

AQUILA **NEWSLETTER**

FEBRUARY

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**RACECRAFT
FUNDAMENTALS DAY**

PBSC is offering our Youth sailors the opportunity to join sessions specifically focused on racing.

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Memberships, training, and social event bookings and payments will now be available through WebCollect.



COMMODORE COMMUNIQUE

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Sometimes, this time of year, it is pretty difficult to find anything sensible to write about sailing as the Club appears dormant, empty and unwelcoming and people's thoughts are far from being prepared to plunge into the sea, in the name of sailing. However the last couple of weeks have seen the weather turn positively spring-like and suddenly the prospect of sailing again becomes more attractive, but beware, remember the "beast from the east!"

Time to get your boat ready!

By the time you receive this Aquila there will only be a few weeks until our sailing program starts and so I have always tried to encourage members to start to get their boats prepared for the new season early, as I have seen so many people miss superb early season sailing days because their boat wasn't ready!

Despite the apparent lack of activity, there is a huge amount that has been going on. The committees have met to plan for the following season and you can read a summary of the Sailing and House Committee's work in the articles later in this Aquila.

The Sailing School instructors have planned the summer's activities and the Social committee is busy putting together a varied program of social events, soon to be published.

On top of these "normal" planning activities the ExCom decided to look into updating our website, to enable more things to be done "on-line."

It was decided that we would keep the current website at the moment, but make a serious attempt to keep it more up-to-date and relevant,

and run a new financial / business website alongside, but more of this later in Dave Watson's article. The website is still a very useful source of information and I would encourage all members to regularly take a look, with particular reference to the Calendar, <https://www.pbsc.org.uk/calendar/> and Duties, <https://www.pbsc.org.uk/duties/>

Thanks to Dave and Justin for all your hard work in getting this system up and running.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in the planning and work over the last few winter months, the Club benefits hugely from your input.

Now it is over to the rest of you!!

Our weekend working parties started on the 18th and will continue until the start of the sailing program. Everyone is welcome as there is always something to do in preparing the Club. In addition to this there are Safety Boat refresher days being held on a number of weekends, but all these details are on the calendar. Come along and get involved, I look forward to seeing you all soon.



VICE COMMODORE GARY PEARSON

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As the 2023 season approaches fast with the sailing calendar inked in and on the website we are entering the phase of working parties and duty allocations. Not particularly exciting stuff but a very necessary part of a "voluntary" run club.

Each successive Committee works hard on behalf of the members to improve the overall experience at the club, no matter how hard we work we do rely on the memberships to "join the party" to achieve this.

I liken it too a tried and trusted Mercedes, BMW or Volvo, the design of these vehicles has hardly changed over the years. As the years pass they add or improve something, just a little to make that driving experience just that little better as we try to do at PBSC.

So I guess this is a plea for the membership to just do a little bit to help us to improve the PBSC experience ... that old acronym of TEAM - Together Everyone Achieve More. Not that I have ever liked the Americanism rah rah rah approach ... but in this case it is true.

Regarding duties, very soon the membership will be offered the opportunity to "volunteer" (there it is again) when they are able to undertake a duty, via Dutyman.

We always struggle to fill the roles on a Sunday with regards to OOD's, Timekeepers, Rescue Boat helms and crews through out the season. In order to run the club smoothly we do require members to do these roles. So whilst the option is available to choose the date when you are able to do a duty, please do so.

We would request that a member does 3 duties per year, one in each of the 3 seasons we sail, Spring, Summer and Autumn.

Once the voluntary allocation is closed, the sailing secretary and myself will be allocating the remaining unfilled duties ... after which it will be the members responsibility to find a replacement if they are unable to do the duty on that date. So please choose the dates that work for you, before we get to that stage.

That's the business end done Now the up and coming RYA Dinghy Show is nearly upon us which is always a good motivator to get us out of those lazy winter blues and habits, and wakes us up to start to focus on the new sailing season. Often worth attending if you are in the market for new sailing clothing and equipment .. or even a new boat! .. as there are always discounts to be had at the shows.

