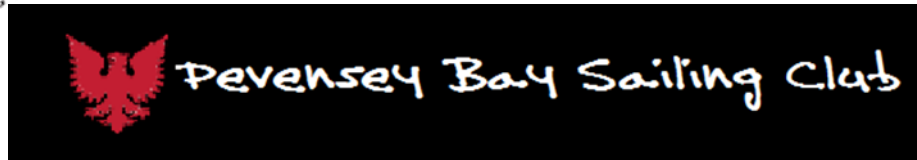




AQUILA

APRIL 2013



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*Have you seen our **new look website** yet? Please visit it, bookmark it and tell us what you think. More new information is being added to the site each day, so this will become our main area for sharing information with our members and selling our club to the outside world. A big thanks to Adrian Peckham and his small team for a great achievement.*

COMMODORE'S COMMUNIQUE

The season has started with a buzz, I have really enjoyed the enthusiasm and excitement around the club, great to see so many people so early.



I must start by saying a **huge thank you to Greg Cox and his team of helpers** for the considerable amount of work they have put in over the winter. Their articles cover what it is they have achieved but probably don't cover the amount of hours and effort in some quite severe weather conditions, that they put in. I have always been warned not to mention names as I could offend someone by missing them out, if I do I am really sorry, but I must mention the key faces that I have seen week after week after week. They are; Greg Cox, Chris Clarke, Ray Ridley, Gary Pearson, Roger McAll, Adrian Peckham, Dave Boniface, Keith Ashcroft, Chris and Charlie Tatnall, Roly Thorpe, Andy Baker, Neil Peters, Jay McNally, Phil Leyland and so many more of you, we have had up to 30 people there at a time.

Gary Kinch is now trying to **collate a collection of favourite sailing photos to frame and decorate the club room** with. Please share your ideas and pictures if you have not done so already. Paul Umney has now completed the bulk of the duties planning and Roger Humphries is kindly doing the job of adding these to **Dutyman**, therefore you will all be getting duties emailed to you soon, if you have not done so already. Please use Dutyman to confirm you can attend, but also if you cannot attend please use Dutyman, to swap, in the first instance and if you get stuck with that contact Paul Umney direct.

We have a new group on the social committee and it sounds like they have a **fun year planned** for us with different activities to before, please support these events where possible as they are all helping **our fund raising campaign**. Unfortunately I have recently reviewed bar prices and identified that some items we were selling at a loss, I have therefore increased prices accordingly, and will seek more friendly priced suppliers. Please check the price list, an example is Coke we were buying in at 64p and selling at 60p, therefore all canned drinks are now 70p.

Some people may be aware that after 4 years, we lost Helen and Gayle as our **caterers**, however after a

short recruitment process I am pleased to announce that we have offered the **new catering contract to Val and Tina** who have excitedly accepted. I will ask them to add a little something about themselves in next month's Aquila, they are friendly, adaptable and make a mean chocolate fudge cake!

Please remember that on **Sat 25 May we have our next taster day**, these are always successful in recruiting new members so please invite friends along that you feel may be interested, an invite is attached to this Aquila.

What a success some of our young members have had recently; **Olivier Greber won the RYA Youth Nationals in their Spitfire** and will now represent GB in the ISAF worlds.

<http://events.sailracer.org/eventsites/content.asp?id=23415&eventid=156411>

Nikki Boniface (Olympic development Squad 2016) came 21st, a promising start on the road to Rio.

<http://www.teamwhiteboniface.com/>

Will Street (Paralympic transitional Squad) came 10th overall after having to carry some bad results from a difficult first day. <http://www.willstreet.org>

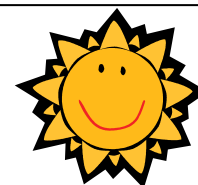
See you all at the club soon.

ELAINE FOWLER

COMMODORE

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VICE'S VERBALS



Well the season is upon us. A few brave souls have already ventured onto the icy water and fair play to them for doing so.

