

AQUILA NEWSLETTER

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CADET OPEN MEETING

PBSC hosted the Cadet Open on 23rd & 24th April. It was a hugely successful weekend for all.

WOMEN ON THE WATER

Fantastic first session at Women on the Water, everyone supporting each other to get out for a sail.

CLUB WEAR RANGE FOR 2022 HAS LAUNCHED!

T-shirts, hoodies & more...



COMMODORE COMMUNIQUE

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We have had a cracking start to the sailing season with some fantastic sailing conditions and so I hope that you have had the opportunity to get on the water. If you haven't, you are missing out and so I hope we see you soon.

It has been really busy at the Club over the last few weekends, it has been buzzing! With the start of all the sailing school courses, power boat training, Instructor training, working parties, and more.

Well done to all those involved and thank you to all the instructors and organisers that make all these things possible.

This was preceded by the Cadet Open meeting, which despite a pretty terrible weather forecast proved to be a great success. With a forecast of Force 6-7 from the East, there was talk of cancelling the event mid-week before, but it went ahead, with many fingers crossed. The fleet raced on both days, although the Saturday was limited to one race as the wind peaked at 29 knots! This could only go ahead with the enormous effort and skill of our beach party, who were able to get the boats out safely through the

huge breaking wave; well done to all and thank you for your help. Thank you also to all the safety boat teams and helpers on shore for helping in the success of this event. Particular thanks must go to the ever reliable Adrian Peckham who manages our open meetings and Gordon Bishop for overseeing the safety.

We have the Open / Taster day coming up and so I hope that you have managed to invite a few friends / relatives / acquaintances to come and see the Club and possibly have a sail, but if you have missed out, there is another Open Day planned for September.

With the extended Bank Holiday coming up and all activities in full swings there are loads of opportunities to join us on the water, and so I look forward to seeing you all soon.



Photos from the Cadet Open - © CadetClass.org.uk

CADET OPEN MEETING cont...

The whole event was a great success, both from a sailing and financial perspective and will help to purchase new equipment for the club going forward.

On shore we provided the usual superb PBSC hospitality with Tina Holtum and a crew of helpers, including her two granddaughters manning the galley and the wet bar, the latter which proved very popular once again. In the evening we served the children with pasta meal and after tea they played volleyball on the camping field organised by James Allerton. The parents then took time to enjoy the barbecue dinner and a couple of drinks from the bar.

Thank you to the 60 members who helped us across the weekend from the bar, beach, galley, safety boat and committee boat.

Our next Open Meeting is not be until October 1st/2nd when we are hosting the Laser Masters once again and expect 60 to 70 boats.



VICE COMMODORE

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Heads Up... Grumpy Pants Vice Commodore rant...

Last weekend I witnessed one of our Tornado RIBS being winched onto its trailer using the Boat House Winch after landing on Troes due to shorebreak. As of engineering background I applaud the ingenuity and use of electro/mechanical input to reduce human intervention, I am all for an easy life! However in this case the risk of personal injury or boat damage was considerable. The RIB was below the crest of the beach which involved a 'Spotter', quite correct, however signalling from the RIB to the Spotter to the winch operator creates a time lag, and should someone have had a finger/hand/arm/leg in a compromising area, by the time the winch was stopped, an accident could have occurred. I don't know how much a Tornado 5.0M RIB weighs, but upward of 400KG, and the boat house winch is a powerful winch, the consequences don't need to be considered!!

SO PLEASE DO NOT USE THE BOAT HOUSE WINCH TO PULL A TORNADO RIB ONTO ITS TRAILER.

Each trailer has a specific hand operated winch to haul the RIB onto the relevant trailer, it does require human intervention, it can be

hard work, but consider the health benefits with Cardio Training without paying to go the Gym!

In the beach/boat house winch vain I shall continue...

There seems to be some miscommunication on hand signalling for all beach and boat house winches:

**START
WINCHING**

Rotate one hand
above your head

**STOP
WINCHING**

Cross & uncross
hands above your
head

**RELEASE
TENSION**

Draw hands towards
body repeatedly

It is imperative that the winch operator can see the boat being winched, if they cannot personally see the boat, they must have a spotter on the crest of the beach to act as go between. If the Spotter walks away, (and strangely they

do) the winch operator must stop winching immediately until the spotter returns, likewise if a member of the public needs to cross the winch cable, the winching process must cease until they are clear.

