

# AQUILA **NEWSLETTER**

**MAY**  
**23**

**SEA  
WEEKENDER**

**Saturday 27th to  
Monday 29th May**

**OPEN MEETINGS**

**Topper Open Meeting**  
Saturday 3rd & Sunday  
- 4th June

**Federation Cup**  
Saturday 1st &  
Sunday 2nd July

**CLUB  
WEBSITE**

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been updated thanks to  
the efforts of Allen Hare  
and Steve Joblin.



# COMMODORE COMMUNIQUE

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At last everything is in full swing, and the Club has really come alive in the last few weeks.

All aspects of the Sailing School are up and running, with all sessions being well attended, lots of you have started to get on the water now that the weather has warmed up a bit and the last two weekends have seen good size racing fleets take to the water. We have the "Sea Weekender" coming up over the Bank Holiday weekend with members camping at the club and a lot of action planned both on and off the water. The week after this is the Topper open meeting followed a week later by the Martello Race.

All this takes a lot of organising, both before and during the events, and so, as always, we ask people to help out whenever possible. I don't have to remind you, that the Club is entirely run by volunteers and I thank all those that contribute so much to make our lovely club what it is; keep it up!

I was reminded recently of the saying, "the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it!" how true is this?

See you on the water.

## FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL OOD AND SAFETY BOAT HELMS.

When required to do an Officer of the Day or Safety Boat helm duty you will see this on the Dutyman roster and hopefully an email notifications, sent to you by Dutyman a week or so before the day in question.

The full list of the Ood's duties is available in the folder on the race box desk, but in addition to this we are striving to improve the quality of our racing and are working towards the standardization of a number of elements of racing.

Whilst we understand that some Oods will want to put their personal stamp on the racing offered we ask you to follow the guideline below;

- The blue buoys should only be used for the outer distance mark (ODM), the buoy at the end of the start line and the inner distance mark (IDM); the end of the start line nearest the beach. There is a large blue spherical mark for the ODM and a smaller blue spherical mark for the IDM.
- Please use the large pyramid shaped orange buoy for the windward mark. This is far easier for the sailors to see when beating upwind. This will need to be towed out to sea as it's too large to get in the Ribs.
- Where possible set a start line perpendicular to the direction of the wind. Reaching starts are not a fair start to the whole fleet with only a couple of boat at the windward end of the line getting clear wind, this causes dangerous bunching at the windward end of the line.
- Where possible limit the length of the start line by using an IDM. A guide to the ideal length of start line is about two boat lengths per boat competing. Therefore, 20 boats competing equates approximately to 150 metres.
- Avoid laying a course too near the beach. The nearest marks should be at least 300 meters from the shore. As a guide the small buoy attached to the end

of the haul out rope is about 150 meters from the high tide ridge and about 100 meters from the bottom of the shingle. Inside this there is very little wind in off shore wind directions, the water depth can be very shallow and other sea/beach user may be inconvenienced.

If you have concerns about the course setting please ask for advice.



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After a very busy and successful open day we would like to warmly welcome the new members to Pevensey Bay Sailing Club.

To all existing members, thank you for your contribution to the club and the open day, insuring it's success. One last action if we can ask of you, if you see a new face, say hi, introduce yourself and make the new members feel welcome.

The friendship between the members is the glue that holds it together.

We have had a lot of light wind sailing to start the season, but we must be careful what offerings we give to the wind Gods, in their generosity they have a habit of giving more than we want. At least with the lighter winds we can get on the water.

The Topper Open is coming up in early June, we are expecting 25 to 30 boats including the PBSC Topper boats. An opportunity for our junior members to sail in an open event on their home turf to gain experience and hopefully inspire. I do remember my first event away from home at Hayling Island, and yes dinosaur's still roamed the earth, but I came away from the event feeling that the leaders actually were not that far away .... and I could make that distance up! Hope our younglings get that same buzz!

The event team and committee have all in hand, we just need the support of the memberships to assist on the

day with parking, welcome desk, bar staffing (the important one), beach assistance, etc. As always any assistance you can provide would be most welcome.

We are still short on motor boat helms and crews for the Martello, without these we cannot run the race so please contact me if you can assist.

Lastly, off to another Coastal Defence meeting and will provide an update of where the Environment Agency are and what is being proposed for the future in the next issue of Aquila.



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### HOUSE

The task of roofing the containers to the East of the clubhouse is now almost complete - all that remains is to install the bargeboards at the inland end of the containers. We will then move on to fitting out the containers to improve storage capability. The next major project will be the construction of a boat rack at the seaward end of the containers to take the club's smaller boats e.g. Toppers, Picos etc. as well as member's kayaks and boards.

