



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club



Commodore's Communiqué

Elaine Fowler

Dear All,

Yet another month been and gone! While we try to get as much as possible out of what is left of this season, behind the scenes next season's planning is well under way. You will see from Spicy Vicey's article we are really trying to change things about in the racing forum to make it more interesting, competitive and challenging, if you have any ideas to add to this please let us know. We want the club to work for you, therefore your views matter!



We have put the AGM bits into this Aquila as it is that time of year when next year's committee get 'tied in'. Can I remind you all that if you have an interest in being on a committee or just helping out a little bit more, please come forward. I have been trying to talk to members that have expressed an interest already, but please remember that if I have not spoken to you this does not mean you are not welcome, just that I did not know you are interested, so come talk to me, please.

I have not been around the club as much over the last month, mainly work commitments, so would like to thank everyone who has stepped in to keep things going. It is much appreciated. The more people who volunteer to do little jobs, the fewer burdens there are on any one person. There are a few people at the club doing 3 or 4 jobs, ideally I would like to change this. Please see separate list of jobs that need helpers.

Congratulations to all our cadets out on the National and International sailing scene They are all doing really well, especially this month, congratulations to Lewis Humphries who has now been selected for the National Topper Squad, this is the same path that Olivier Greber took before representing GB in the ISAF Worlds, good luck Lewis!

Locally I would like to thank Karen Hilder for initiating and organising the Cadet Race Series, this has been an inspirational move. The series has seen some of our more and less experienced cadets (and some parents in Toppers) getting out and competing against each other, week by week we have seen their confidence, skills and motivation increase, well done everyone for taking part. I look forward to presenting these trophies at the cadet/bonfire evening on 26th October.

I will soon be putting an order in for club logo T-shirts and Hoodies, if you are interested in getting one for yourself or others (Christmas present ideas) please let me know by the end of October. Hoodie prices start at £25 and are personalised, a wide variety of colours are available too.

I have recently spoken with the caterers and they will be finishing at the end of October, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work, patience and friendliness over the season; they have been a breath of fresh air! However this does mean that I will be advertising for new caterers for next season, so if you have any friends, neighbours, relatives out there that may be interested please let them know. They can contact me on the email commodore@pbsc.eu

I know that there will be an advert later but please do not forget the Laying Up Supper, this is always such a good evening, good food, wine (lots), friends, prize giving and live music. Tickets this year are £30 (inflation) but this is so worth it, please buy your tickets from any committee member at the club as soon as possible, numbers are limited!

See you all at the club.

Elaine

Sailing School Rambles

Dave Watson

I have been unable to be at the club very much this past month due to injury and then family commitments and work, so not sure quite where we have got to training wise, but I know that Roger, Stuart, Dave B and Karen have been holding the fort, so a big thank you to them. I do want to make reference to Lewis Humphries, Nikki Boniface, Will Street and Olivier Greber as the key current PBSC ex Cadet Students. Nikki and the guys have



done tremendously well this year in their respective classes, they have all come through the PBSC Cadets over the years and are now competing at regional, national and international levels. This just shows that 'From little Acorns mighty Oak trees grow'. Cadets; take inspiration from this and 'go for it', the world is yours to attain. I say that they are ex cadets purely as they have grown beyond PBSC cadet level, so well done. I will add that their parents are also putting in a lot of valuable time to support them in their achievements, so it's not just PBSC that assisted them. PBSC does annually award cadets a monetary grant to assist in the pursuit of their sailing, and if you want to know more about this then come and talk to any of the Executive Committee.

Cadets finish on 26th October, with Cadet Presentation in the evening, details elsewhere in Aquila and on our website.

Dinghy training has also taken a back seat, mainly as we didn't have the numbers to warrant a course, but we will run Dinghy 1 & 2 next year. However I know that many of you wish to undertake our Power Boat course and we will run this probably in April 2014. We have run these in the winter before, but they are so weather dependant and also this means that the new helms then cannot practice what they have learnt until the New Year, so watch Aquila, noticeboards and Facebook. This leads me to Facebook, personally I am sceptical of social media and it's worth, I only joined Facebook because we had a PBSC page, and I have to say that there are some very good discussions occurring, consequently I suggest anyone should consider joining if not already, as we shall use this to promote our training as well as dynamic feedback from our members.

To finish, I want to remind ALL safety boat helms..... don't forget **Wear the Kill Cord.** If you have any queries with this then please come and talk to me or email me.

