

AQUILA **NEWSLETTER**

AUGUST
23

SEA WEEK
Monday 14th
to Friday 18th
August

**'PERSONAL
EFFECTS'
LOCKERS**

have been installed on the
wall under the stairs.

**PBSC
OPEN DAY**
Saturday 9th
September



COMMODORE COMMUNIQUE

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Oh dear, what a strange summer we are having, frustrating to say the least. Every event that we try to run has been effected, the Topper Open, the Federation races, the

Club Championship and finally the first day of the Cadet Cup. The club racing has been effected with what seems like "all or nothing" conditions. Blowing old boots or light and fickle. We will try to re-run some of these events if we can and hope for better weather; so look out for the re-scheduled dates.

We are coming up to a pretty busy few weeks at the Club which, we hope, will see most of the membership getting involved at some point. I will apologise now, but we feel it necessary to remind members of a few things that we all tend to forget..... you will think me a moany old git when I've finished, but sometimes things have to be said more than once!

One thing that I am very pleased to report on is the phenomenal success and progress made by one of our

own members, Ella Hebron. Only a few years ago Ella was one of our youth sailors who progressed to helping coach our junior and youth sailors while mastering the idiosyncrasies of the 29er, but now she is preparing to sail around the world. She has been given the role of First Mate on one of the boats in the Round the World Clipper Race. What an achievement!! Well done Ella and keep up the good work. Ella has written an article for the Aquila and so I'll let you read her achievements for yourselves.

Let us hope the summer weather arrives in time for Seaweeek and camp, but if it doesn't I hope everyone has a fantastic summerget the surfboards out!!

See you on the water.



SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

All members are expected to do some sort of duty to help in the running and functioning of the Club. You could help at the bar, help in galley, clear tables, wash up, help tidy the club house, do a time keeper's duty for racing or even Officer of the Day if suitably experienced. Your Club needs your help!.....even if you don't sail.

SIGN UP TO WEBCOLLECT

All members have been asked to sign in to WebCollect and create an account. This is so we can standardise the method of collecting membership information. Once an account is created you can update your information at any time and when it comes to membership renewal, you don't have to fill in all your details again!

VICE COMMODORE GARY PEARSON

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Half way through the season would you believe. Weather wise we seemed to have had everything either Easterly or strong Westerly's, however the long range forecast is saying a hot August. So fingers crossed for Camp and Seaweeek, those who are going ... stay safe and enjoy. Thank you to all those who supported the Federation weekend.

Exciting stuff for the cadets ... it was blowing! All got very wet but no harm done ... some good stories to tell at the bar! Well the wet bar at least.

The adult Federation was equally challenging, so again thank you to

those who braved the elements. We managed to get one race in but with only a couple of boats who remained upright after the first race the decision was made to go ashore.

Discussion are underway regarding next years open events, we wouldn't say to much at the moment until they are confirmed but there could be 2 opens where we have a number of boats in that class at PBSC. So you won't even have to put your boat on a trailer!



THE GREEN

We are fortunate at PBSC to have the greenspace behind the club commonly called 'The Green.' The Green is used by members for recreation, overnight camping, dog exercise, sailing dinghy instruction and occasional boat maintenance.

With Sea Week approaching we hope to keep the weeds down to reasonable level now the large lawnmower has been fully repaired. Can all members please be mindful of leaving tent pegs, discarded bits of rope and boat hardware in the grass, as these items along with large beach stones and wooden sticks play havoc with the lawnmower blades.

If possible, can members please remove their dinghies, masts, and trailers away from the green and return them to the boat park after all boat maintenance sessions.

Happy Summer and Sea Week everyone. Phil Leyland

Mosquitos

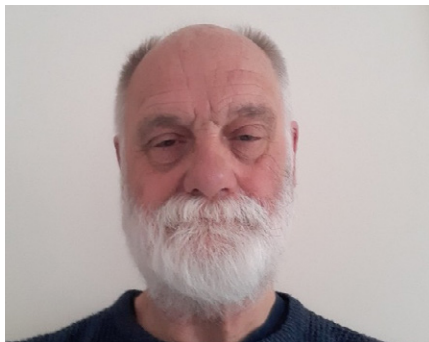
I have often wondered why there can be a lot of mosquitos at the Club in the evenings as these little beasts tend to frequent damp areas with standing water, where they lay their eggs. The females need blood to develop their eggs, so they munch on the nearest thing with blood Us! The club has not got the sort of environment that will normally be attractive to them although the sea could be considered damp!

