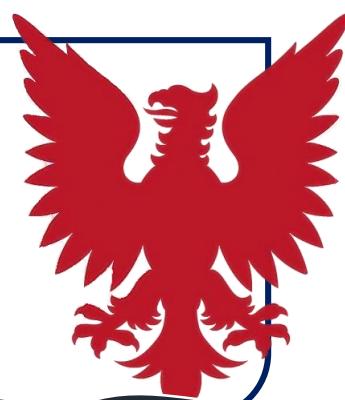




Aquila Newsletter



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

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Commodore's Communiqué

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Hi Everyone.

Sometimes it's difficult to know what to write at this time of year as there is apparently very little happening at the Club. In fact, this is far from the truth as a great deal of planning has taken place over the last couple of months.

After what seemed like ages, we managed to hold the AGM, which was attended by a small number of members. Luckily we were quorate and so we were able to go ahead and the proposed members of the Executive Committee were duly voted into their roles. It had been decided at a previous committee meeting that the members of the new committee should introduce themselves and add a photo, so that you know who we are and so later in the edition you can see who was kind enough to offer their services to help run our Club. This has enabled the planning, mentioned above, to move ahead at pace (although I have to admit there were certain assumptions made before the meeting!!)

The Sailing Committee has been working hard on an imaginative and interesting sailing program, which is ready to be published, while the social committee has presented us with an exciting program of social events to compliment the sailing. Goff, our Rear Commodore, has been planning an extensive list of maintenance and updating projects for clubhouse and surrounding area and ordered materials needed to progress. Look out for the call for working parties! Thanks to all involved for working hard on getting the Club ready for a new sailing year.

As a Club run entirely by volunteers we are always looking for people who are willing to help out. We need people of all interests to step forward to do numerous tasks, which I will endeavour to list below. We need in the future; members of the Executive Committee, members to sit on the Sailing Committee, members to sit on the House Committee, members to help with Social Committee, members to help the Bar Committee and an editor for the Aquila. If you are interested in getting involved with the organisation and running of the Club, now or in the future, let us know and have a chat to some of the people in posts. In addition to this, of course, we need people who can use a paint brush, people to contribute to the Aquila, people who can dig up brambles, can fill holes in the road, can help in the galley, repair fences, and so on. Again if you are able to spare some time to help out let us know. It is usually a lot of fun.

Only 7 weeks to go before I can say 'see you on the water' and so I hope to see you at the Club soon.

All the best,
Dave.

Please forgive me, but I will repeat a couple of things I wrote last year

Unless you are sailing in the Americas Cup, where the whole sailing world can see your every bloomer, sailing can be quite an isolated activity and so often amusing situations go unrecorded, or at the very best with a very small audience.

I have asked a number of our longer standing members if they could put pen to paper or finger to keyboard to record some of the amusing, interesting, exciting or informative anecdotes that they can remember from the Club's past. These will appear in future Aquilas and so if you have a story to tell please send them to me, commodore@pbsc.org.uk

I challenged everyone to introduce a friend / neighbour / relative to the delights of sailing and to get them along to the Club for our Taster/Open days. You need to start talking to them now.

Anecdote corner

Can you fill this space??

Vice Commodore

Dave Watson 

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I was asked to provide an introduction.... where to start !

For those that don't know me, I have been a PBSC member, together with my family for over 20 years, currently sail a Blaze and also Laser 2000 and on occasion yachts with my wife Julie. I have been around the Executive Committee for many years as Lay Member, Aquila Editor, Sailing Sec, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Sailing School Principal. I am RYA Power Boat 1&2 + Safety Boat Instructor and also Senior Dinghy Instructor, which probably explains my poor results with the Blaze !!



I wish to thank James as the outgoing Vice Commodore and Matt as outgoing Sailing Secretary for a grand 2021 sailing calendar, especially in light of the uncertain times we had with COVID, and also to Justin Pollard as our new 2022 Sailing Secretary. The sailing calendar is not quite finalised as I write this, however its shaping up to be a cracking good year (if the weather plays ball) with some alternative types of racing, such as a personal handicap series, Saturday afternoon series together with the usual time honoured Sunday racing series with new timings. I will allow Justin to elaborate on the 2022 sailing calendar.