'OUT'

Dave Watson, PBSC Principal

Halloween Party and Cadet night

Saturday 26th October 2013

Enjoy a fright night, beach bonfire, food and music and congratulate the cadets as they are awarded this season's trophies



7pm – cadet prize giving
8pm – fancy dress competition, food, music, bonfire



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB LTD

Company No. 3034869

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club Limited will be held on Sunday 8th December 2013 at 1400 hrs in the Clubhouse.

All matters for the Agenda of the General Meeting should be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting. The agenda will then be posted on the Club notice boards prior to the meeting.

The minutes of the last AGM on 9th December 2012 will also be posted on the Club notice boards prior to the meeting and copies will be available at the AGM.

Nomination papers for Club Officers and other Executive Committee members shall be signed by the Proposer, Seconder and the Nominee and shall be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary at least 21 clear days before the AGM.

All members who accept nomination to the Executive Committee must agree to hold a directorship of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club Limited for the duration of their period of office. This is a necessary formality as the Executive Committee is effectively the Board of Directors.

By order of the Hon. Secretary, Adrian Peckham

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM (AGM 2013)

Nominee, Proposer and Seconder must have been full members of the Club for at least one year.

We wish to nominate (Print)

For the office of (Print)

Proposed by (Print)(Sign)
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Seconded by (Print)(Sign)
.....

I accept the above nomination and agree to become a director of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club Ltd. should I be elected.

(Sign)

further nomination forms are available at the bar

PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB

Annual General Meeting

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DRAFT AGENDA

1	Opening address by the President	Peter White
2	Apologies	Adrian Peckham
3	Minutes of previous AGM	Adrian Peckham
4	Commodore's Review 2013	Elaine Fowler
5	Treasurer's Report	Tony Richards
6	Sailing Committee Report	Chris Clarke
7	House Report	Greg Cox
8	Membership Secretary's Report	Judy Griffiths
	Questions regarding committee reports	Elaine Fowler
9	Election of Officers, Executive and Bar Committee Members	Adrian Peckham
10	Any other business	Adrian Peckham

After the close of the formal business and a ten minute break there will be an informal open forum.

Membership Secretary's Notes

Judy Griffiths

We've all enjoyed the weather over the last few weeks, but feel the colder stuff may be upon us now - is it time to pack away the shortie? It's been good to see so many old and new faces on the water over the recent weeks.

Please remember that on your membership application you signed to say that your "registered craft is fully insured at all times at PBSC for third party cover with a minimum liability of £2,000,000." Whilst this is something that we don't monitor please be aware that you do need to have a policy in place as accidents can and unfortunately do happen.



The red tags on unregistered/unpaid-for boats continue to be monitored. If you know who these craft belong to please let me know as the intention is to remove them from their berths over the coming weeks.

A warm welcome to our new members this month:
Stephen and Sarah Barrett who have joined as associate members with children Fleur and Louis
Phillip and Denny Harwin as sailing members
And sailing family Ian and Mima Tullett with son Max

Please make them feel welcome if you see these new faces about the club.

Judy.

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

Laying Up Supper & Prizegiving

Saturday 30th November

7pm for 7.30pm

Until midnight

At Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

Top floor

£30 per person

3 course dinner and dancing to Bedraggled

Starter choice:

Homemade Rustic Paté or Feta Cheese with Cherry tomato Salad

Main choice:

Supreme of Chicken or Stilton and Leek Tart

Sweet Course choice:

Classic Lemon Tart or Seasonal Fruit Salad

Tickets are now available at the clubhouse

Please see Terri or Karen

Firstly, I apologise for no Spicy offerings in the last Aquila ... work madness prevented it! ...so consider yourselves lucky.

Requests from the shop floor have been noted on ways to improve what we do on the water and I would like to take the opportunity within this Aquila to throw some thoughts out there for comment from you guys, the marvellous membership. So please do nab me at the club and pass on your thoughts, I'm a big boy now (no comments please) so I can take criticism as well as praise, not that I get much of the latter. (*Surely some mistake. Ed.*)



