



Aquila Newsletter

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

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Posted on Facebook 14th March. Earlier in the week I had the very sad task of notifying the membership that Ray Ridley had passed away. I know many members don't follow Facebook and so I have copied the post below;

Today we heard the very sad news that Ray Ridley had died.

He passed away peacefully last night with his wife Gina by his side. Ray was a long standing member of Pevensey Bay SC, probably best known for his duties as Bosun, which he undertook diligently and enthusiastically.

Always having a solution to the many practical problems encountered at the Club and working extremely hard behind the scenes. Ray was a true gentleman, a lovely person and a real friend to many of us and will be truly missed.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Gina, his family and all friends who will miss him.

In fond memory of Ray, rest in peace.



Message from Gina;

A heartfelt thankyou to all the wonderful PBSC family for the tributes to our Ray♥ Our hearts are broken but it has been a huge comfort to us all to read your kind words. We all knew Ray was special, he didn't bless him. Ray just absolutely loved the time he spent in his 'boat bat cave' and on the beach with you all - his happy place.

His cruel illness slowly robbed him of his driving, his beloved Land Rover, his catamaran and his mobility but never a word of complaint.

At Rays request it will be a private cremation (he hated funerals). We are organising a grand get-together to which you will all be welcome. Details and website to follow.

PBSC is a very special club - be proud

Where's Ray.....

⚓ GONE SAILING ⚓

Commodore's Communiqué



David Boniface



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Time to get your boat ready!

It's the time of year when, with the sun shining, it really feels as if summer is just around the corner and the enthusiasm for sailing builds rapidly and then having spent a few weekends with the working parties, the bitterly cold easterly wind quickly cools that enthusiasm somewhat; perhaps still a little early to jump in the sea!! But, the sailing program starts in about a week, and summertime starts, so lets go sailing!

I am really looking forward to putting down the tools and getting ready for sailing. It seems a very long time since I actually sailed a boat. I've done a lot of talking, writing and worrying and look forward to leaving that on the beach and doing what we belong to the Club for.

A huge amount of work has been done by members in the preparation for the coming season, with some interesting changes being trialled. Sometimes it's difficult to accept change, but without it we stagnate and tend to disregard the views, opinions and requirements of new members, missing opportunities to improve. I would ask everyone to support the changes and give things a chance.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Club over the winter for your input and hard work. There is still a lot to do but the sailing will come first!

I am pleased to say that the Sovereign Harbour "cruiser" racing fleet will be starting and finishing their races off the Club. They will create an interesting spectacle and it's great to be developing links with the Yacht Club. PBSC started the cruiser racing back in the '90s when the harbour was newly opened and we ran all the races for them with all the sailors being members of PBSC, and so in some ways it has gone round full circle. Cruiser sailors are often looking for good crew members!

See you on the water.

Dave



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.

Saturday 21st May



Action needed by you

Club Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to all those who completed the club satisfaction survey. So far we have only had responses from 10% of the membership, which is a little disappointing. We will be using the data gathered to help us make some key planning decisions for the club over the next few years, so it really is important that you have your say. Please follow the link in the email body copy to complete the survey, remembering that **ALL** members in a household should complete the survey and it can be done so anonymously.

Galley!

Last month we placed the notice below regarding the galley in the Aquila. Unfortunately this drew no response from the membership. As a condition of membership **ALL** members are required to do duties to help the Club function. I think there is a tendency to think that these duties only relate to the running of races on Sundays and consequently a good proportion of the membership fail to do their share. With an estimated membership of over three hundred people we should be able to fulfil all the required duties easily. We will now have to include the manning of the Galley in the duty list. If you would like to do your duty in the galley please reply to the email below. In the meantime, those wishing to sail on Sundays will need to bring sandwiches until further notice!

***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

Containers.

Goff has done a fantastic job sorting the boat and trailer parking areas and the whole site is looking so much better, and we have gained quite a number of spaces for new member's boats. The next area that we are going to tackle is the member's container. With the new container nearly ready for use we intend to offer more space for members to store their sails, windsurfing equipment and paddle boards in the container on our northeast boundary. We do however need to tidy up and repair the white member's container, which is in a pretty poor state.

To help us in this process would all those who have equipment in this container please clearly label, mark, identify the equipment that belongs to them and remove anything that is not wanted.

Once this has been done, in about a month's time, we will remove all unlabelled equipment and store for a short time in the back container before disposing of it.

We would appreciate your help with this.