For those not aware, the club has embarked on a club owned dinghy update programme with funds being annually allocated towards the club fleet modernisation, for this year we shall see three new Topper ARGO asymmetric dinghies joining the fleet, whilst we aim to sell two of the club RS Vision dinghies to make space for them. For info the first club Laser 2000 was purchased in around 1999 and still being used today, the 3 Visions being added somewhere around 2005/2006, these dinghies are used mainly for sailing school training for which many people have sailed them over the years, they have done us proud and now time to replace. Two of the Visions will be put up for sale, initially to members, watch this space.

As a reminder, all club boats are available to use on a Saturday with prior authorisation from the sailing school Senior Instructor/ Principal on the day (we might need them for training), and for hire for racing or just bimbling on Sundays (helps pay the maintenance and upkeep of the dinghy).

With respect to our safety boat fleet, Ken Brooks is our Bosun in charge of the Boat House and RIB maintenance, there is a white board in the boat house where any snags /issues/equipment failures etc can be advised so that Ken can appraise and resolve as required, so please use it or email me and I will forward to Ken.

I can be contacted preferably by email : vice.commodore@pbsc.org.uk or find me at the club.

See you on the water very soon

Dave Watson



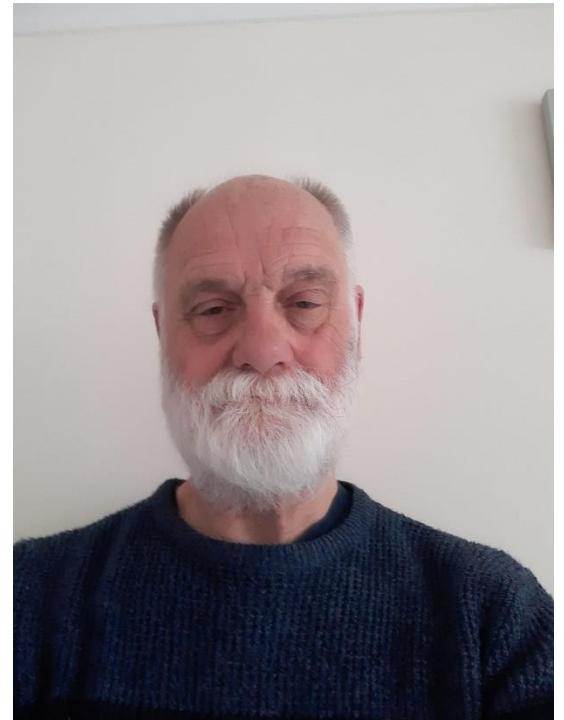
Rear Commodore

Goff Brooks



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Having spent 2021 pottering around the club doing bits and pieces, 2022 will be my first year as Rear Commodore, which involves managing the club's buildings and estate, including maintenance, development projects and the boat park. We've got quite a long list of maintenance items and possible projects for 2022, I'm building up a cohort of willing volunteers to help with this, so if anybody fancies getting involved please don't hesitate to contact me!



I always wanted to learn to sail but 'stuff' always got in the way. I eventually took the big step in 2018, aged 67 and retired, and attended an open day at PBSO. I found the club to be really welcoming and signed up for the Thursday evening level 1/2 class, along with my brother Ken. Despite the confusing terminology we progressed (albeit slowly) and very much appreciated the patience of Karen and the instructors! Ken and I bought our first boat - a Laser Stratos - which was big and stable enough for a couple of old blokes - and gained more experience, both at club races and at the Chichester week.

Feeling more confident, we moved on to a Laser Vago, but found it too cramped and unstable for us. We've now got two Solo's, which seem to be the boat for us!



Sailing Secretary

Justin Pollard



sailingsecretary@pbsc.org.uk

Happy New Year to all PBSC sailing, paddleboard and associate members, thank you for voting me into the position of Sailing Secretary. I'm taking on the role from Matt Fowler, who stood down last year. It is going to be very difficult matching his standards but I will do my best.

For those of you who don't know me, I've been a member of Pevensy Bay Sailing Club for nearly four years, having previously sailed Mirror Dinghies in Pevensy Bay village for many years. My parents and grandparents were member of PBSC when it first formed back in the 1950's, so when my son Matthew started sailing I thought it was time to join the club ourselves.



Living locally I am often down the club during the week as well as the weekends. You will usually see me wandering around with a box of blocks and shackles, fixing the club boats. I sail a RS400 with my son, and a Blaze when I'm sailing singlehanded.

With the assistance of the executive and sailing sub-committees we have put together an exciting sailing calendar for 2022, it is already available to view on the PBSC website. There will be minor changes to the calendar when events we share with Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club (ESSC) are finalised.