- 1) **The Courses**; Course setting and laying is a skill, and good course laying does take experience and practice. We are all volunteers, with a wide variety of experience, so we plan to do a few things to help OODs and motor boat crews with less experience and confidence. We aim to make some course setting aids with angle finders to assist in laying marks by using a compass instead of guess work. We'll also have a set of courses drawn out such as windward/leeward, 60 degree triangular, P course, M course, box or trapezoid course, etc. Do not worry if you have not heard of these they will be drawn out for you, with angles, and the idea is to put them on a compass bezel so that it will work out the angles for you.
- 2) **Courses away from the influence of the shore**; let's try to get in the habit of setting courses further away from the shore so that we do not end up with one sided beats, centreboards and rudders touching the bottom and sailing in the wind shadow of the harbour flats.
- 3) **OOD & Course Setting Buddies**; With such a wide variety of experience at the club, we are going to suggest that we adopt a buddy system to assist the OODs of less experience to choose the best course for the morning's racing and to guide and assist these OODs to gain the knowledge and confidence required. **This will require volunteers!** We need some experienced Buddies who are prepared to get to the club earlier than they would do normally to give the advice and guidance; likewise we will need to know who would like a buddy to assist them!?!? So let me know and I will organise.
- 4) **Change the Light Back to Halogens**; this will be done over the winter... enough said!
- 5) **Starts on the Water**; We all know that we should start on a beat, but with a fixed club position and a varying wind direction, this is not always possible. A start line out on the water, as we have when we are training is often more appropriate. Our aim is to set up the RIBs with three lights, coupled with an audible system which will duplicate the club's computer starting sequence. This way we can mirror the on-shore start sequence on the RIB. Finish in the normal manner between the club starter box and a mark off the club ... as we do now. This should improve the starts and the length and direction of the first beat. We hope to work on this over the winter ready for next season ... it will also be of benefit for the race training, holding up 3 flags at the moment! No more aching arms!
- 6) **Afternoon Racing**; numbers in the afternoon races do decrease from those in the morning. I would like to suggest that we drop 1 of the afternoon races and concentrate on one decent 60 minute race in the afternoon. This will allow us to have an unrushed lunch, fatigue from the morning should be less of an issue and hopefully the majority of the sailors from the morning could manage at least one race when before two might have been too daunting! Most of our afternoon races tend to be for trophies with 14 races plus, if this was halved I do not feel it would affect the overall results from those competing. I am also going to suggest that we make these races a series on a particular type of course, e.g. a straight windward leeward. "Oh no!", I hear you all cry, "that will not be fair on the asymmetric boats" I know! ... so let's run the race and have an overall for asymmetric and symmetrical boats; and two trophies but one start! It will be the course the majority of the asymmetric boats sail at an open event! Here's another suggestion, perhaps an M shaped course for another series. Let's mix it up a little and have some fun and try to encourage more to stay on the water in the afternoons.

Right, that's off my chest ... **Thursday evenings!** A great success by getting people on the water and developing their skills ... but ... in my opinion it did not achieve what the club was asking for ... and that was "bridging the gap between the sailing school and Sunday racing". Now, I am not proposing that we drop Thursdays .. far from it! I think it was very well supported and very enjoyable. So I propose that we do the same next season and try to bring to all the sailors that attend some form of development of their skills. Use the opportunity for those who need perhaps more powerboat practice, or some OOD and course setting training. And mixing up experienced helms crewing for less experienced helms, as well as the usual sail training exercises. Culminating in, say, a novice race series towards the end of the summer with on the water tips and coaching ... a prize at the end awarded at the laying up supper, perhaps? In short improve on what we did this year.

That's it ... I'm done ... please pass on your thoughts on the above ...so we can satisfy your needs (steady girls!!!!!!)

Spicy Vicey.

Situations Vacant

Club Clothing - someone to take orders and get stock, suppliers etc. already set up.

Trophies - once a year to get trophies back in, send for engraving and return for laying up supper.

Social Secretary - on executive committee, meet once a month, arrange occasional fun events at club with support of others.

Cadet coordinator- communicate with parents and cadets about what's going on, build a sense of team.

Applications to the Commodore, please, at commodore@pbbc.eu or at the club.