Then, walking around the boat park recently I realised that we have quite a few members who must be pond lovers. Despite the lack of rain over the last month or so there are a number of boat covers that are developing their own little eco cultures of pond life, and yes a ready supply of mosquitos. Goodness knows what the boats are like under these festering covers, as clearly the boats haven't been exposed to the light of day this year. If you are the owner of one of these "ponds" please empty it out and keep it dry.

It will be of great benefit to the boat underneath and people like me who are regular mosquito fodder and react violently when bitten.

REAR COMMODORE GOFF BROOKS

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HOUSE

The task of roofing the 2 containers to the East of the clubhouse is now complete. A long period of high winds earlier in the year, making the handling of the corrugated sheets quite dangerous, meant that the job took longer to complete than had been anticipated. Thank you to those members who gave up their time to help with roofing the containers - you know who you are!

That said, we also need to finish the cladding to the West containers, so don't put your tools away yet.....

I'm now working on re-arranging/fitting out the 'House' container to make it more fit for purpose and to ensure that it doesn't revert back to the dumping ground that it was previously!

The more observant members may have noticed that we have now purchased 'personal effects' lockers for members and visiting sailors to keep wallets, phones/car keys etc in when they are sailing. They have been installed on the wall under the stairs. Each locker is serially numbered and has an individual key, with a locker number tag, on a wrist band. Each key will only work with the numbered locker. If a key is lost, then the club has master keys (which are securely locked away) to gain access to all lockers. However, in the event that someone using a locker loses a key,

they will be charged for a replacement – currently £12. If a member damages the lock itself, then they will be charged £24 for a replacement. These are simply the costs that the club would incur to purchase replacements from the supplier.

Members will have seen the signs in both changing rooms banning the use of mobile phone – the availability of the lockers to put phones in will hopefully make observance of the ban easier....

The club has now purchased a new 8mtr x 6mtr marquee for use at club and Open events. The old one was in poor condition and not very robust but could well be 'cannibalised' for other uses.

MEMBERS CONTAINERS

We are in the process of sorting out the chaos that is the member's containers. The initial stage, which I am undertaking now, is to audit what is in the containers on an item-by-item basis, and to identify owners for them. This is quite problematic as few of the items in the containers have any names on them, or any other form of identification, so I am using membership records and 'local knowledge' to gain as much information as possible.

Once the audit is complete, we will inevitably end up with a pile of equipment for which we cannot identify owners and which will then be sold or disposed of – as we do with abandoned boats and trollies/trailers (see below).

Therefore, if any members have equipment (boards, sails, masts, booms etc) in the containers and I haven't already emailed you – please email me on rear.commodore@pbsc.org.uk, with the detail, by 11/08/2023. I will need the following, for each item:

- What the item of equipment is
- Make and colour

- Any distinguishing marks
- Any serial number e.g. sail number
- Whether it is in a bag e.g. for a sail or a board
- Whether it has your name on it

Any items not matched with an owner by 11th August will go onto the sale/disposal pile.

At the same time as the audit, we will be improving the racking in the containers to both increase capacity and better identify which member is paying for which rack.

BOAT PARK

SPACES

In the last couple of years, the club has been very successful in increasing its membership. This has inevitably led to an increase in demand for boat spaces – this year we have created around 25 extra spaces along the Northwest corner and the North fence, to cope with demand. Nearly all of the 'abandoned' boats have now been sold or disposed of (although additional abandoned boats continue to be identified from time to time), so we are now considering the situation where, although a member may be renting a boat space, the boat in the space obviously hasn't moved for a very long time. I am aware that this could be very sensitive, so any proposals will be fully considered by the Executive Committee before implementation.

TRAILERS AND TROLLIES

The period for claiming ownership of the 'abandoned' trailers and trollies has now long passed, so we are inviting offers for those that remain. They have now all had the front of the trailer/trolley painted in yellow to identify them as abandoned, and each one has a white, serially numbered, label on for ease of identification. If any member is interested in purchasing one, please email me at rear.commodore@pbsc.org.uk. Any trollies or trailers still remaining by 6th August will be disposed of.

SAILING SECRETARY

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The last couple of months have been rather windy with many races cancelled, so there is not very much to report on the sailing front.

