

# AQUILA NEWSLETTER

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## SAILING CAMP 2022

A week of sailing and camping at one of the UK's finest dinghy sailing locations.

## SEA WEEK 8th - 12th Aug

Cadet racing, topper wars, ice-cream cruise, pirate day, camping fun and lots more...

## TEAM RACES

Second race on 7th August and a third on 23rd October. Turn to page 4 to see the team list.



# COMMODORE COMMUNIQUE

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What better place is there to spend a summer weekend than at Pevensey Bay SC?! What a cracking weekend and probably the first real summer's weather of the year. Recently we have had to put up with a string of easterly winds, creating difficult launching conditions and a choppy sea, but this last weekend has really made up for it. Conditions for all the activities we offer, topped off by a healthy sea breeze today (Sunday) creating "champagne" sailing conditions. At last!!!

I hope that you are making good use of the Club as the sea warms up and the weather improves. There are clearly a good number of members who have not even put their boats together yet and I wonder, if you don't come sailing now, when will you?? With the Sailing Camp coming up in a few days, followed shortly afterwards by Seaweeek (mentioned later in this Aquila) there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

We are lucky to be able to offer camping space on the green and space for caravans and motor homes to park around our premises, but it has taken many years to achieve a site which has the many uses that we put it to. It continues to take a lot of time and effort to keep it in this usable state. Please look after it and avoid damaging the grass, shrubs and trees.

You will notice that recently the front edge of the green is showing signs of wear and so please avoid activities that will damage this area further and remember that we do not allow vehicles and caravans on the grass.

Recently the ExCom discussed the charges for camping / caravanning and has issued the following statement.

**The committee agreed that camping would be free of charge for two nights at weekends i.e. Fri/Sat. Thereafter there will be a charge of £5 for caravans/ motorhomes /tents per additional night with a maximum lengths stay of 1 week (which can include 2 weekends).**

**The camping charge for Seaweeek will be £25.**

## EGM - SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

Thank you to those who attended the Club on a not so pleasant summer's afternoon and expressed their views and had their votes recorded. The proposal was passed by the majority of those attending and so we thank you for supporting the committee. For those who have missed all this! ..... It simply means that the ExCom can invite the Commodore to stay in post for one further year, after doing the normal two years. This then has to be passed at an AGM as usual, with all the Executive Committee standing



down and having to be re-elected by the whole membership. This is not a take-over bid but a tool to help the committee, in difficult circumstances, if need arises.

On a personal note, I have stated that I would be willing to stand again if necessary, but don't particularly want to. I will only do this if all the other posts on the Committee are filled and there is clear succession for the posts of Commodore and Vice Commodore.

If you want to get involved in the running of the Club, in any capacity, please have a chat to one of the Executive Committee.

## VICE COMMODORE DAVE WATSON

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We have had some recent grand weather for sailing and it's satisfying to see the club being used by so many members, both on and off the water. This is what Pevensey Bay Sailing Club excels at.

James Allerton, our Sailing School Principal has completed his first annual RYA audit. The RYA audit the Sailing School annually and specifically with change of Principal.

Comments included that it is an MCA (Maritime Coastguard Agency) requirement that all power boats

must have tide tables on board and Balers..!!!! Hey ho ....), nothing new there, the auditor has to prove his worth. So well done James, Sterling effort from one who has been there!

Part of Safety Boat helm and OOD duty is to confirm tide status, weather (WX) prior to launching, so why have a soggy tide table book in the RIB! If a RIB has an A frame it must have a radar reflector.... we don't go out in the dark or fog.....but we comply.

Likewise a big thank you to Justin Pollard our Sailing Secretary for over seeing the Personal Handicaps racing, normal racing and ensuring everything runs smoothly. Much goes on in the daily background that most of us don't see.

Now the small whinge!..... Had to have one, well actually two, OK maybe three..... the grass area of the club is for sail training, games as appropriate, camping with tents and boat bimbbling ONLY, no caravans or campervans to be parked on the grass area. These should be located on the hard standing of the car park area, and if desired, any associated Awning can be pegged onto the grass area adjacent to the hard standing, as per tents.