Some of the changes we plan to the sailing calendar include Saturday afternoon informal racing, this is intended for everyone, but specifically for members who want to develop their racing skills in a less formal setting. The races will not be scored as part of a series so you can drop in and out of the events as you choose. Free sailing will be encouraged for those not wanting to race.



Sailing Secretary Continued

Sunday racing will take on a new look also. To encourage both morning and afternoon sailing we plan to hold Personal Handicap racing in the morning, series racing straight after lunch. Personal Handicap racing will consist of a single race before lunch each week. This will be part of a series that runs throughout the year, so do try and enter as many as you can. The better sailors will have an adjustment to their PY, so they will have to sail that little bit harder, while less experienced sailors will not always find themselves at the bottom of the scoreboard. We will have a short lunch, then get back out on the water promptly for the normal sailing series.

The Spring, Summer and Autumn series will consist of two races on Sunday Afternoons, this reduces each series from 22-25 races down to about 13-15. The Winter Brass Monkey series will continue with two morning back to back races as in previous years. The sign-on sheets will be updated with space for anyone signed up to a duty to add their sail number. If you do a duty and therefore can't sail, then you will receive your average score as compensation for not being able to race. Please do sign up for duties, get your name down early to avoid being allocated a duty. If you find you can't manage an allocated duty, please use Dutyman to request an exchange. The duties Officer, Adam Harwin and I could quickly become overwhelmed by late cancellations. You will see my phone number if you need to cancel at the last minute, if not working I will want to sail also, so in reality I will only be able to put a plea for a replacement out on Facebook.

There will be three (more if we can fit them in) Team Events, I believe similar to Watch Races held in the past. Active sailor members will be grouped into teams with a broad spectrum of boats in each team. There will be three races on each event and recognition for the best team at the end of the season.

The sailing season starts on Sunday, 27 March with a pre-Spring Series warm up event, consisting of two back to back races with first warning at 11am. Who will win the Golden Hot Water Bottle trophy? Don't be late, it's the morning clocks will have gone forward.

Scattered through the sailing calendar will be our usual events which I will try and promote so you know in advance which event is coming up.

These include:-

Bank Holiday series
Easter Egg series
Ladies Bowl
Men's Tankard
Vice Commodore's Pursuit
Martello Race
Laurie Lester Trophy
Cecil Bale Trophy
Chichester Sail Camp
Cadet Cup
Sea Week pursuit race with ESSC
Airbourne Trophy
Club Championship
Cock 'o Bay pursuit
Asymmetric / Conventional Trophy

The club will be hosting three Opens this year. The Cadet Class will be returning to PBSC on 23 and 24 April, The ILCA Southern Masters on 1 and 2 October and a Topper open on 9 September.

The club is fortunate to have some excellent women sailors and, to develop on that success, Karen Hilder is putting together a program called Women on the Water, an RYA incentive to support new female sailors. It will integrate with the Thursday evening Improvers sessions to offer L1 and L2 women sailors to buddy up with other women, if they feel it would benefit their initial progression.

Chris Clarke will be introducing a regular Saturday morning paddleboard meeting to try and integrate and support the paddle boarders within the club.

Roger Humphries is aiming to provide his popular Saturday cruises most months with ice cream runs to Cooden and Eastbourne.

I'll leave it there for now other than to say please support the social and race sailing, sign up for duties and enjoy a great year on the water.



Sailing School Principal

James Allerton 
training@pbsc.org.uk

Introduction to me

Having previously held various positions on the executive committee, this year I find myself taking on the role of Sailing School Principal. I've been actively involved in the sailing school over the last couple of years as both an instructor and parent to Eve and Nancy who sail on Saturday mornings with the Cadets.

I still vividly remember my own experiences learning to sail as an 11-year-old on an urban reservoir in East Manchester. I will be forever grateful to those instructors who gave me the opportunity to sail and windsurf in exchange for scrubbing goose poo off the pontoons and slipway. The immediate sailing environment in Gorton was a world away from Pevensy Bay but the experiences were just as rewarding.



Training at PBSC

I'd just like to highlight a few key dates from the newly published calendar with regards to training this year at PBSC. The following sessions are Free and open to all but do require booking so we can correctly resource. Please complete the booking form here... <https://forms.gle/zPZvh9F13V68xMWp9>

*** Rescheduled Rules and Rights of Way for Beginners *** - Saturday 26th March 2:30pm

Mike Chapman will be holding a rules and rights of way session at the clubhouse. Open to all this will be a fun and interactive session aimed at beginners and juniors who want to start racing or are looking to improve their basic understanding of the racing rules.