Sailing Sec's Ramblings

Chris Clarke

On Sunday the Cock o' The Bay pursuit race was sailed in less than ideal conditions with 20knt gusts forecast and the rain pouring down. After much discussion 7 brave, or mad, boats (depending on your outlook) took to the water, with Richard Sears starting first in a Topper which he sailed well until



the two lasers set off

technical issues forced an early retirement. Some 15 minutes later the Lasers of Greg Fowler and Tim



Humphries started to hunt him down with Paul and Jude Griffiths close behind, followed by Mark and Ted Doughty in their Rs200, Adrian in his Blaze and Matt and Olivier in the 400. After Tim stopped to inspect the bottom of his boat at the gybe mark Greg maintained a good lead all the way to the finish. Adrian also made good progress towards catching the Twelve until in the last few minutes he also tried out Tim's boat checking technique with much the same results. The final results were: 1st Greg Fowler (Laser Radial), 2nd Tim Humphries (Laser Radial), 3rd Paul & Jude Griffiths (National 12, 4th Matt Fowler and Olivier Greber (RS 400), 5th Adrian Peckham (Blaze), 6th Mark & Ted Doughty-Keen (Rs200), DNF Richard Sears (Topper).

Don't forget there is the cooling down trophy on the 27th of October; the last trophy race of the year. And then the Brass Monkey series starts on Sunday the 3rd of November. 2 races each Sunday morning until Christmas. It is coming to end of the sailing season now, although there are still a few opportunities to get out on the water before the Brass Monkey series starts. If you are not going to sail in the Brass Monkey series this year, now is probably a good time to think about taking down your masts and preparing your boats for their winter hibernation to avoid any damage during the winter storms. If you are one of the hardy ones intending to sail the Brass Monkey or any other winter series, or a cadet about to start the winter training, I wish you good luck and fair weather.

Finally could I please remind anyone with club trophies to return them as soon as possible so that they can be engraved for the Laying Up Supper, (30th of November, tickets only £30, Ed.) and any cadets that would like to apply for the club youth award (funding to help pay for entry fees to Nationals/Europeans, Worlds or opens) need to submit their applications along with race reports for the Aquila now. (If you need help or an explanation of how the scheme works please contact me or one of the Committee for help. Thank you.

Happy sailing,

Chris

Cadets and Odd-Bods

Hi, Charlotte Griffiths here, I thought I'd like to say how much I have enjoyed the afternoon cadet and odd-bod Topper racing on Saturdays.



It's been really good fun mixing it up with all the Sharks and Dolphins and a few odd grown ups. Plus even my little brother had a go. If there are any cadets or adults that haven't tried it yet. Then you should. It's loads of fun without any pressure. And if you get the start wrong or mess something up it doesn't matter because the races are short and there are lots of them. We have been really lucky with the wind so far only losing one afternoon because of big waves.

Thank you to all those people who helped run the races .

See you on the water,

Charlotte.

(Charlotte modestly refrains from mentioning that she is currently lying 2nd in this series. Ed.)

And the Club Secretary Adds:

AGM Sunday 8th December 14.00 Clubhouse

You will have seen, above, the official AGM notification and draft agenda. Draft minutes of the last AGM will be posted shortly in the clubhouse and the members section of the website. Please let me have any items proposed for discussion 21 days before the meeting adrian.peckhamPBSC@gmail.com. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend, vote in the new committee and raise issues for debate and discussion looking forward into 2014.



Webcam

A number of you will have seen that we have been trialling our beach webcam this season. It had been paid for by specific donations and additionally we are very grateful to Steve Jobling who has spent considerable time and effort on the iterative installation process. With a bit more technical tinkering we hope to get the weather station data linked in the not too distant future. To access, see our Website 'Weather' dropdown menu and select webcam or follow this link <http://www.pbsc.eu/weather-station/webcam-2/>

Adrian Peckham

Bring up the Rear.

Greg Cox

Nearly an end to another season, where did that go? This brings nearer our close season and the time when some work will need doing around club. This year will see a considerable restraint on what the club will be able to do due to the heavy expenditure during this season. So with this in mind anything that will require a large capital sum will be shelved until the bank balance has recovered. I will be looking for jobs that can be done by the club members without involving outside trades. If you have any thoughts on this let me know and we will see what can be accommodated.

As you know the boat park was reorganised at the beginning of year and part of this process was to indentify all the boats and make sure that they had current stickers confirming that the boat park fee had been paid. Unfortunately there were quite a few without, so red warning tags were attached to these boats on the 12th August. The committee decided to give the owners three months to resolve the matter. There are still boats with red tags, so if by the **12th November** they have not got current boat park stickers on they will be moved to the back of the park. There they will await disposal in a manner that the committee sees fit, **according to club rules**, to recoup lost fees.

So you still have time. The majority of members always pay on time so I think it is very unfair on the few who flaunt the rules when the club needs all the funds it can get during these difficult times.

There, I've had my rant. So let's enjoy what's left of the season and appreciate what a great club we have!

Greg Cox
