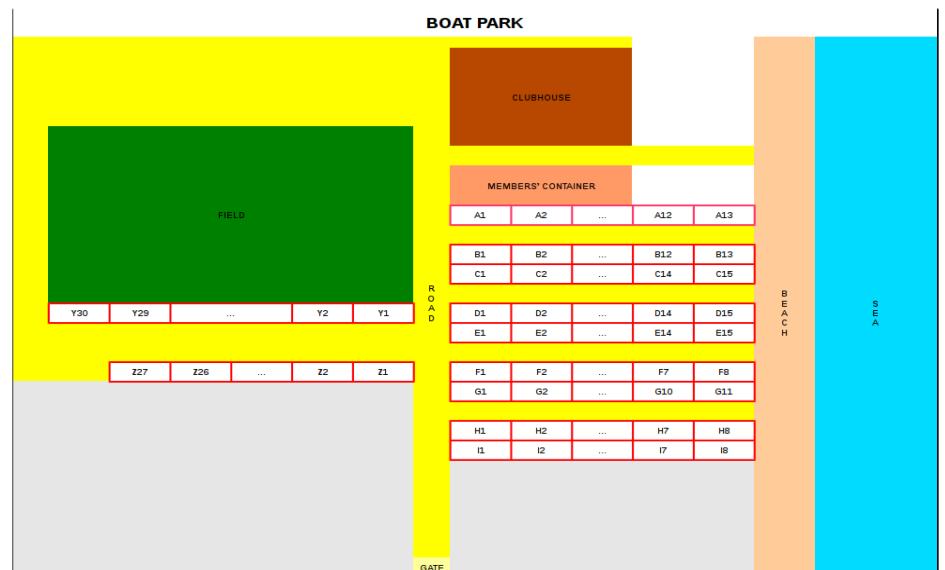
The club's winter talk this year is by Ron Pattenden who sailed a Laser around the whole of the UK. It is arranged for the evening of Saturday 9 March and is free to attend for those whose membership renewals have been made before 28 February - saving you an additional £10.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water

Please do help the smooth administration of the club by:

- * Including an email address for each adult named on the form.
- * If paying via BACS, including your name as the payment reference.
- * Including boat park space(s) you currently occupy - see below.
- * Ensuring your boat has a PBSC boat park sticker on its transom

If your boat is in need of a boat park sticker, please ask Duncan Tanner, Dave Boniface or I when you next see one of us at the club.





Rear Commodore

Andrew Hebron



House Report

The club house has seen a lot of activity over the last month or so with members coming down to help fill the gaps and throw some paint on the walls. I am gradually learning about the “character” of the club house and its unusual heritage. Whilst there are some grander plans for the club, whilst the Treasurer has his till locked well and truly shut, we are making do with some Wickes own brand paint and a small supply of foam filler. Phil seems to have taken up head grounds man role and will have the lawn ready for bowls by July. Chris and Gary have been busy with a full compliment of artisan skills.

We have even found some paint which is not magnolia and it’s found its way on to the walls. Don’t worry, there’s still plenty of magnolia for you purists for another year at least.



Phil happy with his work



The Commodore tries out his new dry suit



Gary clears some rubbish from the club house

There remains a number of jobs to do in order to get the place nice and shiny for when you start sailing and we will have at least two more work party days so feel free to come and join in the fun. Keep your eye out on Facebook for confirmation of dates.



Sailing School Principal

Karen Hilder



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TRAINING



The aim of the school is to provide training over a range of levels to help everyone become active and competent members 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 will be running at least one RYA level 1 and 2 powerboat course to ensure the club has as many qualified members as possible to help out with the various safety boat. This is a two day course run on consecutive weekends, and is aimed at beginners to powerboating.

Cost to PBSC member £60.00

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. If you are interested in taking part in a course please contact pbsctrainingadmin@pbsc.org.uk
Cost to PBSC member £60.00

Dinghy Courses:

Adult Dinghy RYA level 1 & 2 (beginners)

Tuesday Evenings at 6.30pm

21st May - 16th July

- Saturday afternoons at 2pm
8th - 29th June

Cost £155.00 plus club membership

Adult Dinghy RYA 3 (intermediate) and Improvers

- Thursday Evenings 6.30pm
2nd May - 11th July.

Cost for PBSC members only £60.00 when using your own boat and £100.00 when using club boats

If you are interested in taking part in any of the courses please contact pbsctrainingadmin@pbsc.org.uk





GET ON BOARD



Welcome all to what's shaping up to be another action packed season for the PBSC juniors. We will be looking to build on the success of last year and get as many of our juniors through the RYA On-Board qualifications.

As you can see from the calendar below we have an expanded inter-club regatta series this season, which is open to all 8-17 year old's and will also include events at Newhaven/Piddinghoe.

On Board sessions will run as follows with a start time of **10am** unless otherwise stated. There is an age limit of 8 - 17, and In order for cadets to sail at the club they need to be members alongside a responsible adult member who must always be present.

These sessions will cover basic sailing, understanding of weather and tidal conditions through to race training whilst having fun with friends. We have club boats available which include the Topper, Terra, Feva, Pico, Laser 2000 and Vision.

Racing Events

- 15th June, 20th July, 21st September and 12th October for interclub racing with Buzz Active, including an end of Summer Sailing Camp at Piddinghoe Lake on Saturday 31st August and 1st September.
- 14th July Junior Federation Cup at Hastings & St Leonard's Sailing Club.
- PBSC Cadet cup races 1, 2, 3 on Saturday 10th August, PBSC Cadet cup races 4, 5, 6 on Saturday 17th August.
- This year we are going to have a Sea Weekender on the 25th, 26th and 27th of May. This will be a fun packed weekend of activities on and off the water, just like Sea Week but shorter and in May!! Pop the date in your diaries and keep your eyes on Facebook or the website for more information.
- One final date for your diary is the end of season Cadet Halloween Party on Saturday 26th October.

On Board Sessions

May
4th, 11th &
25th

June
1st, 8th,
22nd & 29th

July
13th & 20th

August
31st

September
14th & 28th

October
5th, 12th &
19th



social update



Social Secretary

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We've got plenty of social events organized for this season kicking off with what will hopefully be a fascinating evening hosted by local sailor and adventurer Ron Pattenden giving a talk and Q&A about his epic sail around Britain in a Laser!

A hearty supper is included in the ticket price and best of all, if you've paid your membership renewal before the end of February then the evening is completely free. If you haven't paid your membership renewal then tickets are £10 per head. Please email social@pbsc.eu to book your place.

The next social for your diaries is the fitting out supper which is a bring a dish event on Saturday the 6th April. Keep a look out for further updates on the clubs noticeboard and Facebook page and other social media channels for more information nearer the time.



LAND ON MY RIGHT



Saturday 9th March 7:00pm

Adventurer Ron Pattendon talks at Pevensey Bay SC about his epic solo sail around Britain in a Laser!

FREE for early bird membership renewals (received before 28th Feb)

£10 all others

BOOK YOUR TICKETS
email: social@pbsc.eu



Copies of Ron's book will be on sale and a collection to raise funds for prostate cancer charities will take place on the night. Please give generously.

2019 Key Events

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