Power Boat Essentials - Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March

If you are a powerboat crew who is looking to progress towards their RYA Power Boat Level 2 certificate, or you are a new member who needs to learn the ropes before volunteering for a safety boat crew duty, then this is the session for you!

Power Boat Level 2 Refresher/Safety Boat certificate preparation - Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March

If you already have your RYA Power Boat Level 2, are a little rusty (as we all are after the winter!), want to improve your knowledge or are looking to progress towards your RYA Safety Boat certificate, then this is the session for you!

Finally, congratulations to all those who successfully sat their VHF radio exams during January. We look forward to hearing professional transmissions over the Aquila airwaves this season... Over and Out ;)

Member's survey

Satisfaction Survey

Over the next week or so the exec committee will reach out to the membership with a short online survey to gauge current levels of satisfaction within the club's membership. This survey will form the basis of the first steps towards creating a Development Plan for the long term sustainable development of the club. The Club Development Plan is about looking at the club we all love and asking the question, 'Could it be better?' With this survey, we are hoping to gain a clear and up-to-date insight into what members (of all ages) need and want from the club. We invite each and every member to complete the form. The survey should only take around 10 minutes to complete and can be done so anonymously. Depending on the responses we receive there may be a follow up with additional more specific questions. Please keep an eye on your emails over the next few days for a link to complete the form.



GP Sailing

Did you know that some of the world's best sailors compete every few months sailing a one design 50 foot foiling catamaran that has its origins in the America's Cup competition. The likes of Jimmy Spithill, Ben Ainslie, Tom Slingsby, Nathan Outteridge, Pete Burling all compete on a level playing field. Every few months at different locations around the world these 8 teams compete in a competition, which culminates at an end of season finale which will now take place on the 26/27 March in San Francisco and are screened live/ replay on you tube.

When I finally found time to watch some TV over Christmas, I settled down to the full race replays on YouTube, which can be found along with the highlights [here](#)

All the helmsmen are America's Cup heritage. The difference is that the America's Cup is often about who could develop the fastest boat where as Sail GP offers one design sailing i.e. the same boat so there is a level playing field on which only pure sailing skill is tested.

Our local hero Ben Ainslie, sailing on Ineos has had a mixed second season. In a spectacular overflight of the Australian boat in December in Australia, Ineos removed the latter's hull! Generously he gave the British boat to the Australians to continue to allow them to race in the series. Watch it [here](#).

Interestingly Nikki Boniface was selected to sail on the UK Ineos boat in Australia in December, although couldn't make it because of other Olympic training squad commitments. Lucky escape!

[Sail GP website](#)

Power Boat training

Power Boat Training

The club will be running 3 RYA power boat training courses throughout the 2022 season.

RYA Power Boat Level 2 - 2 day course 2nd & 9th April - £60 per person

RYA Power Boat Level 2 - 2 day course 7th & 14th May - £60 per person

RYA Safety Boat - 2 day course 2nd & 9th July - £50 per person (You must hold at least an RYA powerboat level 2 certificate to complete this course)

If you are interested in any of the training advertised, please contact pbsctrainingadmin@pbsc.org.uk

Situation Vacant

Editor of the Aquila required immediately.

This monthly newsletter needs someone to take over the editing and collating of the items submitted by the various contributors. The person should have a keen interest in Pevensey Bay Sailing Club, an understanding of sailing and probably an active member. In addition to this they should have a good understanding of the English language and know where to put those little dots with tails and the similar things that fly above the words. A good ability at putting the letters in the right order would be an advantage as there are many permutations that seem to have little meaning, but the spell check facility on this machine has helped the present semi literate person in post to get most words right. A diagnosis of dyslexia (wow! I got the spelling right!!) would prove a distinct disadvantage, but might cause some amusement!

Oh, a sense of humour is essential. Applicant should email the Commodore in the first instance, at Commodore@pbsc.org.uk

Galley. At the time of writing the club has not got anyone to run the galley on Sundays. Lesley has offered to cover Saturdays, but wouldn't mind if someone wanted to do it all! Ideally we would find someone who would run the galley on a "franchise" basis, but that seems unlikely unless you can think of anyone??

We are therefore looking for members who are willing to help on a "duty" basis, to prepare and deliver simple menus.