And..... please note that we have placed two parking cones on the seaward club side of the grass area, please DO NOT PARK in between the cones, we have had instances where dinghies cannot be moved onto/off the grass without damaging members vehicles, if at all. Thank you.... you know it makes sense!

Final whinge, if you borrow any tools or equipment out of the Boat House, and we all do at some point, please return from where you found aforesaid item, or please advise Ken Brookes, Bosun, so that he can amend as required.

If anyone wants a job description for Vice Commodore, please ask me, some requirements are to be able at grumbling, complaining, whinging and pontificating. Especially the later.

See you on the water.



## MEMBER'S STORAGE CONTAINER

A number of us have to get our sails from the back of the white-ish member's container and we have to fight our way through ropes dangling from the ceiling, tripping over sailing kit spreading itself across the floor and passed old sailboards and kit that is never used. **Please would all those who have equipment in this container, label their kit.** This is the second time of asking and only one person has done it, so please help us sort the container out.



# SAILING SECRETARY

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The Spring Season has now ended and the Summer Series begun. Congratulations to Matt Fowler & Lynne Ratcliffe for securing 1st place in the Spring Series, Allen Hare 2nd and Matt Pollard 3rd.

On 29th May we held the Ladies Bowl. Congratulations to Lyn Brocklehurst and Lesley Corke for taking 1st place, Sarah Pullen for 2nd and Karen Hilder for 3rd. Let's have more women racing next year and make it a bigger and better event.

Work to repair the automatic race computer has been completed with Matt Fowler manufacturing an excellent manual switch box to support the automatic system. It's really easy to use and I'll happily run through it with anyone who wants some training. We have also obtained a Count Down/Count Up clock to go with the switch box, again it's really easy to use so sign up for some OOD or time keeping duties and give it a try.

While I mention duties, at the beginning of the year we asked everyone to volunteer and sign up for at least two duties. The take up has been quite slow in some

cases so the Duties Officer has had to allocate duties to fill the gaps. You will appreciate it is a very complicated and time consuming task for Adam, so if you cannot fulfil your duty, before emailing, please try and seek someone to swap with. You may only have to arrange the one swap, if left to the Duties Officer, he will have to arrange dozens.

I'm not sure if there will be another Aquila before Summer Camp, I hope so but if not, I will hopefully see some of you on 20th July for a week of fun, sun and sailing in the lovely estuaries around Chichester harbour and Hayling Island, not to mention the sandy beaches of East Head.

Keep checking the website and Facebook for sailing and social events, grab yourself a copy of the printed calendar from the clubhouse. The calendar on the website is dynamic, so if we have to make a change to the calendar, it will be instantly updated on the website. Changes are rare and we try to avoid them but do check to avoid being caught out.

Sunday 3rd July saw the first of our set of Team Races. What this will entail is one race at 11.00am and two races after lunch starting at 1.00pm. I have tried to spread the classes between four teams, with Multi Hull, RS400, RS200, Blaze, Lasers and other boats in each. Teams are listed below, if your name is not on the list then please do get in contact and ask to join. Equally if you turn up on the day and want to race, we will allocate you a team. If you didn't make the Team Race in July, don't worry, there's a second on 7th August and a third on 23rd October.

Fleet	Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
Multi RS 200 RS 400	Dave Boniface Mike & Luke Justin & Matt	Saul & Chris Matt F & Lynn R Nick & Aimee	John Oastler Chris & Nicky Mark Doughty-Keen & Karen	Paul Holloway Tim & Paula Peter & Dick
2/1 Handers 2/1 Handers Laser 2000	Roger & Pat David Bracey Kevin & Dani	James O' (RS600) Ant Mechan Richard & Anne Thomas	Steve Green Lynne & Gary/Lesley Claire & Lilli	Neil & Mark Ash & Roz Lee & Jake Potterton
Blaze Blaze/Other Other Single Laser Laser Laser	Fiona Ladbrook Dave Watson Faz Kemp Pat Oakley Peter Bell John Naylor	Duncan Tanner Keith Vercoe Will Scarf Colin Coard Dave Vercoe Maddie	Adrian Peckham Stuart Cox Phil Kemp Michael Tanner Andy Cumming Peter Harwin	Simon Kemp Andrew Hebron Sarah Pullen Eliza Ratusniak Gary Stevens Allen hare (D-Zero)