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 be an active member. Applicant should email the Commodore in the first instance, at Commodore@pbsc.org.uk

Vice Commodore



Dave Watson 

Vicecommodore@pbsc.org.uk

Vice Commodores Luff

Not a tremendous amount to write about this month although much has been going on within the club house facility per se. We had the Race Officer/OOD training day which, by all accounts, was well received (Half Term so I was away), many thanks to those that supported. On the 26th March we have the Racing Rules for Beginners with Mike Chapman. After that there are several training events upcoming which James Allerton, our Sailing School Principal and Justin Pollard our Sailing Secretary, will no doubt elaborate.

23rd and 24th April will be the Cadet Qualifier at PBSC, provisionally we will have circa 35/40 dinghies and will require beach and on water support, as well as background support around the club, so please put a note in your diaries to volunteer. These events are important to PBSC for revenue, for Team building and most importantly to allow our own sailing Cadets to compete in a larger controlled sailing environment. Experience is always welcome, however this is a fantastic way to become more involved in running the club, meeting members and learning new skills.

Adam Harwin is now populating the DUTYMAN roster software, you currently have the chance to volunteer for duties of your choice, however we will fill any gap duties with people that have not volunteered ! Your chance to.....

Please keep a regular eye on the PBSC sailing calendar, which is a link from our website: [Calendar - Pevensey Bay Sailing Club \(pbsc.org.uk\)](https://pbsc.org.uk) This being a Google based calendar means that we can regularly update as required and regular viewing will keep you up to date with club events although we also advertise on our website www.pbsc.org.uk and Facebook [Pevensey Bay Sailing Club | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PevenseyBaySailingClub) and of course Aquila magazine.

For next month Aquila, which sail term will I use... ?

Hopefully see you on the water very soon

Dave Watson

Rear Commodore



Goff Brooks



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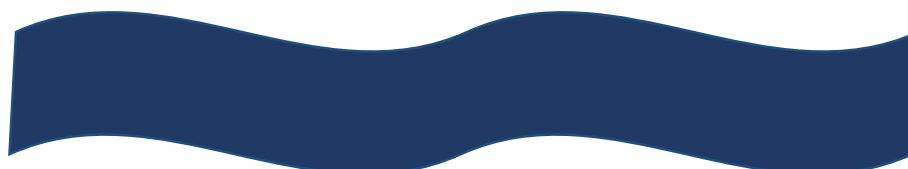
With the new sailing season almost upon us, we have so far held four Sunday morning working parties, with the number of volunteers increasing every week. Progress has been good on a number of fronts, including; redecoration of the men's changing room; redecoration of the hall/landing/stairs area; repair of the potholes in the drive; fitting out the new container; mending the east and north fences, and much else besides. Before the sailing season starts, we also expect to have installed new flooring to the first floor and new appliances in the galley. Sunday 20th March will be the last weekend working party and we are looking for more volunteers to help finish the list of tasks - so come along for a bit of exercise/fresh air/socialising, take your pick!

Work is also progressing in the boat park, with the process of identifying 'abandoned' trollies and trailers now completed. At the time of press, we are left with thirteen trailers and trollies of unknown ownership which have been offered for sale to the club's members, of which two have been sold. They are lined up along the east fence so, if you're in the market for a new trailer, have a look and make me an offer!

The second tranche of abandoned boats will shortly be offered for sale to club members, so keep your eyes open for details which will be published via email and the club's website and Facebook pages!

This year the club is introducing a new club sticker for member's boats which will be year specific and serially numbered for that year. As memberships are renewed, I will be placing these stickers on the transom of each boat. This will enable us to better identify boats and match them to membership details and boat park information.

Goff Brooks



Sailing Secretary

Justin Pollard



sailingsecretary@pbsc.org.uk



Sat Mar 19, 2022

Powerboat Essentials (aimed at training for crew)

Sat Mar 26, 2022

Powerboat L2 Holders refresher

14:30 Racing Rules for Beginners

Bring a Dish 7:00 pm

Sun Mar 27, 2022

Clocks go forward

Warm-Up Trophy (2 races B2B)

11:00 First warning

Fri Apr 1, 2022

19:30 Ex Committee Meeting

Sat Apr 2, 2022

RYA Power Boat 1 & 2 course 1 of 2 Day

Sun Apr 3, 2022

11:00 Personal Handicap Race

13:00 **SPRING 1 & 2** (2 races B2B)

Sat Apr 9, 2022

RYA Power Boat 1 & 2 course 2 of 2 Day

Sun Apr 10, 2022

11:00 Personal Handicap Race

13:00 SPRING 3 & 4 (2 races B2B)