But before this can happen we need someone to co-ordinate all the volunteers, creating and over-see the rota and ensuring all is in place in the galley.

Anyone interested in helping out should again email Commodore@pbsc.org.uk

Treasurer

Nicki Webber 
treasurer@pbsc.org.uk



Not surprisingly, as treasurer, my background is in finance. I am a qualified accountant, and previously worked in corporate finance, private equity and investment management. I am currently a non-executive director of the local NHS Trust (East Sussex), as well as of a facilities management company in Kent and a health insurance business based in Sheffield.

I took up sailing fairly late, having followed my husband Chris around many years' worth of national and European championships before eventually succumbing to the lure of getting into a boat myself. I started crewing for Chris in 2018 in an RS200, and we've since taken Flambuoyant to two national championships and a fair few other RS200 events around the country – always to be found with our four year old twins and Chris's mum, Jo, in tow! My main skills are in providing appropriate snacks on-board and post-race hot chocolates after winter training.





Membership Secretary

Duncan Tanner 
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I think most of you know me anyway, but for those who don't I am Duncan! I sail a Blaze or an RS400 if I can find anyone to crew for me. I started sailing as a toddler when my Dad dumped me in my Granny's boat (a Heron) while he raced his Fireball. Time moved on and it wasn't long until I was helping the Heron. (I never got to go in the Fireball). My granny never described herself as a good sailor but she was, and she was a good teacher. There was a large active fleet of Herons at the local club and as a young teenager with my elderly granny crewing, we were often at or near the front of the fleet. As a result of this I was selected to join the RYA Youth Squad where I sailed lasers and 420's until going to University when I "stopped" sailing. I did a fair bit of canoeing so I didn't leave water sports completely, but in reality I was distracted by beer and women and the social life of living in a city.

After University I moved back to the South and re-joined the sailing club that I had learnt in. I had an Enterprise and an OK which I sailed for ten years or so. My Dad had a yacht on the Solent and often I would sail with him. Through this, as time passed I met other friends who raced yachts in the Solent and offshore races and I became a regular crew. The Enterprise and OK were reluctantly sold as they were hardly used and being wooden still required regular maintenance to keep them nice. This was about the time I moved to Sussex, 22 years ago now.

When Michael was born, I suddenly ran out of spare time (as many do) and the sailing stopped again. Things didn't get better when James was born two years later. About five years after then I started to think about sailing again. We often walked on the sea front on a Sunday and saw the boats at ESSC out racing. I also had several work friends who sailed and talked about it very annoyingly every Monday morning! One of these friends emigrated to Hong Kong and just before he went he asked whether I would like his old laser 2, or otherwise could I sell it for him? What a perfect boat to teach a couple of kids in! I had in mind that I would join ESSC as my then hairdresser sailed there and she had also been working on getting me back on the water. However, just before joining, we thought we would have a look round PBSC. We just turned up one Saturday afternoon that happened to be Halloween. There were lots of kids running around while some adults were preparing the club house for a party that night. A club that was child friendly seemed a good idea and I took a membership form away and filled it in and sent it back later that week.

**Thank you to everyone
who has renewed
promptly!**

Social Secretary

Ant Mechan

I've been asked to do some blurb to introduce myself again as this year's Social Secretary...

2021 seemed to whizz by and in terms of social gatherings got off to a stuttering start with our old friend Covid getting in the way until mid-June. Meaning half the season was gone before we could actually all gather at the club, and that was still outside only.

Well, I think we made up for it as the season progressed with some really well attended sailing and social gatherings that included Sea Week, Club championships, Oktoberfest, Halloween, and Bonfire night, rounding off the year with a great laying up supper with 94 of the best dressed sailors I've seen in a while.

About me... I have three kids (9,11 & 15), all involved with sailing at the club on a Saturday, on the water you'll find me either in a Solo or when doubled up a Hobie 16 (with one half of our bar landlords – Gary) or maybe you'll see me fighting with the Vortex – a beast I am determined to subdue this year having had the dubious honour of being awarded the 'Capsize Cup' for my entertaining run to and from Ronnies during Sea Week.



If you've never heard of the vortex and are wondering why (as I do myself) - here's a link to someone doing it properly...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5yFZ9Ot2BY>

I've added a brief outline calendar for social events this year on another page, this is just the bullet points on what to expect and you can find more as events draw near through the Aquila publication, Facebook and the club website.

