

April 2026 – EDITION

COMMODORE



Welcome to the April 2026 edition of Aquila.

Yay, the sailing season has finally started, and I was pleased to have got on the water Easter Saturday. Attendance at the early part of the season tends to be

low, and the weather turned all but the keenest to other Bank Holiday activities. – Top Tip, the Spring Series is much easier to win than the later series, just look who won last year's Easter and Bank Holiday Series...

The Easter Saturday fun races were meant to be all inclusive, with young, old, novice, and experienced sailors taking part. Because of the bad weather, we will try and run it later in the year, perhaps during the Long Weekender. If only to use up the three hundred Cadburys Crème Eggs. Failing that, I'm sure Tim Humphries will work his way through them before the year's out.

Last weekend saw the continuation of the Spring Series, with lovely weather and eight boats out on the water. If you haven't raised your mast yet, do so and make the most of the early season sunshine.

You may have noticed the coffee/tea water boiler has broken. It will be too expensive to repair, so a new one is on order. The printer in the race box, has also been replaced, so race results can be printed again.

Saturday 2 May is the Open Day, others will no doubt mention it below, but may I just remind you all that the success of the club is in your hands, yes 'your' hands. Although most members stay at PBSC for many, many years, the club needs new members to maintain membership levels, for both income, and enjoyable competition on the water. So please do your bit to encourage new members and help out during the Open Day.

I look forward to seeing you all at the forthcoming sailing, and social activities. Do approach me or any other committee member if you have ideas on how to improve club sailing, socials and club facilities.

Finally, if you have not joined the WhatsApp community yet, please do so. It will help you keep up to date and feel engaged with the club.

MESSAGES FROM THE COMMITTEE

SOCIAL UPCOMING EVENTS May/June 2026

Social Secretary – Lesley Corke

Open Day Saturday 2nd May, Member's BBQ afterwards, The Bar open all evening. Members help will be needed, with taster sails and showing visitors around the club.

The Long Weekender 23-25 May. Join us for a weekend of sailing, camping and fun! Chilli Night on the Saturday. All members welcome.

60's Night Saturday 6th June – with live music from 60's cover band '**Nothing Is Real**'. The evening is free to all member's and their guests. If you would like a Ploughman's Supper, tickets can be purchased for £5 on WebCollect (remember to sign-in to WebCollect to ensure you see the event on the calendar.)

There will be lots of other events throughout the season, keep up to date via the PBSC website calendar and future editions of Aquila.

SAILING UPCOMING EVENTS

Sailing Secretary - Matt Fowler:

- Sun 3 May (am) Vice Commodore Pursuit
- Sun 3 May (pm) Spring Series race 10
- Mon 4 May Bank Holiday Series races 7, 8 & 9
- Thurs 7 May start Improvers/RYA L3 & WoW
- Sat 9 May start of Seals & Dolphins Youths
- Sun 10 May Spring Series races 11, 12 & 13
- Sun 17 May Spring Series races 14, 15 & 16
- Sun 24 May Men's Tankard races 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Mon 25 May Bank Holiday Series 10, 11 & 12
- Sun 31 May Spring Series races 17, 18 & 19

HOUSE – REAR's RAMBLING



Rear Commodore - Dave Boniface

Hi everyone. The weekend working parties have now come to an end and hopefully we can start doing the thing that we belong to the club for... TO GO

SAILING!!! It has been a pretty hard and hectic couple of months, but we have achieved a lot, and I would like to say a huge thank to all the people that helped. You know who you are and so I'm not going to mention names, but without your help the club would be a shadow of what it should be.

A rather salutary note here, it seemed to be the "same old faces" turning up to the working parties with little variation. While I applaud these people for their efforts and thank them again, it means that there are a huge number of members who expect others to maintain and run their club for them. Without everyone volunteering to do their share, the Club will not exist!! If you are feeling a little guilty at this stage, never fear, as we will continue to do some work on the club through the summer. If you work flexible hours and can spend a few hours at the club during the week, we will be undertaking working parties then, on an ad hoc basis. And of course, if you are retired, escape the grandparent duties and come and help. With this type of arrangement, we need to know who is available and we need to be able to contact you. I expect you are aware of the new set up on WhatsApp. It would be very helpful if all willing helpers could sign up for the Working Parties group, so I can make members aware of what is planned. Please go and do it now...

If you can't help with working parties, there are plenty of individual tasks which you can do in your own time; just let us know. Email rearcommodore@pbsc.org.uk

Thursday evening sailing.

A reminder that Thursday evening sailing starts this week (although at the moment a forecast of a brisk easterly breeze may stop us getting afloat) and continues through to mid-July. These sessions are called "Improvers sessions" and are an opportunity to improve and

practice your sailing under the guidance of instructors and coaches. I guess we could all be classified as improvers!!

Due to popularity of these sessions over the past few years, we will need those who plan to attend to do a safety boat duty, so as to reduce the burden on the instructors. So please sign up for a duty when we ask. If interested, please come along, and sign up to the "Thursday Nighter" WhatsApp Group.