The club is looking very tidy and a big thank you to all those who have helped out this winter, mainly driven by our new "Rear of the Year", Greg Cox. We all owe him a pint or at least a cup of tea. Another unsung hero of the club is Ray Ridley, he does so much behind the scenes that few see but we all benefit from, he also deserves praise where praise is due. A few bits still to do but we can now enjoy our sailing season and the fine weather we are due! He says tongue in cheek.

The new rib has been delivered. Very smart! Take good care of her and she will take good care of us.

Thursday training will be upon us soon. I do hope to see you all there Remember it is free and if we follow the format of the fitting out supper of bring your own tucker and enjoy the company I think it will be a big success. Which reminds me I must get the training exercises written up!!!!

My last point to discuss, and on a serious note ... if I can? We are a club, many volunteers, we need to work together to achieve. That does mean supporting the events ... social, racing, open meetings, and most importantly each other ... if someone is struggling with something ... please offer a hand! Helping on the beach, in the dinghy park, rigging, repairs, motor boat, behind the bar, etc. ... doing so reinforces friendships and is fun! Having fun is what it is all about.

Hope to see you on the water soon ... or at least at the club ... please all have your fingers crossed for the better weather! That's me done

Your spicy vicey

GARY PEARSON

VICE-COMMODORE

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Thank you everyone for paying up! Well, there are still a few members with subs outstanding - I know who you are..... **Boat stickers (for those that have paid and registered craft), need to be affixed to your transoms as soon as possible please. There are named envelopes in a box at the top of the clubhouse stairs containing new stickers - if you can't find yours, please let me know.** The boat

park tidy is well underway and all those dinghies without current stickers may be moved from their prime positions to the less desirable areas. The number of dinghies declared on the 2013 renewal forms doesn't quite tally to the number of craft on the beach, so if you have any more craft to declare or know who unstickered craft belong to, I would much appreciate you letting me know!

We have three new members to welcome this month:

John Sepstrup who likes to windsurf
Michael Williams with a Mirror and a Topper
and Robert Butler-Biggs with a Hobie 16.

So if you spot a new face in the Club, please introduce yourself to them to make them feel at home There's no excuse not to start sailing this weekend as all my family went out on Sunday. It was a beautiful day, and if you weren't at the Club you really missed out. Fingers and toes were a little cold when we returned to shore but nothing that a good hot shower couldn't sort out.

Huge thanks must go to all those that have worked so hard, and gone well beyond the call of duty, to get the clubhouse and boat park ready for the season ahead working often in truly horrid conditions with snow and biting cold winds. Also huge thanks to Elaine for her catering expertise, keeping us fed and watered whilst we await new caterers – thank you all very much!

JUDY GRIFFITHS

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

01323 325389 (best between 6pm and 9pm)

SAILING SECRETARY'S SCRIPT

The Easter break has now been and gone and WELL what a change from last year. Last Easter we had 20c and not a lot of wind but 26 boats sailed on the Sunday for the **Easter Egg race**. This year we had 4c with a wind chill that made it feel more like -4c!! Even with these terrible figures we still had five boats out sailing, Paula & Tim Humphries in their New RS 200, Nick Humphries in his Laser 4.7 and Lewis Humphries in his Topper, with Greg Fowler and Karen Hilder joining the Humphries clan in their Laser Radials. It was bitterly cold but the series was sailed with Greg in first place followed by Karen second and Lewis third with Nick fourth and Tim and Paula bringing up the rear in fifth. They all received an Easter egg. Also we must not forget to thank David Bracey and Annie Ford for sitting in a freezing Safety boat and of course Pat for running the races.

After such a poor Easter it might be worth taking heart from the fact that last Easter was probably the best spell of good weather we had all year! It went downhill rapidly after that, so let's hope that the reverse is true this year and once the cold has gone we end up with a glorious summer with plenty of sailing.

