

# AQUILA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER  
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**NOTICE OF  
ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

Sunday 4th December

**WINTER  
CADETS AT  
PIDDINGHOE**

Remember your  
warm clothes!

**LAYING UP  
SUPPER**

Friday 18th November

Get our your formal evening  
attire & party frocks!



# COMMODORE COMMUNIQUE

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Well the season is nearly over! A sad thing to say, but this weekend saw the last of the sailing school sessions and the cancellation (again) of the Club Championship. The autumn gales seem to keep a lot of energy in the waves and it only takes a small increase in wind strength from an on-shore direction to make it really difficult to launch. Having said that, however, we do try to sail right through to Christmas and I can remember years when we have had good sailing condition most weekends. We only offer sailing on Sunday mornings over the next two months, with the "Brass Monkey's Series" for the racers and free sailing for those who prefer not to race.

If you do not intend to use your boat/s, we strongly recommend that you take the mast down and make sure everything is securely tied down, in anticipation of winter storms.

There are a couple of important dates coming up in the calendar which I hope that you have all the information for; the Laying Up Supper (which is usually a very enjoyable, formal dinner/presentation/dance evening, not to be missed) and the AGM (perhaps

not so enjoyable, but nonetheless very important to the functioning of the Club). You will find information relating to both these events later in this Aquila.

I hope to see you at the Club for the last few sails of the year, but if not, I look forward to seeing you at the Laying Up Supper and AGM.

All the best,  
Dave



## A QUESTION OF SUCCESSION

Earlier in the year we held an EGM which changed the wording of the rules by which the Club is run. This change enables the Executive Committee to invite the standing Commodore to continue for one further

year beyond the normal two. While I would dearly love to step back and hand over to someone else, it appears that this will not be possible. More worryingly however is the fact that we don't seem to have anyone to stand as Vice Commodore for next year. When this was originally discussed by the Ex Com I suggested

that I might be willing to do another year, but only on the condition that there was a Vice Commodore in place to take over from me in a year's time.

At the moment it would appear that there will be no candidates for the roles of Commodore and Vice Commodore next year.



## REAR COMMODORE GOFF BROOKS

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The club has had a very good year in terms of increased membership, which is great. This has obviously put pressure on the number of spaces available in the boat park, as witnessed by the number of boats in the 'holding area' by the back fence.

We are addressing this with a number of measures including, but not limited to:

- Creating additional spaces in the north west corner of the park and potentially by the east fence.
- Identifying potential abandoned boats, and boats which do not appear to have been used in the last year.

Hopefully this will create sufficient additional spaces to ensure that everyone is catered for!

Earlier in the year we had a 'purge' of the trailers at the back of the boat park, identifying abandoned trailers, asking members to ensure that their trailers were clearly labelled, and generally tidying up that area.

I would ask all members who have a trailer and/or trolley stored at the back of the park to ensure that any labels are still legible (with their name clearly shown) and, if not, to re-label them - ideally by painting their name on the trailer/trolley frame.

On November 7th we will start the build of a hard standing area in front of the boat house, which will facilitate both maintenance of the RiBs and trailers and also make it easier to pull the RiBs in and out of the boathouse. We expect the work, which will be undertaken 'in house', to take between three and five days. I have already contacted some members, but if anyone would like to help with the project, please contact me by email at goffbrooks1@gmail.com.

As everyone will know by now, the cost of fuel, gas and electricity has increased hugely this year. The club is not immune from this - our utility bills have more than doubled and the

cost of fuel for the safety boats has also significantly increased.

It is therefore important that members play their part in minimising the costs where possible, for example by ensuring that appliances in the clubhouse are turned off after use (rather than leaving them on standby) and that lights are turned off when not required - every little helps!

A few weeks ago, our waste contractor was unable to empty our bins because they had incorrect material in them, which would have contaminated the recycling process.

On emptying them, we found that old centreboards, metal, paint pots etc had been put in them.

I have clarified with our contractor what can be put in the bins:

- **Large blue bin:** domestic waste, cans and recyclable plastic eg. plastic drink bottles.
- **Large green bin:** Cardboard only.
- **Small bin:** glass bottles only.