<https://www.pbsc.org.uk/social/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pevenseybayssc>

As always for these to work we need volunteers to help in all ways from organising to food prep and clearing away – more hands make lighter work and then we can get to the bar quicker!

I hope that we are able to have at least one social event per month all through the year. If you have any ideas, want to volunteer, or use the club's social amenities please reach out on...

social@pbsc.org.uk

Looking forward to another fun filled year at PBSC

Social Calendar 1

2022 **UPCOMING** **EVENTS**

FEB 26

RYA DINGHY SHOW

MARCH 26

RACING RULES FOR BEGINNERS

MARCH 27

**BOAT PREP DAY/WARMUP
TROPHY & BRING A DISH**

APRIL 16

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 23/24

CADET CLASS OPEN MEETING

MAY 21

CLUB OPEN DAY - MEMBERS BBQ

JUNE 2-5

**BEACH WEEKENDER & JUBILEE
CELEBRATION**

JUNE 25

POST MARTELLO RACE SOCIAL

JULY 16

**BEACH BBQ & GAMES ON THE
GREEN**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
<https://www.pbsc.org.uk/social/>

Social Calendar 2

2022 **UPCOMING** **EVENTS**

JUL 24 -Aug 1

SAILING CAMP - CHICHESTER

AUG 8 -12

SEA WEEK - FUN & GAMES

AUG 27-29

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CAMP OUT

SEPT 10

CLUB OPEN DAY - MEMBERS BBQ

SEPT 24

OKTOBERFEST

OCT 1-2

ILCA SOUTHERN MASTERS OPEN

OCT 29

HALOWEEN & BONFIRE NIGHT

NOV tbc

**LAYING UP SUPPER - DINNER
DANCE**

DEC 18

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ THE
CLUB**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
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Committee Members



Lyn Brocklehurst

Hi. My name is Lyn and I joined Pevensey Bay Sailing Club in 2016 along with my husband Gary. We both achieved our RYA 1 and 2 through the sailing school and I currently sail an Enterprise, the boat with big blue sails. I mainly sail on a Sunday morning where I try and improve my racing ! I have been safeguarding officer for the last year which I am finding very interesting as I really enjoy learning new skills.



Adrian Peckham

Adrian joined PBSC in 2010 having first started sailing in a mirror dinghy at age 12. He has since sailed a variety of small dinghies, all on inland ponds until he came to Pevensey and experienced the shock and excitement of dinghy sailing on the open sea! He is married with two adult daughters and works in finance in London, with weekends in Pevensey his antidote to City life. He's undertaken various committee roles and was Commodore in 2017 & 2018. He has been sailing a Blaze dinghy since 2012 and is looking forward to the increased Sunday racing competition as the Blaze fleet continues to build.



Commodore

Well, you have to put up with me as Commodore for another year! Having agreed that all the committee members should write a bit about themselves, I suppose that I have to join in! So here goes.

Having been invited to join the Executive Committee in 1998, I proceeded to stay there for the next 15 years, serving as a lay member for two years before becoming Sailing Secretary and later Vice Commodore. I had to step back from the Club while supporting the sailing activities of Nikki (daughter number 3) and starting a business, before re-joining the committee four years ago. I never strove to be Commodore but tend to feel that it was my turn to take the reins, and I feel honoured to be entrusted with the position.

I joined the Club over 25 years ago as a raw novice, having done my RYA Levels in the preceding years, and quickly discovered catamaran sailing. I have been hooked on cat sailing ever since. At that time there was a healthy Hobie 16 fleet at the club with 8 – 10 active racers and so there was good competition. When we started to take Nikki around the country and Europe to support her in her sailing ambitions, I started to do the Hobie open meetings; the Junior and Youth catamarans were the Hobie Dragoon and Hobie 16 with spinnaker at that time and so being there I decided to sail. Sailing with daughter number one, Emma, we managed to win the Hobie 16 national championship for two consecutive years. So, I like racing!



Dave Boniface 
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I have been an instructor with the Sailing School since its inception in 1998 and qualified as a Senior Instructor a few years later. I did a stint as Sailing School Principal about 20 years ago when the Sailing School was much smaller and things were developing. The Sailing School has been a very important element of the Club for many years and I guess its been an important part of my sailing life. I have got a lot of pleasure and satisfaction from the hours that I have spent in the Ribs instructing, but I have to say that I prefer actually sailing! My latest venture into a cruising catamaran has been great fun and gives a very different way of getting afloat, but for me, nothing beats sailing beach cats and dinghies.

The end!