We are also looking into providing a number of lockable 'personal effects' lockers for members' use and hope to have these in place in the next month or so. We will also be replacing our marquee, the existing one were damaged in the storms last year.

### BOAT PARK

We have now moved a number of trailers which have not been marked with owners' names to the east fence. Members now have until Sunday 28th May to ensure that their trailers are clearly and indelibly marked with their name. Any trailers not so marked by this date will be advertised for sale or otherwise disposed of.

We now have 192 boats in the boat park, which represents an increase of about 12% on May last year. The new spaces mentioned in last month's Aquila have now been allocated and we will have to create additional space along the North fence. We will also be looking at boats to establish which ones do not appear to have been used for some time and thereby identify potential additional spaces.

# SAILING SECRETARY

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The sailing season is very much underway, with Spring Series races 13, 14 and 15 held last weekend, alongside the Men's Tankard. The weekend saw twenty boats on the water. Congratulations goes to Mike Green for first place, sailing his RS400 with Lynne Ratcliffe. Tim Humphries came second in his RS200 with Paula Bayntun and John Bassett third sailing his RS Aero 9. It's good to see the new members racing and being competitive.

In regard to the Spring Series, Tim and Paula are leading, James O'Leary currently second and Phil Kemp third. There are seven races still to sail, and with the number of races counting being half the series plus one, there is still time to switch that about. Don't forget, if you undertake an OOD, timekeeper or safety boat duty, you can have your average position added. Just ask the OOD/timekeeper to put you down as an OOD on Sailwave.

We have the ladies' Bowl on 21st May, lets see if we can get as many of our ladies out on the water as possible, and top the number of entrants in the Men's Tankard.

At the end of the month, on 28th May we have the Vice Commodore Pursuit in the morning, followed by the final Spring Series race after lunch. In order to calculate your

pursuit race start time, it is requested you arrive extra early and sign on promptly. Likewise, the Safety Boat will need to ensure the course is set on time, a late start or postponement complicates the timings.

On 4th & 5th June we have the Topper Traveller Open, it's open to all, albeit aimed more at youth sailors. The event will be held over two days, Saturday and Sunday, with racing both days. Please encourage the young members to enter, we are hosting the event specially for their benefit. Last year we had ten entries from PBSC, let's have even more this year. Adults and parents, please contact Adrian Peckham in order to volunteer and help out.

On 10th June is the annual Martello Race, NOR and SI will be posted nearer the time. The Martello is a long race, spread out from Eastbourne to Bexhill and requires all out safety boats to be on the water. It comes the weekend after the Topper Traveller Trophy so it's a big ask of the membership, but please do volunteer for duties, especially if you are not entering either event.

Finally, a couple of Aquila's ago my father Ivor, wrote an article about how he came to join the PBSC. Another piece of club history, it is 40 years ago this month my Grandfather 'Wally' Upton (Matthew's great grandfather) passed away. My Granddad Wally, as mentioned in my father's article was one of the first members of the club.

On passing away, Roger McAll's father Tom wrote the lovely tribute below to Wally and announced it in the May 1983 Aquila. I like to think I have inherited some of his skills, if only his helpfulness and boat repair skills. If you have old club photos, or interesting pieces of club history, do send them to Aquila, it would be good to see and read them.



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## OPEN MEETINGS

We have two meetings coming up:

### Topper Open Meeting Saturday 3rd & Sunday - 4th June

We are expecting 30-40 visiting competitors for a two day event including a Saturday night social.

We hope for a good showing from our own youth sailors and there will be prizes for the top placed PBSC sailors.

Half price for PBSC members i.e. £25 inc Sat evening meal. Pay in full on the ICTA website and our treasurer Nicki Webber (treasurer@pbsc.org.uk) will rebate you the discount. ITCA (GBR) Members - operated by OurClubAdmin.

### Federation Cup Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd July

This is the annual interclub regatta of the East Sussex Coastal Federation. The Federation consists of dinghy clubs of Newhaven and Seaford, Eastbourne Sovereign, Pevensey Bay, Bexhill, Hastings and Rye. The regatta is hosted by a different club each year on a rotating basis, last year Eastbourne hosted (and won it) and this year it is our turn to host.. and hopefully win!

On Saturday 1st July we will hold the Junior Federation Cup - for all sailors aged 18 and under with the Adult Federation cup sailed on the Sunday. On the Saturday night we will host a BBQ social for all.