# WOMEN ON THE WATER

Women on the Water – known as WOW – on a Thursday evening has been a huge success, much thanks must go to Alan and Dave B for supporting this new venture, that now has a firm place in the sailing calendar. When there wasn't enough wind one Thursday, those wanting to still get out canoed to Pevensey Bay for refreshments, one lovely lady enjoyed a Gin and Tonic in a tin whilst waiting to row back.

Here are some comments from those who have taken part this year:

**“Its helped me with developing more confidence in my sailing ability. Its an opportunity to get to know other women in the club that I would not have met just doing Sundays and sailing camp.” A**

**“Really great to get to know more women at the club. I have really enjoyed sailing with the ladies in my little Miracle boat, it has been a very positive experience and 2 of us dealt with the dreaded capsized which has really built our confidence.” L**

**“I have really enjoyed meeting other women from the club I might not have met otherwise. Having the support of other women - especially when you are new to the sport - means a huge amount.” P**

**“I am really enjoying WOW, fun, laughter, learning new tips sailing and a like minded friendly group.” L**

**“Never thought a ladies sailing group could be so much fun and supportive - Pevensey Bay Sailing Club continues to be innovative and inclusive” K**

**‘It has helped me build confidence rigging and sailing. I have learned something new each week, met lovely ladies that I may not have met otherwise, and drags me away from a work screen into a much nicer environment on the beach and the sea.’ J**

**“It’s been my way of getting to go sailing! A lovely way of meeting like minded ladies from the club whilst doing something I love, a brilliant refresher too with great encouragement and support.” E**

**“WOW has been lots of fun, a great opportunity to practise and gain confidence sailing, but also a great opportunity to meet and sail with other women and make new friends.” R**

**“It has definitely bought the fun back to sailing and been amazing meeting all the other lovely WOW.” L**

**“Always cheers me up.” E**

**“I’ve had such fun on Thursday evenings, being with a group of lovely ladies, gain so much more confidence sailing and enjoying the evenings spent on the sea.” D**



*Members of Women on the Water (and youth sailors) off for a sail to Normans Bay.*

# ORCHID ALERT IN THE BOAT PARK

LET'S PROTECT THE WILD FLOWERS AROUND THE CLUB

**Wild Pyramidal Orchids** are in flower under the road bases and trolleys at the North end of the field. Please take care not to tread on them.



**Anchusa azurea** is a member of the borage family and an escapee from Southern Europe.



There are several groups of yellow **Flag Iris** around the field. Does anyone know if they established themselves here, or did someone plant them?



The Yellow **Horned Poppy** is a coastal plant that grows on shingle beaches. When the stems are broken the plants leaks a yellow sap which is poisonous.



# SOCIAL SECRETARY

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Dear All,

Here we are already halfway through the year and I haven't capsized yet! (accidentally that is.)

Lots of activity coming up on the social and sailing calendar, here's a few highlights for the coming six weeks...

## Club BBQ Buffet 16th July

The social committee will pull together the usual spectacular spread with something for everyone. Let us know if you have dietary requirements (Vegetarian/Vegan/GF/Dairy free etc.)

Pulled Pork/Sausages/  
Burgers/Ribs/chicken wings

Buns/rolls/wraps  
Green salad/potato salad/  
coleslaw/crudité/couscous/  
houmous/Rice salad/pasta  
salad/olive mix/peppers &  
pickles

Ticket prices are £9.00 per adult & £6.00 per child (15 and under).

## Sailing Camp 2022 Cobnor

**20th – 27th July**

A week of sailing and camping at one of the UK's finest dinghy sailing locations.