TRAINING



Sailing Principle – Emma Lauren

RYA Powerboat L1&L2

9 May 2026. Bookable on WebCollect.

Our Sailing School is poised and ready for the approaching season, David Bracey is our Chief Dinghy Instructor and Nick

Humphries our Chief Powerboat Instructor for 2026.

We really do need some people on our RYA Level 1 and 2 courses, so if you know of anyone who would be a good fit for dinghy sailing or our club, get them along to the Open/Taster Day on Saturday the 2nd May so they can catch the sailing bug too!

Share the QR code and poster, tell them there's free parking, that life is good at PBSC and to book a slot so as not to be waiting for a sail and everyone turning up at once...

Our lively, enthusiastic cadets have now renewed, and turned over the boats at the ready, and there are a still a few places available this season.

Thanks to Ash Scarff, James Allerton and Ant Mehan for organising this amazing thing that is Youth Sailing - if there are any questions about Cadets, please ask us. Any Safeguarding issues to Lyn Brocklehurst (QR code on the noticeboard downstairs).

First session Saturday 9th May.

AQUILALITE



Powerboat Courses are fully booked - which is marvellous news. We had a successful Refresher Session last weekend, thank yous to Nick and Duncan, also to Lesley turning up to cook much appreciated bacon baps.

Thursday Evenings will be slightly different this year as we offer RYA Level 3 to last couple of year's Level 2 graduates to continue to build and consolidate their skills and confidence (Nick is coaching). They will have priority for Club boats.

First session Thursday 7th May.

This will happen AT THE SAME TIME as the usual Thursday session of informal sailing for all with fun racing and WOW available. It will be coordinated by James Allerton via a WhatsApp group, so join up there. Can people be prepared to offer their services for safety boat cover occasionally for this evening please?

If more people are interested in doing Level 3, Sailing with Spinnakers or Multihull do let me know.

Becoming an Assistant Instructor (AI) or Dinghy Instructor (DI) shares the load with our existing, brilliant DIs and SIs. It helps develop your sailing and life skills and looks fantastic on a CV...



MEMBERSHIP



Membership Secretary –
Lucy Potterton

Open Day Saturday 2nd
May 11-4pm

An important upcoming
date in our calendar is the
May Open Day and we

invite all members to take part. This is a great opportunity to showcase our facilities, welcome new visitors, and share our enthusiasm for sailing with the wider community. Whether you're able to help on the day or simply come along to support, your involvement will make a real difference. You have already been emailed the details including an invitation to hand out, so please, spread the word and let's make this Open Day a success. If you are able to help and haven't already done so, please email me at membership@pbsc.org.uk, all volunteers welcome!

SAFEGUARDING

Anyone with a safeguarding concern, or needing information can visit the PBSC Safeguarding website page, or follow this link



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhcVNqkWXWLAOa2d8MIHnMK_KIZG1CDqvE7BKZC5GMrj12WQ/viewform

or contact Lyn via Safeguarding@PBSC.org.uk

Please also be aware that persons under 18yrs old have to be supervised and have a 'responsible adult' at the club, at all times.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

You will see these QR code posters dotted around the club. Scanning these QR codes will take you directly to the latest Club Calendar, where you can check Race Series information, start times and Social Events.

Keep checking the club Calendar to ensure you are up to date as to the club events.

ExCom Minutes can be viewed on the website via the **About** dropdown then **Committee & AGM Minutes**. The password is detailed on the email this Aquila was attached to.

Entrance Gate Please keep the Entrance Gate closed. This stops unauthorised access and helps keep the club grounds and our boats secure. You hopefully already know the gate code, but it is also detailed on the email this Aquila was attached to.

NOTHING IS REAL
BEATLES COVER BAND
60's Night
6th June at PBSC
Ploughman's supper £5
Raffle and prize for best 60s styled outfit.
Please come and support this event in aid of the RNLI

DISCOVER SAILING
Pevensey Bay Sailing Club
Saturday 2nd May
11am until 4pm
book now at pbsc.org.uk
RYA
Scan this code to book your place

DISCOVER SAILING
ON SATURDAY 2nd MAY
YOU ARE INVITED TO DISCOVER SAILING AT PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB
Please join us for a free taster sail with an experienced member of the Club. Sailing sessions start at approximately 11.00 and will continue for most of the day.
Pevensey Bay Sailing Club is a volunteer run sailing club in a secluded location just east of Sovereign Harbour. The club house with it's laid back beach club vibe sits at the top of the shingle beach with views overlooking the bay. A large secure **FREE** car park and expansive private beach mean it's never over crowded.
The club is an RYA training center, so if you are new to sailing or want to brush up your skills, you can sign up for one of our courses. We have availability on our RYA Level 1, 2 & 3 courses this year.
Buoyancy aids will be provided, but clothes you don't mind getting wet in and something to get changed into after will be needed if you want to go sailing.
For the safety of all our guests booking for this day is essential. Please complete your booking at <https://forms.gle/GoBMw2i8qttEELdbA>
RYA
rya.org.uk/discover sailing
Scan this code to book your place