If you cannot see what you are winching, how will you know if someone is caught in a cable/rope loop or other variation?

The Spotter must stand 90Deg sideways to the winch operator to demonstrate the **RELEASE TENSION** command, otherwise the winch operator will not be able to observe the command. (Obvious I know, but I was asked!)

If you have any questions or comments with any of this, please talk to me / instructor or committee member.

This leads me to an incident recently where a winch rope failed, whip lashed as under tension, and very fortunately no one was injured.... The cause was that one of the small RIBS was being winched up the beach without anyone holding the front of the trailer, the front of the trailer dug into the beach and the additional strain snapped the rope, which in fairness, I would assume, was already weak for some reason. Please only winch the small RIBS with someone (or plural) holding the front of the trailer up.

The non Grumpy Pants Vice Commodore,

We have an interesting May / June ahead of us with the Queens Jubilee Weekend being a Mini Sea Week over the Thursday to Sunday, with no scheduled activities for the Thursday and Friday, however some impromptu fun to be had I am sure as per true Sea Week. Consider a practice Sea Week!

See you on the water.

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The conversion of the southern end of the new container has now been completed and houses race marks/buoys, anchors, warps and other racing equipment, thus making the maintenance of equipment and preparation for sail racing much easier.

We held a mid-week working party to start the conversion of the northern end of the container to house building and grounds maintenance equipment. By the end of the day, we'd emptied out both the container and the adjacent one, fitted the new one out, sorted out the contents of both containers, and put everything back in some semblance of order.

We also divided the adjacent container into two part – the seaward end to hold chairs, tables, Sea Week equipment, and the northern end to eventually be fully fitted to hold paddleboards, sailboards and associated equipment.

My thanks go out to the whole team, who worked really hard – you know who you are!

The overall aim is to sort out who owns what in terms of paddleboards, sailboards etc, and store them more efficiently.

After the containers, the next major project is to construct a more effective 'apron' in front of the boathouse to make maintenance of the safety boats, and moving them in and out of the boathouse, much easier. Detailed project planning is about to start and the construction is expected to take about a week, assuming the weather is favourable and materials aren't in short supply. We're hoping that members will be volunteering to help so, if you'd like to help, let me know!

Finally, new windows will be installed in the galley, bar and lounge area on the first floor on 16th and 17th of May, which should help keep the first floor cooler in the height of summer!



Southern end of new container

SAILING SECRETARY

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A lot of sailing has taken place since the last Aquila. On 23rd & 24th April PBSC hosted the Cadet Open and it was a very successful weekend. It was awe inspiring to see such young sailors out in weather many of us would have chosen to stay ashore. It was great to see some of our own young Cadet sailors out on the water, so very well done to them all.

Easter weekend saw a range of sailing activities with a fun Easter Egg Race on Saturday. Sailors had to collect chocolate eggs from the small rib on each lap. I think everyone over indulged in chocolate that day. Easter Sunday saw the Easter Egg series, three out of the listed four races were sailed in which... you guessed it Chocolate Eggs for prizes.

1st place went to Chris & Nicki Large, 2nd to Tim & Paula, 3rd to Simon Kemp.

Monday was the second set of races in the Bank Holiday Series. Easy points for those that raced, with only four sailors entering. That said, well done to Matt Fowler & Lyn Ratcliffe, winning all three races, Allen Hare coming second in all three. Adrian Peckham coming 3rd in the first two, James Allerton 3rd in the last race.

1st May saw the Men's Tankard being run alongside the Personal Handicap and Spring Series. The results for the Men's Tankard were taken for all three races but using the current RYA PY for all three. 1st goes to Matt Fowler, 2nd to Peter & Dick and Matthew Pollard took 3rd place.

Last weekend we had the Vice Commodore's Pursuit Race. It was described by some as 'champagne' sailing conditions. The wind which switched about a bit making the course interesting on each leg. The results being, 1st to Matt Fowler and Lyn Ratcliffe. Adrian Peckham just pipped Michael Tanner into second. Well done Michael for leading most the race, finishing with a well-deserved 3rd.

RYA level 1 started on the 3rd May, feedback from new member Paula Butler is that they had a great time and were thrilled to get out on the water during their first lesson.

Thursday night Improvers started on the 5th, many thanks to Nick Humphries and Dave Boniface for the training. Quite how I managed to capsize in such light wind is anybody's guess.

Thursday 12th May saw the first Women On The Water session run alongside the Improvers L3 training. It was great to see ten boats out sailing.