The Boat park reorganisation is nearly complete now. There may still need to be a few moves just to accommodate some boats that have been away for the winter and new purchases. A big thank you to all who came down in the cold and snow to make this possible. Could I please remind Members to place their boat stickers on the transoms of their boats as soon as possible to help enable us to draw up a plan of where all the boats are, **and could I please ask that you also mark clearly any trailer you have with your name and boat number so that we can identify any abandoned equipment.**

Thursday evening sailing will start on the 25th April. It is for all abilities and it is free. The aim is to help improve your boat handling skills so that whatever discipline of sailing you choose, cruising or racing, you have more confidence to take part. The sessions will be fun with some theory before going afloat and a chat about it after over a drink. If you can make it please come along and join in.

I look forward to seeing you all on the water very soon.

Happy Sailing

CHRIS CLARKE

SAILING SECRETARY

BRINGING UP THE REAR

Well I thought that by scheduling the boat park reorganising in March we would expect some warmer weather. So considering we have had the coldest March for about fifty years I can only say a big thank you to the hardy souls that turned up. It was in the balance on Saturday 23rd as to whether we were going to continue, with the temperature hovering above zero and sleet being driven horizontal by a bitter easterly! Luckily the sleet stopped mid-morning and the thermometer rose a degree or two.

Overall we had a productive two weekends with in excess of 100 boat tie-downs put in place, a big tidy up around the green and beach, and repositioning of concrete sleepers in the car park. We also had a 20 ton load of road plainings laid on the first part of our road. I am sure you will agree that it all looks organised and tidy.

One of the aims was to organise the boats into classes, which to a large extent has been achieved and we hope that this will get sailors with same type to talk and encourage each other on to the water more often. There may be a need from time to time to move boats to maintain this. We did dispose of a lot of rubbish and in particular old bits of timber used for running boards which were looking particularly shabby. I know it can be difficult to pull the trolleys out of the beach **so I would like to see the use of some cheap paving slabs or similar to put under wheels.** These will not degrade as quick and will help to maintain the tidiness. There are some concrete blocks available for anyone who wishes to put some extra tie downs.

We are now in a position to allocate tie downs to each boat and record this on a chart; this should allow easy identification of each boat. We will check at the end of April that all boats have a valid boat sticker for the current year. The intention is that any boat not displaying a valid sticker will be moved to a holding area at the back of green. See also Chris' article for instructions on this and on the road/launching trolleys).

The new handrail for the balcony is now in place (well done Gary & co) with just the new chain link to fix and weatherproofing of the new decking in front of race office. After a delay with some technical issues, the new roller shutter doors to the boat house have been ordered and should be in place by end of month.

Once again thanks to all who have contributed during the closed season and let's hope we have some decent weather for sailing. I look forward to seeing you on the water.

GREG COX

REAR-COMMODORE

PBSC –SOCIAL SIDE

BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO &

KARAOKE NIGHT

FROM 6.30PM ON

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

See full page flyer at the back of this Aquila.....

SAILING SCHOOL

I was offered the chance to take our new RIB out last weekend (30th March). With a few other stalwart members, we did some ad hoc power boat training whilst also supporting the new RIB being run in. We took both Tornados to support each other as the new RIB requires 20 hours use before we can use it as a safety boat. To say it was cold was an understatement, but we did have a chance to blow away the cobwebs and get our 'eye' back into boat driving with some high speed handling, Man Overboard and Mark collecting. I always akin RIB driving to riding a motorcycle, great fun when it all goes right, but deadly when it all goes wrong. The difference is that you need a DVLA licence to drive a motorcycle, you don't for a power boat, and that's where it can go wrong without the right training.

You may just have time to book into the Power Boat Racing course advertised last month (see the repeat ad below). But if by the time you read this, the planned power boat course has finished, do register your interest. If we have enough people wishing to undertake this, we can look into fitting another course into the year. Although not planned yet, I do aim to try and fit a Safety Boat course in at some point into our hectic calendar.