Fri Apr 15, 2022

Good Friday Free Sailing

Sat Apr 16, 2022

Sailing Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 1st warning signal

Sun Apr 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

10:30 Easter Egg 1 & 2 (2 races B2B)

13:30 Easter Egg 3 & 4 (2 races B2B)

Mon Apr 18, 2022

Easter Monday

Bank Holiday Series 1, 2 & 3

11:00 AM 1st warning signal

13:00 PM 1st warning signal (2 races B2B)

Sat Apr 23, 2022

Cadet Class Open Meeting

Sun Apr 24, 2022

Cadet Class Open Meeting

Sun May 1, 2022

Men's Tankard (alongside)

11:00 Personal Handicap Race

13:00 SPRING 5 & 6 (2 races B2B)

Mon May 2, 2022

Early May Bank Holiday

Bank Holiday Series 4, 5 & 6

11:00 AM 1st warning signal

13:00 PM 1st warning signal (2 races B2B)

Tue May 3, 2022

18:30 RYA Level 1

Thu May 5, 2022

18:30 Improvers Dinghy

18:30 Women on the Water

Fri May 6, 2022

19:30 Ex Committee Meeting

Sat May 7, 2022

RYA Power Boat 1 & 2 course 1 of 2 Day

08:00 Paddleboard Meet-up

10:00 Junior Sailing

15:00 Fun Racing

Sun May 8, 2022

Vice Commodore's Pursuit

10:30 Vice Com start

14:00 SPRING 7

Tue May 10, 2022

18:30 RYA Level 1



Sailing School Principal



Power Boat Level 2 Refresher/Safety Boat certificate preparation - Saturday 26th 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 later this year, then you really should be thinking about joining us for this session on Saturday the 26th March. If the weather is kind then some of this session will take place afloat but, there are a number of onshore activities planned to suit all weather eventualities. To register please email **pbsctrainingadmin@pbsc.org.uk**



James Allerton 
training@pbsc.org.uk

First Aiders

Congratulations to Paul Anderson, Emma Laurens and Dani McTurk who successfully completed their RYA first aid courses for the first time at the weekend. They join the ranks of qualified first aiders at PBSC including Dave Boniface, Lyn Brocklehurst, Chris Clarke, Lesley Corke, Phil Leyland, Richard Thomas, and Dave Watson, who all successfully renewed their qualifications.

For those who haven't completed this course, it's very comprehensive, not only covering all the usual first aid subjects, and triangular bandage techniques, but also includes boating specific emergencies such as helivac and seasickness.



Lesley's broken ankle is in Phil's safe hands.



Phil wrapping up another casualty (Richard)



Not even the principal escaped the bandages...

Sailing School Principal continued

Junior Sailing in 2022

It's not long to wait until we'll be starting our Junior Sailing sessions in May at Pevensey.

This year the format will be a little different from previous years, as we are going to be running 3 distinct sailing groups.



Penguins - Non-sailing juniors from 4 years. Parent-led activities.



Seals - 8 years+ New to sailing up to RYA Youth Level 1 – 2

Dolphins - 8 years+ RYA Youth Level 2 - 3



Sharks - Generally 11 years+ RYA Youth Level 3 and above with more focus on competitive sailing.

Penguins, Seals and Dolphin activities will all take place on Saturday mornings with the Sharks sailing on Saturday afternoons.

Parents, please keep your eyes out on email over the coming weeks as you will receive further information including specific enrolment details, dates and costs.

Nikki Boniface

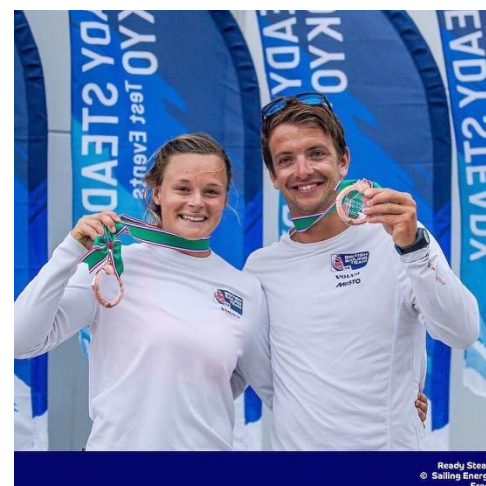


I hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to the sailing season ahead. I've seen that a few of you have been involved in some winter series which is great to see! I have thought, over the last few months that I should try to get out on the water more in the UK now that I am not travelling as much, but then I go outside and I remember that it is cold! I have done enough cold winter sailing/training before I was 18 (thanks parents) to last me a while!