To be honest I have not attended for several years but I will attend with the PBSC posse (or is that linch mob ... I am not sure) this year so hope to see you there.



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Planting along the fence line

While the club is fortunate that the land immediately surrounding the club premises is undeveloped (and the owners have said in the past that they do not want to develop it), it is clear that, given the current pace of land development around Eastbourne, this situation could change in the next few years.

At the December ExComm meeting, the Committee agreed that we should plant trees and shrubs along our fence boundary with a view to establishing a more effective (and attractive) barrier which also demonstrates the extent of our land. Given that the club's location presents a unique environment for planting in terms of weather and ground conditions, it was also agreed that a small group, led by Sarah Pullen, should explore the options for planting and agree the schedule for this initial phase of planting along the east fence.

To date, a lot of progress has been made in terms of agreeing tree types suitable to the environment and identifying suppliers. By the end of February we will have purchased a small number of trees and associated bushes, ready for planting in early March.

However, we will first need to remove/cut back the mass of brambles around the park and we will need the help of members to do so.

If any members would like to donate or sponsor a shrub that would always be appreciated! The sort of bushes which are suited to the environment and ground conditions are *Tamarix tetrandra*, *Escalonia*, *Griselinia liroralis* and *Euonymus japonicus*.

If any members are interested in donating or sponsoring a tree/shrub, please contact Sarah Pullen by emailing her at secretary@pbsc.org.uk



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HOUSE REPORT

HOUSE

Since my last update for the October Aquila, the boathouse apron has now been completed with the invaluable help of a lot of volunteers who worked really hard in sometimes cold and wet conditions. Everything went smoothly, with the task being completed in two and a half days instead of the anticipated three or four. Now that the apron is in place it makes tasks like maintaining the safety boat trolleys/trailers much easier.

Work on the clubhouse and boat park has continued through the winter, again with the help of volunteers (you know who you are!) who are able to help during the week.

Tasks have included:

- Installing row markers in the boat park
- Finishing the installation of boat space marker posts – work will start this week on painting the space location e.g. A1, on all the posts, which could be a long job!
- Painting the hall/stairs/landing walls to freshen them up
- Cleaning the galley and wet bar in preparation for a food safety inspection by the Local Authority. As it turned out, the inspection went very well, with the club being graded the maximum of 5 – which is very much down to the efforts of Social Secretary (Ant).
- Installation of additional tie downs in the northwest corner of the boat park, preparatory to converting the holding area into formal spaces.
- The procurement and installation of additional fridges and equipment for the bar and galley.

However, much still remains to be done, so work will continue during the week, supplemented by the annual weekend working parties being arranged for February and March.

Further significant tasks include:

- Roofing the containers to the East of the clubhouse
- Painting the outside of the building
- Construction of racking to accommodate the club Toppers and members kayaks, paddleboards sailboards.

As mentioned above, I am in the process of arranging the annual working parties, where members are invited to help on Saturdays with various maintenance tasks and projects before the start of the sailing season. The first of these will be on Saturday 18th and 25th February and will concentrate on trying to remove as much of the brambles as possible and general tidying up of the grounds. Additionally, we may also be repairing the drive – if the weather permits. It would be great to see as many members as possible turn up to help – tea/coffee/ cakes etc will be available as well!



BOAT PARK

As is usual at this time of year, I will be going round the boat park to identify any apparently abandoned dinghies, trolleys and trailers. A number of trailers in the northeast corner of the park cannot be matched to owners because any identifying labels have weathered away. Members who have trailers stored there should ensure that their trailers are clearly and indelibly marked with their name – preferably by painting the owners name on the trailer. Any trailers which cannot be identified to owners as at the end of March 2023 will be moved to the east fence and subject to the abandoned boats process, as was the case last year.

One of the mid- week volunteers (thank you Paul Holloway!) has been tidying up around the boat park and removing 'stray' tyres and wheels, broken masts and spars, abandoned covers etc. The tyres and wheels have been placed by the east wall of the clubhouse – other items have been placed on the rubbish heap by the east fence.