We still have space on the **Tuesday evening RYA Dinghy Level1 & 2 course**, if you know anyone or have family thinking of undertaking sailing as a hobby, then please pass on our details. Refer them to our new website for info www.pbsc.eu

I have already had questions on using the club boats for this year, but basically if the sailing school is running, then the boats are free to use, but please ask the duty instructor for permission in case the boat you want to use is earmarked for training. On Sundays the club boats can be rented, details on the clubhouse noticeboards and ask a Committee member before using. For the cadets, if they sign up and participate in a Sunday race, then they can use the Toppers for free.

See you on the water
OUT

DAVE WATSON

SAILING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Email: dave.watson@pbsc.org.uk

Tel: 07896425785

Saturdays 13th & 20th April

Power Boat Level 2

£65 per person

This is the basic course required by Pevensy Bay Sailing Club to helm our safety boats; this is a nationally recognised qualification that can be helpful to those that wish to drive power boats outside of the club as well.

Interested? Contact Dave Watson: dave.watson@pbsc@org.uk

CADETS CORNER

Well I seem somehow to have taken on the job of cadet coordinator, not quite sure how that happened!

So firstly I need to remind you that **Cadets is set to start on Saturday 5th May 2013** weather permitting! We run three groups Dolphins, Seals and Sharks. Typically Dolphins are for youngsters aged 8- 13 who have some experience of sailing. Seals is aimed at under 8 years and novice sailors. **Dolphins runs from 10.00 to 11.00am and Seals 11.00am to 12.00pm. Sharks takes place in the afternoons (starting at 2pm)** and is aimed at older and more experienced youngster. This session will be run by instructors and race coaches and provides a variety of sailing experiences including race training and cruising.

I have looked back at the information on last year's Cadets and note that, despite the poor weather, in total we had in the region of 50 Cadets attend these sessions albeit not all at the same time. However it is worth noting that we have a limited number of boats and so **spaces for each session is based on a first come, first serve basis. I would suggest you arrive at the club 30 minutes before the session is due to start, this gives time to register for the session, be allocated a boat, rig the boat and get changed.**

Can I remind parents that we cannot run these session without your help. **We need parents to help rig and de-rig boats before and after sessions and get the boats up and down the beach.** This leaves the instructors free to organise the teaching session and get the rescue boats ready. **This year as cadets register for the session we will allocate them a number which relates to a boat, this will be the boat that the cadet will be allocated to sail that day and it will be the cadet and their parent or carer's responsibility to get it ready to sail and bring it up the beach and de-rig at the end of the session. (Of course there is always help available for any novice families).** Additionally it is worth sailing parents bringing their sailing kit with them as help on the water for launching and retrieving boats is often needed.

I heard on the radio today the weather for May and June is going to be sunny with above average temperatures, so my fingers are firmly crossed for a steady force 3 and look forward to seeing you all down the club.

JULIE WATSON
CADET CO-ORDINATOR

CLUB WATCH DUTIES ROSTER

APRIL – AUGUST 2013

The new Duties roster for April to August is sent as a separate document with this Aquila, together with the updated Watch lists. Please read carefully and diarise accordingly. Duties are also being sent out electronically on Dutyman (see Elaine's article). Please don't hesitate to contact me if anyone has any issue with their duty, questions or ideas.

pumney@yahoo.co.uk or 07508 277375

PAUL UMNEY
DUTIES MONITOR

PBSC – THE SOCIAL SIDE

BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO & KARAOKE NIGHT

FROM 6.30PM ON

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

THE COST WILL BE £6.00 AND WILL INCLUDE A SCHOOL DINNER

HEADMASTER MR PEARSON

WILL BE

DISHING OUT DETENTIONS AND

FINING THOSE NOT IN SCHOOL UNIFORM!

THE TUCK SHOP (AND BAR) WILL BE OPEN

SO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN WITH ALL THE FAMILY