I'd like to remind all sailors to promptly sign yourself ashore after both the morning and afternoon racing sessions. The other week four sailors failed to sign themselves off. This is an important safety measure to ensure everyone is safely off the water. I ask that the OOD make it a policy of putting out a tannoy reminding sailors to sign ashore, but we may have to start implementing a 'disqualification' if this sailing instruction is not complied with.

Many will have noticed the race light boards/numbers are currently not working and we are resorting to the use of flags. Matt Fowler is kindly working to fix the issue and to also set up a manual switch system. It's in hand but it's not a quick fix, so please bear with us.

Finally, if anybody wants an input session on how to use the race management computer and/or enter results on Sailwave, please give me a shout. I'll happily meet you at the club one evening.



Photo taken from the drone at the Cadet Open

WOMEN ON THE WATER

Fantastic first session at Women on the Water on Thursday 12th May, everyone supporting each other to get out for a sail, and a couple helping on the beach. The evening starts at 6.30pm, with cake and drinks to follow.

Lots of fun and lots of wind!
Come and join us on Thursday evenings.



DISCOVER SAILING



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club
Saturday 21st May

11am until 4pm

book now at pbsc.org.uk





OPEN

DAY

MEMBERS

£5

NON-MEMBERS

£10

OPEN DAY



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PARTY

May 21

5pm till late

**BAR &
MUSIC**

**FUN &
GAMES**

Grilled Meats • Salads • Cocktails



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Sea
WEEKENDER

2nd - 5th June



PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACH PARTY

Street party on Friday | Sailing | Camping

Let us know you're coming using the following form -



SEA WEEKENDER 2022

Returning to the PBSC calendar this year is the mini Seaweeek style celebration of sailing - **THE SEA WEEKENDER**, taking place on the 2nd of June through 5th of June bank holiday weekend.

The focus of the **SEA WEEKENDER 2022** will be fun on and off the water with plenty of sailing, social and racing events designed to appeal to all sailing abilities.

The Saturday Sailing School will run as normal as will the racing series on Sunday, but we will have the opportunity for free sailing or an impromptu mini race series, self-organised by those attending on the Thursday/Friday.

The **BIG** social event for the weekend – we are hosting a street style party on Friday 3rd June to celebrate the Queens Platinum jubilee at approx 4pm, weather permitting outside on the green with bunting and the works.

It would be great if you could bring along your favourite party buffet dish, so far, we have the following ideas on the table, pick a dish and let me know or let me know what you can contribute (we can make it with you in the Galley if it's easier)

Coronation chicken, cheese & pineapple cocktail sticks, cheese & onion cocktail sticks, cocktail sausages, seafood vol au vent, potato salad, sausage rolls, coleslaw, mini quiche, cucumber sandwiches, egg & cress sandwiches, tomato bruschetta, cucumber bruschetta, victoria sponge, crumble, trifle.

We'll have games and activities for the kids (young & old) with prizes for the best crown or Jubilee related craft item.

Any questions, suggestions or letting me know what you can bring, please contact me on **social@pbsc.org.uk**

To sign up for the Sea Weekender camping, please use the form in the link: **https://forms.gle/56SekebjKFXQZvN38**

or scan in the QR code on the poster.

SAILING SCHOOL

The sailing school is in full swing with Level 1 courses running on Tuesday evenings and Saturdays, and Improvers on Thursdays.

Congratulations to Kev McTurk, Rich Osborn and Saul Harwin who all successfully completed their Powerboat courses over the last 2 weekends. Congratulations also go to Ant Mechan, Chris Corke, Maff Smith and Richard Thomas who have recently qualified as Dinghy Instructors. You may have seen this group being put through their paces by the external instructor and assessor over the last few weeks and after some long days, they all successfully passed on Sunday. Well done guys!

SAILING SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

A number of volunteers have worked hard to reorganise the Sailing school container and its contents. If you are renting a boat or equipment can you please ensure that whatever you borrow is rinsed and returned to where it belongs! It makes all our lives a lot easier.

MEMBER'S STORAGE CONTAINER

As Goff explained earlier, we are planning to sort out this container and allocate more space in the container on the East boundary. As we have worked through what is stored, we are finding all sorts of interesting things, many of which should not be in these container e.g. boat cushions, wash boards, masts, outboard motors, inflatable dinghies, fishing rods, the list goes on!!! If you own any of these, in either container, please remove it, or label the items so that we know who owns it all!