The Federation Cup did go ahead, for the brave sailors who ventured out on the water. The Youth Federation Cup was held on Saturday 1st July, we had a good turn-out, but due to the strong North Westerly wind, racing had to be abandoned before the completion of the first lap. It was great to see the young sailors return to the beach with huge grins on their faces, despite getting very wet. Although no

trophies were awarded, I think they were happier with the chocolate bars instead.

Sunday 2nd July was the main Federation cup. Thirteen boats from PBSC, ESSSC, BSC and HSSC attended, eleven of which completed the race. However, due to the lack of boats from each club entering, the fall-back scoring system was employed, in which the top three boats from each club counted towards the final result.

I went afloat, sailed out to the committee boat but decided the wind was too strong for me to attempt the downwind legs. So I sailed back to the shore, deciding it was better to live and sail another day... Only the one race was sailed, albeit about an hour long, which PBSC won overall.

Nick Hart and Matt China from ESSC won the Cat Fleet.

Chris and Nicki Webber from PBSC won the Fast Fleet.

Michael Green and Lyn Ratcliffe from PBSC won the Medium/Slow Fleet.

Next year Bexhill will be hosting the Federation Cup. They are considering providing all the boats for the races. In whichever format they choose to run the event, I would appeal to all our members to support them with a good turnout.

As you know, the Club Championship, Ladies Bowl and the first day of the Cadet Cup were also postponed due to poor weather conditions. These are all events that would be a shame if not rescheduled.

The Cadet Cup will now be held on Saturday 12th August (as previously scheduled) but with Day 2 now being on Saturday 2nd September.

The Ladies Bowl has been rescheduled for 1st October, to run alongside the Autumn Series (races 10-12).

The Club Championship has been rescheduled for 7th October (2 races) and 8th October (4 races), The Autumn Series will not be raced that weekend.

This year's late season Open Day will be on Saturday 9th September.

The September Open Day tends to be busy and results in lots of new members, so please volunteer and make yourself available to help out where needed, be on the water or around the club. This will mean the programmed Ice-cream cruise will have to be rescheduled, sorry Roger H...



Seaweeek will soon be with us and our Social Secretary Ant has sent messages to all of you, but to reiterate, this is a **member's only event**. This means that we cannot sign in guests during this time.

While I'm on the subject of guests, visitors to the Club should be entered in the visitor's book at the top of the stairs and please be sensible about the number of guests. It would be wrong to put a limit on the number of people included in one visit but if more than a "couple" please speak to a flag officer.

Not only during Seaweeek, but

at all times all children must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for those children, in or out of the water, with no more than three per adult.

The Club is run entirely by volunteers, as I think I've mentioned before! It is run by members, for members. It is everyone's responsibility to keep the place clean, tidy and free from litter.

During Seaweeek there will be rosters for various house, campsite and "sailing" duties, so please sign up and get stuck in, but remember that these duties are still needed **every weekend**.

MOBILES IN CHANGING ROOMS

A gentle reminder that the use of mobile phones is banned in the changing rooms. These can be safely stored in the lockers provided under the stair.

OPEN DAY - 9TH SEPT

A date for your diaries. The Open Days or Taster Days are a great benefit to the club, bringing in a steady stream of new members, with our best form of advertising being you! This is your opportunity to introduce someone you know, friends, neighbours, colleagues, family to the joys of sailing. You will be sent more information and an invitation message which you can pass on nearer the time, but it's worth thinking about it now.

CAR PARK SECURITY

During the summer months we tend to get lots of vehicles driving into the club grounds to have a look around, mostly innocent curiosity I am sure, but we never know! Please would you ensure that both the high and low barriers are kept closed. Unwanted visitors could ruin our summer!

HONESTY PAYMENTS

Both the galley and bar are often run through the system of honesty payment, which is the easiest and most convenient way of paying for food and drink, using either cash and card payment on the card reader/tablet. I am sure that most people are more than honest about their purchases, but if this system is seen to being abused it will stop.



Ice cream cruise

SEA WEEK

14th - 18th AUGUST 2023

Sea Week 2023 is just around the corner, so here are a few more details for the week.

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 for more than a weekend. 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 2023 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 form in the following link to give details stating how many people will be attending in your party and if you plan on camping.

<https://webcollect.org.uk/pbsc/event/sea-week-attendance>

Everyone chips in on chores to ensure the bar remains stocked, safety boats are maintained and club house and green are kept clean & orderly.

You'll be asked to sign up for some of these duties when booking.