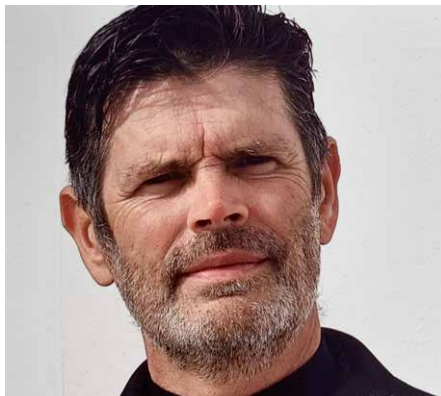
Please try to follow these guidelines, as every time our contractor is unable to empty them the club is charged for an additional visit.



## SAILING SECRETARY

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The club has been very busy over the last few weeks with the Ilca Masters at the end of September followed by the Topper Travellers last weekend. Lots of hard work was undertaken by club volunteers to ensure Pevensey Bay Sailing Club put on great events. Well done to Neil Peters and Ellie Ratusniak for braving the rough conditions on Day 1 of the Ilca Masters.

Sadly the Topper Travellers event at PBSC had to be cancelled due to bad weather, but well done to the ten PBSC youths who travelled to Hastings to compete on the Saturday. Of the PBSC sailors, Jake Potterton came first, Will Scarff second and Oscar Plant third.

We have just two Sunday's of Personal Handicap and Autumn series left before the beginning of the Brass Monkey Series.

Between them though; we have the postponed Day 2 of the Club Championship on 23rd October. Ellie Ratusniak wins a stand alone trophy for Day 1 and goes forward to Day 2 in the lead, but matching on points is Keith Vercoe in second place.

Talking of trophies, I need them all back now, so I can get them sorted and engraved for the Laying Up Supper. It takes lots of preparation so please do not delay in returning them.



## IS SAILING IN YOUR BLOOD?

I know there are several members at PBSC who are third generation sailors. Have you ever thought how far back sailing might go in your family?

I have sometimes wondered if I have any sailors amongst my ancestors, and I recently found I do. There is a rather surprising little story attached to one of them. I have three father/son generations born between 1798 and 1853, all bearing the same name, and each with maritime connections. These graduated from mariner to ship-master and master mariner, seaman to ship's captain and registration on Lloyd's captain's register.

The youngest took to sailing early. In 1862, at the age of 9, he stowed away in a coal bunker on his father's ship bound for South America. He completed the voyage and "continued sailing on salt water until his father and brothers emigrated in 1878 when he took to shipping on the Great Lakes, becoming mate and then commander".

There's a neat tie-up here: a long time ago, before tourism had opened up, I went adventuring for 6 months in South America. It turns out I wasn't the first one in the family to do this and certainly wasn't the youngest. Do you have a story to tell?

Sarah Pullen





# OYSTER YACHTS

It seems a long time since I was at the club and out on the water at Pevensey. I've missed getting out and sailing a dinghy in the bay. Not to say I haven't been out sailing though.

The last few months have been a whirlwind for me, and I've spent nearly every day since June on the water. I spent the early summer taking part in Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) and Junior Offshore Group (JOG) races including skippering an Elan 410 in the ROCR Cowes-St Malo race. We had some great racing. The start lines in these yacht races aren't too dissimilar to a 29er regatta, only more expensive when you bump your neighbour.

After finishing Sixth Form College in June I started work with Oyster Yachts based in Southampton and Ipswich commissioning yachts prior to handing over to clients. These range from 50 to 90ft and are absolutely stunning boats. Once I turned 18, I was sent out to the Mediterranean to take Oyster's brand-new yacht, the 495, on a promotional tour. This has taken me all around the Mediterranean to numerous destinations, glamorous boat shows, stunning anchorages and some not so pretty ports. Sensational sunsets have eventually made way for some really big storms and lively passages. I was lucky enough to sail the last leg between Italy and Palma with Shirley Robertson and we swapped tales of Cadet sailing (and clearing up her partner's sick; the weather was pretty wild).

