
AQUILALITE



July 2025 – EDITION 003

Welcome all to the July ... AQUILALITE ... a lot to advise you on ... hang on ... here we go!

Matt Pollard Memorial Trophy

This Saturday is the Matt Pollard Memorial Trophy. There will be two back-to-back races starting at 10.30am, then a further two back-to-back races after lunch, starting about 2pm. It is intended to be a fun day's sailing accessible to all ages and skill levels. Many of the younger Youth sailors will have been trained by Matt, who was a regular AI on Saturday mornings.

Following the racing, Matt's dad Justin will be cooking hotdogs for anyone who has come along to support the event, sailors and non-sailors included.

ESCS Federation Event – Bexhill Sailing Club

This Sunday 13th .. short notice I am afraid .. but we have only just received the NOR's. There are some club boats at BSC that can be reserved for PBSC members use, so get in quick if you want one! Otherwise, you will need to take your own. Email distributed with more information via Matt our sailing secretary.

July's Scheduled Sailing – in Summary

Saturday 12th – Matt pollard memorial trophy, open to all skill levels and ages, light hearted racing followed by a hot dog BBQ hosted by Justin and Sarah Pollard

Sunday 13th – Federation cup event at Bexhill sailing club. No racing at PBSC on this day. More info separately

Saturday 19th - CADET CUP!!!! This is the first weekend of the cadet cup, a highly sought after trophy with a lot of great historical names on, yours could be on there too. There will be 3 shorter back to back races.

Friday 25th – Sailing camp begins. More info separately for this.

Saturday 9th August – Cadet cup day 2. This is a follow on from the 19th July with 3 more races back to back.

Summer Camp Meeting

Summer Camp meeting took place on the 28th June, a lot of interest. If you wish to attend camp between the 26th July and 3rd August at Cobnor, Chichester Harbour best register your interest quickly with Justin our vice commodore. Open to all sailing members. More details attached.

Socials

Sea Week is getting closer! A meeting will be arranged to organise the event further ... in the meantime get your pirate costume ready and practice your .. AAARRRHHHHSSS!!

House Keeping

A gentle reminder that dogs are not permitted in the club house and should always be under the owner's control when on the clubs premises.

We are looking for a pop-up gazebo for the wet bar patio to provide sun shading for members that wish to have some .. would any member have one that they could donate, or the club could purchase?

Sad News

It is with deep regret I must announce the passing of Ann Bowles, wife of Don Bowles. Both long standing members of Hastings Sailing Club. They sailed together in the 505 fleet with great success. Don was also a former Commodore of HSC, and a real character. The older members of PBSC will warmly remember Ann; my parents frequently sailed against them. Those who wish to attend the funeral at Hastings Crematorium on Monday 21st followed by wake at the Hastings clubhouse are welcome.



Saturday 12 July
2am & 2pm races starting 10.30hrs.
All members welcome.

A photograph of two sailboats on a body of water under a blue sky with light clouds. The boat in the foreground has a white sail with the number "67091" in red. The boat in the background has a white sail with the number "122364" in red. Two people are visible on the boats.

**Followed by a Hot-Dog BBQ hosted by
Justin & Sarah**

PBSC Sail Camp 2025

Dear members,

Many of you have been to camp before, some regularly. Hopefully we will have some new attendees also.

This year Camp will be a little different. We will be camping in a different field to usual, still on the Cobnor Estate but in two fields adjacent to where we usually are.

Like last year Kellie the support boat will not be attending, so it is important everybody factors into their decision to attend that there will be no safety boats or support boats.

I recently sent everyone an email with a copy of the Summer Camp Safety Management Policy and Risk Assessment attached. I would be grateful if you would take the time to read and absorb its content.

Camp can have some strong tides in the narrow estuaries, and choppy water in the larger estuary between Itchenor and East Head. The weather can, and often does change during the day, so it is important that you are confident in your sailing skills and willing to reef your main, or sail back just with your jib if it gets too much. Alternatively remain in the more sheltered areas. This is particularly important given there will not be a support/tow boat. If your skills do not match the conditions, please consider teaming up with more experienced sailors or finding a different activity that day.

Chichester harbour is a fabulous place to sail, and the strong tide is great for honing sailing skills. I love the challenge of tacking in strong tides around all the moored yachts.

To make the week run smoothly, we will need daily coordinators to help manage the day's sailing. Please would you consider being a coordinator one or more of the days, spreading the duty greatly helps out those who have taken a lot on already.

If you are hoping to use a club boat, please contact me indicating when you plan to attend. If using a club boat, please also assist in the de-masting, packing and transportation of the club boats to Camp. Upon return, please ensure they are set back up promptly for the Sailing School to use during Sea Week.

On the first Saturday morning, I will be purchasing the Harbour Licences for the whole group, the daily/weekly cost of Camp includes these licences.

I will also be keeping a log of who has sailed which day and who has camped. Please help me with this process by using the daily Sign-On sheets and let me know which days you have attended. Once we've returned from Camp we will invoice you accordingly. Please pay promptly so we do not have to chase payment.

Finally, please may I ask 'everyone' intending to go to camp message me with a heads up of the days you plan to camp and/or sail. I won't hold you to the number of days, but I'll need an indication so I can purchase the appropriate number of Harbour Licences.

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