A separate email will go out to members with attachments explaining roles and responsibilities, the simple Sea week rules plus a schedule of when help is needed.

The first day of the annual Cadet Cup that was previously cancelled due to bad weather conditions will now take place on the (scheduled) Saturday 12th August followed by "The kick-off Sea Week BBQ" in the evening.

Summer Series Races are scheduled for Sunday and then the Sea week activities begin on Monday 14th August and continue through until the evening of Friday 18th.

Due to its 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.

I will be sending out notices through Facebook, WhatsApp and the Webcollect membership emails – sorry if you get bombarded by all mediums.

SCHEDULE

Saturday 12th - Cadet Cup (4-6) evening BBQ **Sunday 13th** - Summer series and camping fun

Day	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Theme	TOPPER WARS	PIRATE DAY	ICE CREAM CRUISE	AIRBOURNE ARMADA	ITS A KNOCK OUT
AM	Boat based games on the water for all ages and abilities.	Pirate Games, general skulduggery and swashbuckling (Fancy dress and water pistols mandatory, all mutineers will walk the plank).	Cruise to Norman's Bay for Ice Creams on the beach, followed by a short sail to Ronnie's for traditional light refreshments.	Cruise or cycle depending on wind & weather.	Boat based games on the water for all ages and abilities.
PM	Free Sailing	Free Sailing Treasure Hunt	Cruise return to PBSC Free Sailing	Cruise return to PBSC Free Sailing	Free Sailing & 'It's a knockout' games on the green
Race	Sea Week Series 1 & 2	Sea Week Series 3 & 4	Sprint Race. Race from the club to ESSC and back	Sea Week Series 5 & 6	Sea Week Series 7 & 8
Food	DIY	DIY	DIY	PIZZA?	TBA
EVE	DIY	DIY	DIY	Movie Night	Cocktails/Mocktails, Piñata & presentations



Sea Week 2022

This year we have gone retro on catering, and while the two Galleys will be available there is no formal meal provision, and members will need to come together to either plan meals, camp cook or order in.

There is the possibility we will have a Pizza van visiting on Thursday 17th but it's yet to be confirmed.

The plan is to have a continental breakfast spread each morning with lunch and cakes etc on a pay as you go basis (volunteers will be needed every day for this to work)

The general idea is that each day will hold something for everyone; morning fun sailing activities, afternoon free sailing, early evening Sea Week series of mixed fleet racing, cruises, treasure hunts, evening socials and more...

SOCIAL

Each evening after dinner we will try to have some fun and games in the clubhouse, following a loose schedule, you can always chill by the fire pit, on the patio or the beach if it's not your thing.

The communal fire pit will be setup on the green. We might need firewood if anyone has dry logs or clean firewood/pallets please feel free to bring them for the pit.

CAMPING

IF you are planning on attending and camping let me know using the form here <https://webcollect.org.uk/pbsc/event/sea-week>

We really need these response forms (even if you have said you are coming through another format) to make sure we have enough room for everyone who wants to camp and to allow enough safety boat cover and associated resources.

There is £5 per night charge to camp for the week – to cover the additional cost of cleaners and keeping the club open.

Please fill in the Gift Aid form and bring with you when attending Sea Week.

So – Once again I'm off into the loft to dig out all the necessary (& unnecessary) camping paraphernalia for what I'm hoping will be a fun & memorable week.

See you on the water/beach/green/patio.

Any questions contact me using social@pbsc.org.uk



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Start of Myth of Malham race

ELLA'S STORY

Since I wrote in Aquila last October, my life has been a whirlwind of adventures and opportunities. From delivering yachts to the Mediterranean, racing offshore, to crossing the Atlantic, and now gearing up for the Clipper Round the World Race, I've had the privilege of immersing myself in the world of yacht racing and sailing.

My 6-month contract at Oyster came to an end at Christmas and I decided to focus on yacht racing and deliveries, and qualifications and leadership. I have attended a number of courses and examinations ranging from engine building, emergency medical care, sea survival techniques to Yachtmaster Offshore and Ocean (which involves celestial navigation). Yacht deliveries have been varied: I had the pleasure of taking a yacht from Guernsey across the Bay of Biscay to A Corona with non-other than PBSC legend Stick Daring.....we both survived!