### Event volunteers – both events

As always we'll need volunteers for these events, in the clubhouse serving food and staffing the bar, on the beach launching and recovering dinghies on the safety and committee boats. If you are able to help in any of the roles in the dates above please email [adrian.peckhampbsc@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.peckhampbsc@gmail.com)

## CLUB WEBSITE

The Club website has been updated thanks to the efforts of Allen Hare and Steve Joblin, with the new site being a simpler version of its predecessor which should make it easier to use by both, end users and administrators. Most of the features have been included but I am sure the site will evolve over the next couple of years. The administrators will endeavour to keep it up to date so that it is more relevant to the everyday use of the Club. I would encourage members to regularly check the site to see what's on at the Club and where help is needed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Allen for creating the new site and Steve for being admin to the old site for about ten years.

The screenshot shows the Pevensey Bay Sailing Club website. The header includes the club name, tagline 'Family friendly sailing on the sunshine coast', and navigation links: Home, About, Sailing, Social, Calendar, Duties, Learn To Sail, and Join Our Club. A prominent red banner reads 'Welcome To Our Sailing Club'. Below this, a paragraph describes the club as a friendly, family-oriented organization on the East Sussex coast, offering first-class sailing, training, and social events. A 'Learn to sail' section mentions the club's role as a RYA Training Centre. A 'Join our club' section invites new members and mentions taster days. A 'Sea Weekender' poster for May 27th-29th is also visible, advertising sailing, camping, and BBQ.

# YOUTH SAILING

The start of May saw the return of the full youth sailing programme on Saturdays to PBSC. We have a number of new members, many who are completely new to sailing and a number who come with some experience already. A very special welcome to them and their families – look out for the BBQ Buffet – meet & greet, old and new on the 27th May - We also welcomed back those children, familiar faces returning to further develop their sailing skills and racing credentials.

Day 1 was very busy with everyone getting out on the water.

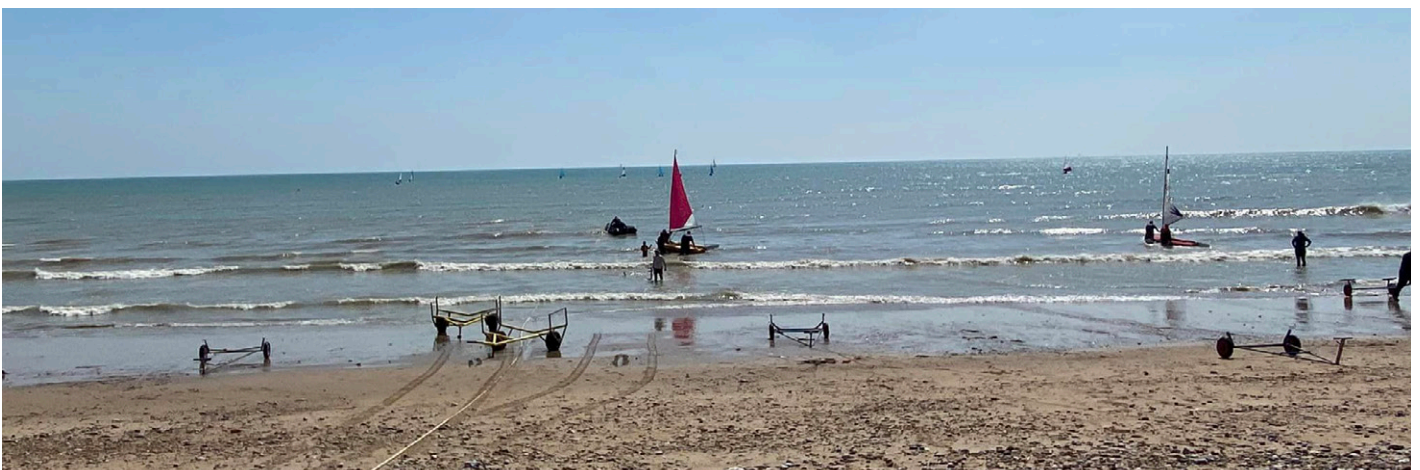
The weather was far from PBSC and the beach at its best, it was grey, cold, and extremely damp, despite that it was all smiles (and some shivers) as everyone came ashore. The senior group, Sharks took part in the first of a series of special race training sessions with Chris Webber, thank you Chris.

The following week saw normal service resumed at PBSC, glorious sunshine and a fresh breeze. With the wind strength being what it was the starter group Seals undertook shore-based activities going over the boats on the grass.