Suitable for all ages & abilities, club boats available, safety boat cover using the inimitable Kelly and evening campfire fun.

Attend for a few days or all week for trips departing from Cobnor to Bosham, Chichester Yacht club, Itchenor, Emsworth, Dell Quay, Hailing Island Sailing Club, Langstone, East Head & Wittering.

For more info contact:  
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# SEA WEEK

## 8th - 12th AUGUST 2022

Sea Week 2022 is only 4 weeks away and we are excited to share with you a few tantalising details.

For those who have never attended Sea Week before, it's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the unique setting and wonderful facilities our club has to offer.

The club house and beach are open throughout the week and members arrange a wide array of on and off water activities.

Many members camp on the field which creates a great festival atmosphere with the PBSC village appearing from the Thursday before until the Sunday after Sea Week.

There's something for everyone and planning for Sea Week 2022 is well under way and set to be another action-packed week. The event is now live on the clubs Facebook page so please check in there for the latest updates.

If you would like to attend Sea Week then please fill in the google form in the following link to give details stating how many people will be attending in your party and if you would like to purchase a meal deal ticket.

Everyone chips in on chores to ensure the bar remains stocked, safety boats are safe and the club house and green are kept orderly. You'll be asked to sign up for some of these duties when booking. A separate email will go out to membership with attachments explaining roles and responsibilities, the simple Sea week rules, plus a schedule of when help is needed.

This year our new club president (Steve Joblin) is sponsoring 'The kick-off Sea Week BBQ' on Saturday 6th August, in the evening after round one of the annual Cadet Cup that will be taking place during the day.

Team Races are scheduled for Sunday and then the official Sea Week activities begin on Monday 8th August and continue through until the evening of Friday 12th.

Saturday 13th see's round two of the Cadet Cup taking place with normal Sunday racing resuming on Sunday 14th.

Due to it's extreme popularity Sea Week is a strictly members only event and members are reminded that for safety reasons children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Food will be a bit different this year, we don't have an external caterer so all the food will be cooked by volunteers!

The plan is to have a continental breakfast spread each morning on a pay as you go basis, lunch will be the usual galley fare (Lesley has volunteered but will need help everyday.)

Evening meals will be themed and hosted by a volunteer who will also need willing helpers to get everything prepared and served.

This will be on a pre-paid daily basis or a week-long meal deal ticket that's discounted.

More details to follow...

A full itinerary will be in the email and Facebook notice that goes out, but here's a quick overview of what to expect...

<b>Saturday 6th</b>	Cadet Cup & El Presidentes BBQ
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	Team racing and camping fun
<b>Monday 8th</b>	Topper Wars, free sailing, Sea Week evening series & cajun/creol/hula night
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	Pirate Day, free sailing, treasure hunt, Sea Week evening series & Greek night
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	Ice cream cruise, free sailing, evening sprint race to Eastbourne Pier, & Indian night
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	Armada sailing to Eastbourne, free sailing, Sea Week evening series & Italian night
<b>Friday 12th</b>	It's a knockout games on land and water, free sailing, Sea Week evening series & Mexican night



Both Saturdays  
**Cadet Cup Races**  
 Saturday 6th  
**Sea Week**  
**Opening BBQ**



Mon - **Topper Wars**  
 Tues - **Pirate Day**  
 Wed - **Ice Cream Cruise**  
 Thurs - **Armada**  
 Fri - **It's a Knock Out**



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# POND SAILING

**This half term, we headed up to Rutland to try some pond sailing for a change.**

Our pre-holiday preparation didn't go quite to plan when we dropped the Xenon's mast when taking it down, resulting in a last-minute panic-purchase of a very large rivet gun, required to fix our newly wobbly spreaders. Our packing was also somewhat lacking: on arrival at Rutland, we put the boat back together to find that the rudder was still in Sussex. Thankfully the principal of Rutland's sailing school was able to find us a rudder from a Laser 2000 that fitted well enough to enable us to get out on the water, but there were a few emotional hours of staring at the rudderless stern of the boat and wondering how much a courier from home might cost...