A bit of an update from me - Towards the end of summer last year, I received a call from a youth 49er FX helm on the British Sailing Team asking if I would be willing to crew last minute for her at the 49er European Championships. I had always wanted to give the FX a go so I thought why not... what is the worst that can happen with only 4 days training in an Olympic fleet?! Long story short; it was a light wind venue so apart from one storm (of course there had to be 'it is not normally like this' moment) we survived the week and it actually allowed me to get used to the boat in a certain type of condition. We ended the week in 11th which surprised us and subsequently led to us having a trial period in the boat until Christmas.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and needed the challenge of learning a new boat to find the fire and motivation for another Olympic campaign. However, the squad and the team didn't feel right for me so in January I made the huge personal decision of retiring from the British Sailing Team after 10 years. It has been an honour and a privilege to represent GBR with a whole lot of hard work thrown in. I think I will spend a long time trying to be proud of what I achieved instead of the focusing on the end goal we did not achieve. On hearing of my retirement one of the coaches on the team said, 'well done for all you have achieved in sailing' and it really took me aback. As athletes, we are not very good at focusing on achievements or seeing where we have come from as you're always looking at the next goal.



Since then I have been debating what next? I have actually been asking this question since Ben decided to retire from the team but the world seemed to have been put on hold for a few years! I have always wanted to be a paramedic but didn't feel ready to commit full time to training and close all sailing doors. So, I started looking at different jobs, but the universe had different plans. I have since been offered a place with the GB team on the F50 circuit, the team that I was shortlisted to be a trialist for last year. The opportunity is to help Hannah Mills, alongside Hannah Diamond to build up a team of females that has the knowledge and expertise to sail an F50 ourselves in a female league in 2024. Linking this into building a female Americas cup boat. This means that this year, Hannah Diamond and I will take turns being the 6th position on the boat with the team at the events.

As my best friend says 'every time you try to step away from sailing you get pulled back in. The sailing world is trying to tell you something'. So however much I question my ability and the unstable nature of professional sailing, I feel this opportunity is too special to turn down. After the years of hard work I have put into my sailing career I want to use this to help shape the pathway for younger females sailors, to make it more accessible in the future. It is an exciting time to be a woman in professional sailing.

I just really hope the F50 doesn't capsize, I HATE HEIGHTS!

Nikki xx



Meet our Secretary

Hello

I am Sarah Pullen, the Club Secretary or Honorary Secretary as it is also known, and am still getting to grips with the role. I have been a member of PBSC for about 5 years, and started to sail in my late forties, so am a passionate supporter of anyone who gives sailing a go especially if you, like me, are coming to it later, or hanging on in there as the years go by.

I did a bit of dinghy sailing as a teenager but had no training. It was a mystery then how sometimes you could sail quite fast, and at others times slowly, or even not at all. Many years later a friend suggested we do an RYA level 1 and 2 sailing course. Wind direction and sail setting were mysteries no more.

You will see me out in my Europe which is a single handed dinghy suitable for smaller and lighter weight sailors. It is all I have ever sailed, once past the Pacer I learnt on, and a short spell with a Mirror dinghy. As soon as I got into it I knew it was the boat for me. And I am also enjoying the fun of doing some double handed sailing too.

Sarah Pullen



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Membership Secretary

Duncan Tanner



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We are now into March and the sailing season is almost upon us. I understand that the sailing committee have put in a lot of work to make this season a bit special. I am sure you can read more about that elsewhere in this Aquila. **The discount for early membership ends at the end of March.** Over half the membership have already renewed, but if you are one of those who hasn't, don't delay. **It is £50 more after the 1st April.**

Thank you to everyone who has renewed promptly!

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

Cadet Class Open meeting


Cadet Class association open meeting 23/24th April

We have approximately 30-35 two handed Cadet Class boats, plus 5 supporting ribs coming for a two day open Sat/ Sunday meeting in 6 weeks. This means 60 children and at least 60 adults so a busy weekend and the opportunity for Pevensey Bay Sailing Club to again showcase its open meeting credentials, after the success of the ILCA (Laser) masters nationals last year. We will be busy from 8.30 am both days (races start 11.30 Sat/ 10.30 Sunday) with 3x 45 mins races each day. As usual we are seeking volunteers to support on the beach (in wet gear) / car park (nice yellow jackets provided), food service , safety and committee boats. Tina Holttum will kindly be doing the catering again with all profits generously donated to the club but would welcome support in and around the galley and cakes to be baked to sell. Gordon Bishop will be leading the safety boat organisation, Dick Holttum will be deputy race officer (the Cadets bring their own race officer) and Dave Boniface will be helming the committee boat Wild Goose and I will be overall event manager. Drop me an email if you can help and dates times you can be available- adrian.peckhampbsc@gmail.com Also hoping to see a good turn out from the Pevensey Bay Cadet class sailors who have been impressively training all winter at Piddinghoe (Seaford)