I have recently been accepted as a 2022 mentee on the Magenta project mentoring scheme which is a charity set up to develop pathways and opportunities in sailing. My mentor is Nikki Henderson who is the youngest Clipper round the world race skipper.

I have already received some great advice and opportunities for sailing with some exciting teams.

I recently flew home for a few days and whilst back in the UK was invited for an interview at Trinity House for the RYA Yachtmaster Scholarship (which I was grateful to be awarded). After the interview I was given a tour of the very impressive building and gained a brief history of the work Trinity House does for sailors and the maritime industry. If you ever get a chance to visit then I highly recommend it.

Anyway, back to the Med now. I have to deliver Eddie Jordan's Oyster 495 from Barcelona to Monaco. It's a hard life. After that I will possibly head back to Ipswich to do some more commissioning and yacht racing and then look forward to Clipper Round the World Race starting next summer. Hope you are all well and enjoying your sailing.

If I get a chance, I will get back to PBSC and out on the water of the bay (not sure I can remember how to sail a dinghy though!).

Ella



## WINTER CADETS AT PIDDINGHOE

**Starts 29th October  
2022 at 10.00hrs**

Come along and join in, you've only got to be 7 years old with warm clothes and a buoyancy aid (borrowed from the container) and get afloat. For the not quite sure children Dad can helm at the start you can dump him when you get the hang of it and he slows you down!



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

**PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB Limited | Company No. 3034869**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club Limited will be held on **Sunday 4th December 2022 at 14:00hrs** in the Clubhouse.

All matters for the Agenda of the General Meeting should be with the Hon. Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting. The Agenda will then be posted on the Club notice boards prior to the meeting.

The Minutes of the deferred 2021 AGM which took place remotely on Sunday 16th January 2022 will also be posted on the Club notice boards prior to the meeting, and copies will be available at the AGM.

Nomination papers for Club Officers and other Executive Committee members shall be signed by the Proposer, Seconder and the Nominee and shall be with the Hon. Secretary at least 21 clear days before the AGM.

All members who accept nomination to the Executive Committee must agree to hold a directorship of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club Limited for the duration of their period of office. This is a necessary formality as the Executive Committee is effectively the Board of Directors.

By order of the Hon. Secretary Sarah Pullen.

Email: [secretary@pbsc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@pbsc.org.uk)



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM (AGM 2022)

Nominee, Proposer and Secunder must have been full members of the Club for at least one year.

We wish to nominate (Print) .....

For the office of (Print) .....

Proposed by

(Print) .....(Sign) .....

Seconded by

(Print) .....(Sign) .....

I accept the above nomination and agree to become a director of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club Ltd should I be elected.

(Sign) .....

Further nomination forms are available at the bar



# SAFETY BOATS

As you may know, the Topper Open meeting planned for the 9th October had to be called off due to the sea state. We did try to launch a safety boat but this proved to be very difficult and almost ended in disaster, with the boat being washed back up the beach. Thankfully, no one was hurt and the boat was undamaged by it exploits in the surf, but it does highlight how dangerous launching and recovery of boats in a big shore break can be.

In view of this it has been decided to register this as a "near-miss," which in essence is an incident that could have led to significant injury or damage. This is not about pointing a finger at anyone but it is important to learn from every situation that challenges us. In this way we can be better equipped with knowledge and experience to face the continued challenges the sea throws at us.

## THE INCIDENT

### Conditions

On-shore wind of 12-15 knots, creating a shore break of 1 - 1.5 metres in height with short wavelength and occasional bigger sets. Approximately high tide.

One of the big ribs was being readied for launch at the top of the beach. It was on trows (the yellow plastic tubes) with the bow towards the sea and slightly projecting over a steep shingle bank. The crew were aboard but had not taken the decision to 'go' i.e. launch as they were still making the final preparations and arranging the haul out rope.

Unexpectedly the boat slid down the bank into a rising wave about to break.

The crew were unable to pull the boat over the wave and the boat was washed sideways and swamped.

The crew managed to get out while a shore party tried to recover the boat. The boat was washed up the beach sideways by numerous waves and was eventually pulled clear of the water with the main winch.

### Cause

The boat started to launch before the crew were ready.

The timing of the launch was unplanned and consequently did not take account of approaching waves.