Launching without the excitement of crashing waves and deafening sails flapping was a bit disconcerting: the twins revelled in the ability to

actually help with the launching trolley and hear what we wanted them to do. The calmer waters also meant we were able to persuade Jo (Granny!) to have a sail with us, and also meant that Evie could have a turn or two at the tiller.

We ventured across the lake to Whitwell, with the Xenon's storage tanks filled with picnic sandwiches and spare gloves, where we moored on a handy pontoon next to a rather fun-looking aqua park. Despite being May, it wasn't the warmest of lunches, so we fairly rapidly returned to the boat to head back to the sailing club. Happily it was downwind all the way, and the Xenon's somewhat over-sized kite made swift work of the return leg (with the occasional helpful shout of 'a flappy sail's not a happy sail, mum' from Bertie on the way).

Later in the week, with Bertie struck down by a nasty chest infection and tonsillitis (it really was one of 'those' holidays), Chris and Jo returned to the water with Evie, who practiced her helming, learning to sail to the tell-tales.

All was going well until the wind disappeared, leaving them becalmed for long enough to be rather late for lunch.

With Bertie recovered enough to be back on the water, we had a final sail, leaving Jo ashore to revel in the peace and quiet left in the twins' wake. Evie was keen to show off her newly acquired helming skills, and Bertie was happy watch and learn: both for some reason thought it was hilarious to pretend to be the ship's cat, and dangle their feet over the stern. I suppose it makes sense if you're a five-year-old.

We had a lovely holiday, and we must thank the amazing people at Rutland Sailing Club for helping us get out on the water. Next time we'll leave the Xenon at home and hire a dinghy from the club: one less thing to worry about packing!



## 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.

## SAILING SCHOOL

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

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.

# THE PETER SCOTT TROPHY CADET OPEN

## A Competitors View



The day started with lots of activity with visiting boats arriving at the club. The sun was shining but the wind was howling. It was going to be a rough day of racing. At first, we didn't know if we were going to sail or not. After the briefing, we found out that the racing had been postponed. We got ready, packed our snacks and rigged the boat. After getting the secret passcode (pineapple) we tallied on and launched.

As soon as we started to head out I could feel the wind tugging at the gib, leading to my hands getting sore. It was a dramatic start. The wind blew hard, the waves crashed over our heads. The white foam buried us. We launched and it was like we had just capsized. I was drenched but Fraser, my helm, was really dry because I had blocked all the spray from hitting him.

After a few minutes of sailing. We came around on a tack and a giant wave hit us, flipping the boat over into a turtle. I was being pushed under waves and drifting further away from the boat and Fraser.

The safety boat came up alongside me and told me to keep on swimming toward the boat. I managed to grab hold of the boat but a wave hauled my grip off the boat.

I looked towards the boat. Fraser had managed to get the boat upright. But something wasn't right. The mast was bent like a banana and had come loose!

The safety boat stayed by us as we sailed in (me screaming all the way).

We eventually got in and thank goodness without losing the mast.

The next day was not quite as windy and we did some exciting sailing a long way out at sea. We did 2 races and managed to come 3rd in the Regatta fleet in one of them.

It was really great to see all the people there from different clubs. I am very proud to call PBSC my home club.

**Nancy Allerton**

# FOR SALE

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# BEST OFFERS

## DRY SUIT, JACKET & POLO SHIRT

All large / extra large

All new but have been sat in the back of a container for a while so a little dusty but still in great condition.

**Best offers in by end of August**

Contact: Lee Potterton 07872 335820



# CLUB MERCHANDISE

## OUR NEW CLUB WEAR RANGE FOR 2022 HAS LAUNCHED!

Please follow the links on the website, facebook page or [www.pevenseybaysailingclub.stitchprint.co.uk](http://www.pevenseybaysailingclub.stitchprint.co.uk) where you can order from a range of T-shirts, Polo shirts, and Hoodies.



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