MONTHLY SAILWAVE TIPS

1/ Make sure you enter the elapsed times in the following format e.g. 53:22:05. It is important to remember the zero when the seconds are less than 10, otherwise Sailwave will read it as e.g. 53:22:50.

2/ Please try to use a colon : rather than a decimal point . It's not vital but it helps ensure Sailwave records the correct results.

DUTYMAN

Dutyman is looking a little light for the next few months with many vacant duties. If you wish to volunteer for a particular duty role and date, please register your intention by logging into DUTYMAN, otherwise the Executive Committee will start assigning duties and you will then be responsible to uphold or cover replacement as appropriate.

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

On 6th May Frank Tomline from Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club attended the PBSC Executive Committee Meeting to present their intention to move their permanent marks to locations East of the marina. The proposal would have the yachts sailing at a minimum depth of 4m off the PBSC. For the most part this would be further offshore than our usual sailing area. The yacht club are encountering increased friction from the local fishermen, particularly towards their race officer controlling the racing from the beach by the Water Treatment Plant. They have asked for access to our car park, so their Race Officer can control their Wednesday evening and Sunday morning races from the beach beside our clubhouse. The SHYC are keen to have greater collaboration with PBSC with joint racing at events such as our Martello Race and potentially a Sovereign Light Tower race.

As a club, we do not own the water off PBSC, so we are keen to engage with SHYC to assist them where we can, while minimising disruption to our own sailing and ensuring the safety of our own sailors.

Frank presented us with a 'wish-list' of proposals to consider and a number of opportunities for us to benefit from. Examples of which included the use of their fixed marks for our own racing, use of their large inflatable marks, access to their clubhouse when they have guest speakers and demonstration events, use of their clubhouse for our laying-up supper.

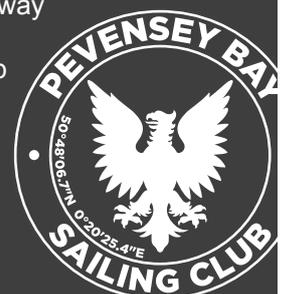
Some of the 'wish-list' items would not benefit our club and are unlikely to be agreed. Nothing will be decided without careful consideration to our own sailing activities and the safety of our sailors, particularly our young or less experienced sailors. The moving of their fixed marks is an expensive process, they only want to do it the once so they are keen to work with us to get it right.

We have suggested to the SHYC that we have a trial period of six weeks to see what impact this has on our Club racing. Only then will we be able to see if it's a viable arrangement. Personally I see it as an exciting opportunity to see the big yachts sailing in the bay and to sail around their fixed marks when free sailing. We will welcome feedback from members and will report more in the next edition of Aquila.

MEMBERSHIP

Most people have now renewed their memberships - thank you. If you have not yet renewed, please do so at your earliest convenience. I will shortly be sending a reminder to those who have not yet renewed, so if you do not want me chasing you, then get in there first and renew today.

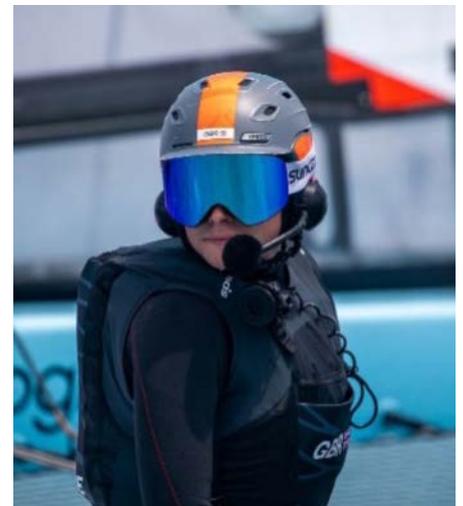
The club membership year is from 1st January until 31st December, so we are already almost half way through the membership year even though it still feels early in the season.



GP50 SAILING

Nikki made her first appearance on the GBR, GP50 foiling catamaran, helmed by Ben Ainslie over the weekend of the 14th - 15th May, in Bermuda.

The team came second overall, making an excellent start to the third series of this exciting form of racing. All races are on YouTube and are well worth watching.



CLUB MERCHADISE

OUR NEW CLUB WEAR RANGE
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Please follow the links on the website, facebook page or www.pevenseybaysailingclub.stitchprint.co.uk where you can order from a range of T-shirts, Polo shirts, and Hoodies.



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