Thank you

Adrian Peckham

Icicle Series Bough Beech

Nicki Webber 
treasurer@pbsc.org.uk



This January and February, whilst Pevensey was closed, Chris and I planned to sail the Icicle series at Bough Beech, along with a number of other hardy Pevensey souls.

Reliant as ever on Jo to look after the twins whilst we were on the water, we carefully planned out the number of weekends we needed to sail to put together a series, and decided to skip weekends one and three. Unfortunately for us, the weather conspired against us, taking out weekends four and five due to a lack of wind. This meant that by weekend six of what should have been a nine week series, we only had two counting results and the pressure was on.

Arriving at the club shortly after storm Eunice, we weren't expecting to sail: the forecast was for it to still be pretty extreme. Chris rigged the boat, along with a few others, and we all stood around drinking tea and expecting the race officer to bin the racing. When he didn't, I didn't really have time to panic about the conditions: I was too busy trying to get into my drysuit and remember all my kit. Not having expected to go sailing, we weren't really on form in race 1, but sorted ourselves out for race 2. The conditions meant two decent results on the board: only three asymmetric boats finished the second race. They also meant that I was totally broken on Monday – gust after gust meant sit-up after sit-up: it's been a long time since I worked that hard in the 200.


The following weekend was also a blowy one, but a bit more consistent. Tim and Paula also hit the water in their RS200, though the fleet remained pretty small – just five boats mad/brave enough to venture out in the asymmetrics. We had a good first race with a decent result primarily due to getting to the finish without a capsize. The second race was a bit less blowy, but still good fun.

Unfortunately, it transpired that this was the last race of our series: the following weekend the race officer decided it really was too windy to go out, and for the final weekend of the series, Chris was isolating at home due to having contracted covid. This meant we weren't able to get a full series on the board, and had to count a DNC.

Congratulations go to Lynn Ratcliffe who came 2nd overall in the asymmetric fleet, crewing for Mike Green in an RS400, and to Tim and Paula who came 7th in their RS200. Ella and Maddie were 16th in their 29er.

In the conventional fleet, Duncan Tanner topped the PBSC scoreboard, coming 22nd overall having braved some of the windier days in his Blaze, followed by Nick Humphries and Pat O'Leary in their Albacore. Michael Tanner deserves a mention for placing well on the weekend he headed out.

Social Calendar

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2022 Social **UPCOMING** EVENTS

FEB 26

RYA DINGHY SHOW

MARCH 26

RACING RULES FOR BEGINNERS &
BRING A DISH SOCIAL

MARCH 27

BOAT PREP DAY/WARMUP
TROPHY.

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
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Safeguarding



Lyn Brocklehurst



“See it, Report it, Stop it”

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility (Statutory guidance ‘Working Together to Safeguard Children’ 2018)

Hi from safeguarding

Not long now before the younger ones get on the water. Nearly all of the instructors have renewed their DBS just one or two to chase. Also if any of the parents or younger adults are taking a more active role on Saturday mornings then they can fill out a declaration form which is good practice for the club. I am in the process of displaying all relevant information on a display board on the back wall as you go up the stairs alongside the cadet information. You will be able to find a declaration form there with the policy. I would advise everyone to read through the policy when they have a spare minute or two as it acts as a good reminder. As promised I will quote sections for Aquilla

These common sense guidelines should be followed;

- Avoid spending any significant time working with children in isolation
- Do not take children alone in a car, however short the journey
- Do not take children to your home as part of the club’s activity
- Where any of these are unavoidable, ensure that they only occur with the full knowledge and consent of someone in charge or the child’s parents
- Design training programmes that are within the ability of the individual child.
- If a child is having difficulty with a wetsuit or buoyancy aid, ask them to ask a friend to help if at all possible
- If you do have to help a child, make sure you are in full view of others, preferably another adult
- Restrict communications with young people via mobile phone, e-mail or social media to group communications about organisational matters. If it’s essential to send an individual message, copy it to the children’s parent or carer.

Have Lots of fun on the water and don’t forget you can contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns 07717854192

Lyn