Spare spaces in the boat park were very scarce at the end of last season, so we are converting the 'holding' area in the north west corner and along the north fence to formal spaces and allocating them accordingly.

SAILING SECRETARY

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Happy New Year from the sailing committee, those of you sailing through the closed season, I hope you are getting some good sailing in.

If you stopped sailing until the spring, then like me I'm sure you're bumbling with your boat, getting it ready for the Warm-Up Trophy.

As mentioned at the AGM, we are changing the format of Sunday Series Racing this year. Racing will comprise of three back-to-back races each Sunday morning, starting at 10:30am. The Spring Series starts on 2 April.

DNC points will also change to the number of competitors who come to the start line, plus two.

With an earlier race start, it will be important for sailors to have their boats rigged and be at the start line for the five-minute warning at 10:25am. Likewise, it is important for the safety boat crews to arrive at the club promptly, so they can launch and set the course without delay.

Duties are always difficult to fill, all sailing members are expected to undertake duties. Two duties a year isn't proving enough, this leads to other members doing far more than their share. We need six volunteers

each and every Sunday, and the same on a number of Saturdays and Bank Holidays throughout the year. I would ask you all to volunteer for **three duties**. These can be OOD, Timekeeper, Safety boat Helm or Safety boat Crew. If you are experienced OODs or Safety boat Helms, please avoid volunteering for Timekeeper or Safety boat Crew. I'm keen to get less experienced members involved in those roles, and in doing so, build their confidence to subsequently volunteer for the more taxing roles.

There will be a window of opportunity to select the duties and dates you would prefer. By the **end of March**, the Duties Officer will fill the remaining dates by allocating duties to those who have not volunteered. It will then be your responsibility to find a swap if the allocated date is not convenient. If you are new, or you haven't felt confident to volunteer for duties, then I urge you to try Timekeeper, it's not a difficult role, and you keep dry and get to see how races are run.

I must say, I'm quite excited about this year's sailing calendar. Without the Last Masters and Cadet Class this year, sailing will be more focused on PBSC.

We are however hosting one open, the Topper Traveller's. This will be a two-day event on 3 & 4 June, and a great opportunity for our youth sailors to try competitive sailing in a larger fleet. We have a two-day Federation Cup on 1 & 2 July, with the Youth Federation Cup on the Saturday, and the main Federation Cup on the Sunday.

I'm thinking about a multi start for the Martello, with starts at Pevensey Bay, Eastbourne and Bexhill/Cooden, more on that in the next Aquila.

I'm also looking to implement a 'similar PY' set of races, with separate start times based on what PY group your boat is in.

There are lots of ice-cream cruises planned for the year, nearly one a month.

Please do join in the racing, if you lack experience and think you may get in the way, you won't. Come along, give it a go, and have some fun.

Finally, anyone wanting some one-on-one training with WebCollect or Sailwave, drop me a line and I'll happily show you how it all works.



MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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Membership has always been an onerous task (having previously been membership Sec of an alternative club which was just the same) trying to reconcile the club bank account against who has paid and what they have paid for, not helped that some members never fill in a renewal form / provide incomplete info or forget to forward to the membership secretary! Duncan Tanner and his predecessors have all struggled with this and now it's my turn!

Consequently, for various business reasons, the club has been looking at bespoke software to 'aid running the club' with respect to finance, membership, payment and booking socials and training. Many clubs now use some form of 'business' software and having had demonstrations on various platforms PBSC has decided to use WebCollect as our daily operating software package. This has been supported by several clubs around us that also use it with good result.

Justin Pollard and I have spent time over the Christmas period evaluating and setting up WebCollect for use by PBSC and we are now live for membership renewals, booking and paying for Social events and Sailing School Training payments.