The next group Dolphins were able to get out and have a good session while the Sharks had the next race training session with Chris – some great training for high-speed tacks and gybes in close quarters with other boats on a very short course.

A big thanks to James for running the show, to all the instructors and assistant instructors, all the helpers afloat and ashore and of course parents and families for helping their children get rigged and out on the water and with packing up at the end of the session.

We are all looking forward to a packed programme of youth sailing over the coming season with lots of sunshine and fair winds.



# SOCIAL SECRETARY

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As the sailing season of 2023 gets started in earnest, I thought it's time to remind everyone of the social events planned for the year...

Throughout this calendar we rely on volunteers to make things happen and the more hands helping, the quicker and easier it is for everyone to get back to having fun. Please step up and help in preparing, delivering, and cleaning up afterwards.

As always, to allow planning – please let me know you are coming to any event. We need firm numbers to cater for everyone that arrives, we had the unfortunate scenario recently where we ran out of burgers because only 18 people confirmed they were coming to the post open day BBQ – we cooked 24 burgers and 46 people showed up!

I'm always open to other ideas for the remainder of the year and into next year, so if you think we've missed a trick on the social calendar, let me know.



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| 27th - 29th May        | <b>SEA WEEKENDER</b> – festival of Sailing                |
| 27th May               | <b>SEA WEEKENDER BBQ OLD MEETS NEW/MEET &amp; GREET</b>   |
| 3rd June               | <b>TOPPER TRAVELLER – BBQ</b><br><i>volunteers needed</i> |
| 1st July               | <b>FEDERATION CUP BBQ</b><br><i>volunteers needed</i>     |
| 29th July - 6th August | <b>CHICHESTER SAIL CAMP</b>                               |
| 12th - 19th August     | <b>SEA WEEK (PBSC)</b>                                    |
| 30th September         | <b>'OKTOBERFEST'</b>                                      |
| 28th October           | <b>HALLOWEEN</b>  |
| 25th November          | <b>LAYING UP SUPPER</b><br>(HYDRO HOTEL)                  |
| December               | <b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH (PBSC)</b>                             |

## The next event will be...

The Sea Weekender festival of sailing, taking place over the 2nd of May bank holiday weekend.

The focus of

## SEA WEEKENDER 2023

will be fun on and off the water with plenty of sailing, social and racing events designed to appeal to all sailing abilities.

Please register your interest using the webcollect link below <https://webcollect.org.uk/pbosc/event/sea-weekender>

Or, Say you are coming in the Facebook event page <https://fb.me/e/2AqAu7X2F>

Or drop me an email using [social@pbosc.org.uk](mailto:social@pbosc.org.uk)

The weekend will consist of what's on the club's sailing calendar, mixing in social evenings using the clubhouse & outside spaces, camping on the green if you're hardy enough and DIY evening sustenance.

The bar (and galley to some extent) will be open during the day's sailing with evening food on a BYO basis. Saturday 28th will see our 'Old meets New' BBQ where we hope to greet new members and old to the club to enjoy a BBQ buffet from 6pm till late.

### SCHEDULE

#### Saturday 27th May

10:00 Youth Sailing Seals  
10:00 Youth Sailing Dolphins  
14:00 Youth Sailing Sharks  
(possible Ice Cream Cruise)  
Free Sailing  
18:00 BBQ Buffet & Old Meets  
New Meet & Greet

#### Sunday 28th May

10:00 Vice Commodore Pursuit  
14:00 Spring Series (1 race)  
Free Sailing

#### Monday 29th May

Bank Holiday Series 10:30 2x  
races B2B 13:30 2x races B2B  
Free Sailing

Don't forget to bring all your water sports kit to make the most of our beautiful stretch of beach, it can be the perfect place for a spot of paddle boarding, kayaking, surfing, kite surfing and of course sailing.



## SAILING, CAMPING & BBQ

BBQ on the Saturday evening for a 'new meet old'  
members mix up

Signup via Webcollect - <https://webcollect.org.uk/pbsc/event/sea-weekender> or scan the QR code





# SEA WEEKENDER BBQ

MEET | GREET | OLD | NEW

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 27th**

**6PM-10PM**  
**£12.50/£5.00**

COME & MINGLE WITH MEMBERS OLD AND NEW AS WE START ANOTHER  
GREAT SEASON AT PBSC

[HTTPS://WEBCOLLECT.ORG.UK/PBSC/EVENT/SEA-WEEKENDER](https://webcollect.org.uk/pbsc/event/sea-weekender)



# CLUB MERCHANDISE

## OUR NEW CLUB WEAR RANGE!

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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