Another trip headed across the Bay of Biscay in an 8-meter swell headed to Menorca, but aborted in northern Spain, and we had to make land fall for replacement parts

and repairs. Heading the other way this time from Marseille, through the straits of Gibraltar and up the coast to Porto to bring Phosphorus II (a one off Archambault A13) back to the UK illuminated the differences of luxury living on a brand-new Oyster to racing yachts. No boiling hot water taps, in fact no taps, or sinks! Washing-up involved throwing a bucket off the side for seawater. Despite the lack of luxury, I know what I prefer.



Trying to find Antigua



Running repairs on the boom, mid atlantic

I have taken part in a number of RORC races and had the pleasure of meeting up with folk from Phosphorus II again last weekend when we competed in the Myth of Malham race from Cowes to Plymouth and back. We finished in 31st place.

In late April, I embarked on my first transatlantic crossing as an apprentice for 59North. I used the crossing as my Ocean Yachtmaster qualifying passage and thus used celestial navigation. Fortunately, we ended up at our intended target, Antigua (possibly with some electronic assistance). The highlight of the crossing was the amazing sea life encountered off Cape Verde Islands including huge pods of playful dolphins, less playful sharks and whales. The low was destroying the kite three days in, which made for a rock and roll downwind sail thereafter. You can read more details about my passage on my website.

As you may already know, I signed up to be crew on the Clipper Round the World Race just after turning 16. I was due to start last summer, but the race was delayed by a year due to Covid. Since signing up my ambitions and experience have grown, so I applied to be one of the two qualified sailors on-board. Early this year I was invited to participate in a week-long trial to become an AQP (Additional Qualified Person or 1st Mate to most of us). After 3 weeks crossing the Atlantic I arrived in Antigua, to the incredible news that I had been selected as AQP for the 2023-24 race. However, time was of the essence as I needed to return home immediately to start my new role. 24 hours later I found myself in Gosport where I am now based until race departure in September.

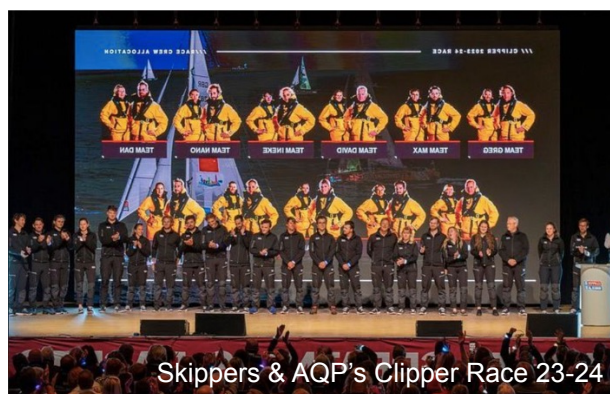
My 4th day working for Clipper Ventures was crew allocation, a big event at The Guildhall in Portsmouth, after some wise words from Sir Robin Knox-Johnson the 800 Clipper Race crew learnt who will be their Skipper and AQP. This involved the Skippers and AQPs being introduced



Clipper allocation, on stage

on stage using a rather elaborate mechanism of colourful illuminating wristbands, identifying the different teams. As many of you will know, my comfort zone is on a boat and I am not a huge fan of being on stage or delivering speeches, so I was like a fish out of water (if you want to witness my discomfort scroll down my twitter feed to the 21st May for a short video). However, the day culminated in team bonding in the pub. The event brought us together and it was a joy to meet my team and begin forging the bonds that will carry us through the upcoming challenge.

As I write this newsletter, I find myself in the midst of rigorous training, preparing for the epic adventure that awaits us in September. The Clipper Race is fast approaching, promising eleven months of thrilling competition, unforgettable experiences, and personal growth. The role is highly varied and addition to sailing and leading a team involves repairing and provisioning boats, press and promotional activities, replying to many messages from crew, and fundraising for charity. Our team aims to raise £33,000 for UNICEF. Currently, our sailing focus lies on offshore race starts, which has proven to be an exhilarating



Skippers & AQP's Clipper Race 23-24

and educational learning curve, particularly when navigating a 70ft yacht with a decent sized spinnaker starting downwind.

With each passing day, I am reminded of the immense privilege it is to pursue my passion for sailing, and in particular racing yachts. The sea has become my constant companion, and the challenges I've encountered are shaping me into a stronger and more resilient sailor. As I set sail in the coming months, I carry with me the support and encouragement of PBSC. If you want to follow me along the way you will be able to follow me and my team Ha Long Bay on the race tracker. It will be comforting to know that you will be a part of this journey.

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