If you have never used WebCollect before, then you will need to create an account, which is very simple, you will have to be authorised by PBSC WebCollect Admin (currently myself, Justin and Dave Boniface) to complete the registration, this is to allow us to control the membership applications. Once approved, you can then browse the subscription criteria you require and pay for the subscription. During the process you will be required to fill in the online membership form and if purchasing Boat Park Berth or Container space, the details of your craft(s) / Board/ Sails etc. Once completed, if there are no changes to, say, address or dinghy type, then next year's renewal will be even simpler. If you already use WebCollect for another club/organization, then you will not need to register, just use your existing login details.

With respect to payment, you will have several options:

- 1) Pay using BACS between your bank and the clubs bank account as you can now

(Sort 40-20-05 Account 81134515
Account name Pevensey Bay
Sailing Club Ltd)

- 2) Cheque forwarded to the Membership Sec at the club

- 3) Zettle at the club

- 4) Go Cardless through WebCollect (alternative form of BACS that stores your details for simple future payments)

To access WebCollect using Computer, Tablet or Mobile Phone use this link: <http://webcollect.org.uk>

Go to the FIND MY CLUB box on the righthand side of the page, enter PBSC and the club link will appear. From there on follow the on-screen instructions.

WebCollect has very good HELP info and very intuitive, the process is straightforward, but should you have issues then contact me via membership@pbsc.org.uk. I have been made aware that some of your email addresses have not been recognised by WebCollect. We have currently managed to work around this but only if you let me know.

To note, as from 1st April 2023, all membership applications, renewals, membership changes will only be via WebCollect, the current PDF forms on the website will be removed and not be acted upon after 1st April 2023 (No it's not an April Fool !!).

Likewise all sailing school training, power boat training and social events etc. bookings and payments will be available through WebCollect.

Appreciating that not everyone has a computer or confident in using online resources, then contact myself in the first instance and we will see where we can accommodate your requirements. Also, to note that PBSC has its own GDPR guidelines, available through our Website, likewise WebCollect has a GDPR Officer for any queries contactable through their website.

If there is enough interest I would be prepared to attend the club one Saturday or Sunday in March and help anyone struggling to use WebCollect, although it is very intuitive.

Thank you everyone that has renewed already this year. To date as I scribe this, we have had 60 renewals including Taster Day roll overs, out of potential 180 plus members.

To remind, the one off £50 joining fee is waived if renewals are received and bank cleared by close of play 31st March 2023. Thereafter all renewals will incur the £50 joining fee.

Goff as Rear Commodore has the enviable (!) task of maintaining the Boat Park and berth allocations. I know that Goff is attempting to identify all boats and their respective owners to wheedle out unused boats etc. and to free up spaces for members wishing to bring their dinghies to the club, (we apparently have a backlog) consequently it would be really helpful if you can identify where your boat is located and respond on either WebCollect boat location or on the current paper forms. Alternatively email Goff.

I am sure Goff will elaborate in this edition, however he and his band of merry helpers have been marking out the boat park..... so no excuses !

For those of you already renewed and Roll Over subscriptions, thank you, for those of you not yet renewed.... Your club needs you as many of you will be aware, this is the time of year that the club maintenance is undertaken and consequently when funds are most needed, paying your Subs supports the club.

Hopefully start to see you all on the water next month.



YOUTH SAILING AT PBSC IN 2023



Penguins - Saturday Mornings from 11:30am

Non-sailing juniors from 4+.

Parent-led activities take place on the beach or in the clubhouse depending on the weather. Penguins are all about preparing to learn to sail, developing an understanding of water safety, whilst gaining confidence in the water and around boats.

There is no charge for Penguin sessions.



Seals - Saturday Mornings 10:00>12:30

8 years+ New to sailing up to RYA Youth Level 1 or 2

Seals follow the RYA youth sailing "Onboard" syllabus. Starting off with land drills and then progressing out on the water, accompanied by older more competent sailors.

There is a charge of £35 per child for the season for these sessions. (£30 for 2nd and subsequent siblings)



Dolphins - Saturday Mornings 10:00>12:30

8 years+ RYA Youth Level 2 to 3

Seals follow the RYA youth sailing "Onboard" syllabus. They are competent sailors who are progressing towards their level 3 and above.