The haul out rope was too slack.

The boat was carrying/towing 2 large racing marks potentially compromising manoeuvrability of both crew and boat.

## WHAT CAN WE LEARN/ REMINDERS?

When preparing to launch, the launching party needs to know exactly what is planned and work together under the direction of one designated person so the crew and launch party gets only one set of instructions.

The boat should be on the leeward side of the haul-out rope which ideally should be at 90 degrees to the beach and taut. The wave patterns should be closely watched to ensure that the boat isn't launching into a big set of waves. When there is a small set coming in,

start the launch, bearing in mind it will take at least 10 seconds to clear any breaking waves.

The crew should pull on the haul-out rope from the front of the boat making no attempt to get the engine started before clearing any breakers.

If things go wrong and the boat does wash back up the beach, as in this case, everyone must keep clear of the boat. The crew should try to get out of the boat on the seaward side, but there is a possibility that the next wave pushes them back on to the boat. The shore party must not enter the water near the boat as there is a real danger that somebody could get crushed by the boat washing up the beach.

At PBSC we are very lucky to have many members willing to help in the launch and recovery of the safety boats and dinghies. But it has to be remembered that this is the most dangerous part of all we do and you don't have to read too many stories about sailing to realise that most boating accidents happen on a lee-shore.

Bear in mind a cubic meter of water weighs a ton!! An empty boat will normally survive largely undamaged, beaching on a shingle beach. It's not worth being injured to save a few scratches to the gelcoat!

We are all very grateful for all the willing volunteers who rushed to our aid when we get into difficulty, but PLEASE look after yourself!

Gordon Bishop







#### MAINS

Monster pigs in blankets  
Poltergeist potato wedges  
Beer Brat nachos  
Bratwurst chilli  
Sour cream | Guacamole | Jalapenos | Cheese  
Jacket spuds  
Cheese | Bacon bits | Crispy onions

#### SALAD

Small green leaf  
Mozzarella & tomato  
Fried haloumi  
Cucumber  
Peppers  
Carrots  
Celery  
Roasted pumpkin seeds  
Hummous  
Olive medley

#### DESSERT

GF Chocolate brownie/ice-cream/cream  
PEVENSEY Elce lolly-pops

Achievement awards & PRIZE GIVING

#### GAMES

Ring doughnut hands-free eating  
Mummy wrapping contest  
Ghoulish piñata

# Halloween

cadets

Party

29th october 6 - 11.30pm

buffet • awards • fancy dress • games

Adults £9.50 kids £5



# LAYING UP SUPPER

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

## HYDRO HOTEL

### STARTERS

Smoked salmon with king prawn, horseradish cream  
and lime vinaigrette (g/f)

Duck liver and port parfait, toasted brioche, and red onion jam

Twice baked smoked cheese soufflé, beetroot purée, black garlic and olive oil

### MAINS

Ballotine of chicken with pork and apricot, creamed potato purée,  
baby cabbage leaves, roasted cherry, tomato and sweet balsamic jus (g/f)

Medium roasted sirloin of beef, dauphinoise potato, spinach and  
water cress purée and glazed baby carrots (g/f)

Char grilled aubergine steak, sun blush tomato, port glazed banana  
shallots, fine beans, and vegan jus (vegan, g/f)

### DESSERTS

Tiramisu, coffee anglaise, amaretti ice cream

Orange crème brûlée, honey, oat and sultana cookie

Charred pineapple in a spiced rum caramel and mojito sorbet (vegan, g/f)

Tea/Coffee and Mint

6.00 - 12pm

Formal evening attire | party frocks

£40 Adults | £30 Cadets

Please respond  
with your menu  
choices using the  
following link:



PBSC

# Christmas

## LUNCH



DECEMBER

18th

1:30pm

*Eat, Drink & be Merry with us!*

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

£18.50 PER PERSON - BOOKING ESSENTIAL AS NUMBERS LIMITED

EMAIL [SOCIAL@PBSC.ORG.UK](mailto:social@pbsc.org.uk) TO BOOK, PAY ON THE DAY

<https://forms.gle/24PPUbhr8pig9kn9A>





# 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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