There is a charge of £35 per child for the season for these sessions. (£30 for 2nd and subsequent siblings)

Sharks - Saturday Afternoons 14:00>16:30

Generally 11 years+ RYA Youth Level 3 and above.

Sharks focus on advanced modules such as sailing with spinnakers and racing.

There is a charge of £35 per child for the season for these sessions. (£30 for 2nd and subsequent siblings)

**** To take part in these activities children must be members of PBSC.
For junior memberships, at least one parent or guardian must be a full or associate member.**

SAILING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

JAMES ALLERTON

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SAILING SCHOOL

With the sun finally making an appearance and the days getting ever so slightly longer, the sailing season is almost within touching distance!

We have an active program planned across all aspects of the sailing school, so keep a look out on Aquila and the Facebook page for updates throughout the year.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

RYA First Aid - Saturday 4th March - We have a limited number of places available for an RYA first aid course that is taking place at the club. The cost to complete this course is £45 and can be booked through webcollect.

PRE-SEASON POWER BOAT TRAINING SUNDAY MARCH 5TH AND SUNDAY 19TH MARCH

This is land-based training with no prior knowledge required. We encourage all our members to book one of our pre-season powerboat refresher sessions. These sessions are free to attend and are the best way to familiarise yourself with the equipment and any procedural updates that may have been implemented during the closed season. For many who only do one or a couple of powerboat duties throughout the season. Don't wait until the morning of your duty to find out everything you've forgotten!!!

RYA - LEVEL 1

Bookings can now be made for our Tuesday evening RYA Level 1 6-week course, which will run on Tuesday Evenings between 6 pm and 10 pm from the 9th of May to the 13th June. The cost for this course is £130 and includes your RYA Start Sailing and log books. Bookings can be made now through webcollect.

For any further information about this years sailing school courses please drop me an email at pbsctrainingadmin@pbsc.org.uk

RACECRAFT FUNDAMENTALS DAYS

**Dates: 6 May
13 May
20 May**

On these three days, PBSC is offering our Youth sailors the opportunity to join sessions specifically focused on racing. The goal is to help develop some of the skills needed to improve results on the race course. The days will cover starting well, boat-handling,

mark-rounding, straight-line speed, boat balance, trim, sail controls and race tactics. There will also be time spent on goal setting and identifying training priorities. The focus will be on drills with some race practice, and video feedback to close the sessions.

The sessions will be led by Chris Webber, who has experience racing across a number of dinghy and keel boat classes. Please let James Allerton (email address for sign up) know if you would like to participate in the sessions. Places will be limited and allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.



LEARN TO SAIL

AT PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB

Open to anyone aged 18 or over

LEVEL 1 Tuesday eve 9th May > 13th June

LEVEL 2 Tuesday eve 20th June > 25th July

6:00pm to (approximately) 10:pm

Please contact sailing club principal pbsctrainingadmin@pbsc.org.uk for further information.

PSBC Social Events 2023

26th FEBRUARY	RYA DINGHY SHOW - FAREHAM
25th MARCH	BOAT PREP (BIMBLE) DAY, CURRY NIGHT & QUIZ
8th APRIL	EASTER EGG HUNT
29th APRIL	OPEN DAY BBQ
27th - 29th MAY	SEA WEEKENDER
3rd - 4th JUNE	TOPPER TRAVELLER – BBQ
1st & 2nd JULY	FEDERATION CUP BBQ
29th JULY - 6th AUGUST	CHICHESTER SAIL CAMP
12th - 19th AUGUST	SEA WEEK (PBSC)
30th SEPTEMBER	‘OKTOBERFEST’
28th OCTOBER	HALLOWEEN
25th NOVEMBER	LAYING UP SUPPER (HYDRO HOTEL)
DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS LUNCH (PBSC)

We may be able to do more as the season progresses so a note to keep an eye open for club emails and the events page on the website and webcollect.

PSBC

CLUB MERCHANDISE

OUR NEW CLUB WEAR RANGE!

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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