



# Devensey Bay Sailing Club



## Aquila February 2014

### **Commodore's Communiqué: Elaine Fowler**

Dear All,

Sorry it's taken a while to get this edition of Aquila out to you, after such a busy season last year, the new committee has been head down planning for an even better 2014. Welcome to new committee members Becci Street, Andy Baker and Neil Peters and good luck to those existing committee members who have taken on new roles – Gary Pearson, Mark Doughty-Keen, Karen Hilder and Adrian Peckham. The full committee is listed below and naturally I'm very grateful for their support and commitment to the forthcoming year.



As you'll see from the articles below, we've a great season planned with something for everyone. This includes start to sail and start to race training on Tuesday/ Thursday evenings and Saturdays and a full season of Sunday racing. They'll be a good selection of Saturday night socials throughout plus hopefully some delightful impromptu hot summer evening BBQ's on the terrace.

We're intending to have our first social at the end of February, with a talk from a well known sailor. This is not fully confirmed yet but we'll advertise via the usual electronic channels when it is.

We'll kick off our sailing season with the Laser Qualifier's open meeting at the club on the 15/16<sup>th</sup> March. We expect 120 - 150 Lasers on the water and this will take some organising. Plans are well progressed but we'd appreciate as much help from our members as possible on either or both days. This event will raise useful funds for the club early in the year allowing us to invest in equipment training and events for members during the season.

Club sailing will commence on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March with the Warm Up Races followed by powerboat training the following Saturday. Cadets will commence on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. The calendar is close to being finalised so keep an

eye out on the calendar page of the website ([www.pbsc.eu/calendar/](http://www.pbsc.eu/calendar/)).

In the meantime we'll be busy preparing the clubhouse and equipment for the year ahead and there will be activity most Saturdays and some Sundays. Please join us even if is for a few hours - work parties will be advertised on the club website and facebook.

See you all soon at the club.

Elaine [commodore@pbsc.eu](mailto:commodore@pbsc.eu)

<b>2014 Executive Committee members</b>	
Commodore: Elaine Fowler	Vice Commodore (Sailing Committee Chair) : Mark Doughty –Keen
Rear Commodore (House): Greg Cox	Sailing School Principal: Gary Pearson
Treasurer: Tony Richards	Club Secretary: Karen Hilder
Membership Secretary: Judy Griffiths	Social secretary: Becci Street
Sailing Secretary (sailing calendar co-ordination): Adrian Peckham	Committee member (H & S): Matt Key
Committee member: Chris Clarke	Committee member: Andy Baker
Committee member: Neil Peters	

### **The Prince's Presentation Gary Pearson: Sailing School Principal**

Hi all, trust you all had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year? Well here is wishing you all a very good sailing year for 2014.

A new role for me this year as Principal, I have no idea what I am doing! ... (not for the first time I hear you all shout!!!) ... so finding my feet. Our aim as a RYA Championship Club is to provide you guys and gals the best opportunities to develop your sailing, windsurfing and powerboat skills. How do we do that? Well that's a good question! We have a very hard working and dedicated sailing school who are able to provide you with the help and support to hone your skills and pick up a certificate along the way to prove your ability.



We as previous years will run our Saturday morning Cadets, Tuesday evening Dinghy Levels 1 & 2, Thursday evenings sailing to improve your skill & knowledge, introduction to racing, potentially a windsurfing clinic for beginners (and that's not the sort of clinic you get to dress up as a nurse! .... hang on .... That's not such a bad idea! .... breath in & relax!). We will be finalising dates for Powerboat training, potentially Levels 3 & 4 Dinghy on Thursday nights, potentially Levels 1 & 2 on Saturday p.m. for those who are unable to make the Tuesday evenings. So what do I need from you guys? I need to know who wants / needs to do what? Simple so I can organise the course and training. Could you please make contact and advise me what you would like to do, with a means of contacting you back.

Now to ease this communication flow ... this dinosaur ... (again no derogatory comments please) will be getting himself on Facebook and Twitter as a means of speeding up this communication flow so watch out and like me ... I don't have many friends!!!!

We will be running 2 taster days this year as normal which have always been very successful, the first will be in line with the "RYA's push the boat out" which they are promoting nationally, so your support as always at these events is always welcome. Looking forward to this season, fingers crossed for good weather and it will be great to see you on the beach real soon! ....

The Prince [sailingschoolprincipal@pbsc.eu](mailto:sailingschoolprincipal@pbsc.eu)

## Andy Baker: Committee member

Hi I'm Andy and have just become a committee member. I came to sailing quite late despite having lived by the sea all of my life. I joined PBSC seven or eight years ago and learned to sail through the sailing school on Tuesday and Thursday nights along with free sailing on Saturdays. I bought my first boat 4 years ago and began racing badly on Sundays soon after. I upgraded to a laser last August and am in a steep learning curve at the moment! What has always struck me about PBSC is the friendly nature and the fact that there's always someone around to offer help and advice on any aspect of sailing. That, coupled with a good social atmosphere off the water has always made for an enjoyable time at the club



Andy

## Sailing Sec's Ramblings Adrian Peckham

2014 planning is progressing apace and we've made good progress in putting together our draft sailing calendar. This will include two major open meetings for the Lasers and National 12's in March and August respectively. We'll have our usual selection of Sunday series and trophy races with a three race pursuit series interspersed over the summer. We'll have a couple of Taster days, one in May (linking with the RYA's national 'Push the Boat our Campaign') and again in August to encourage those unfamiliar to the joys of sailing or our club. We'll aim to have a few more Saturday cruises to Eastbourne or Cooden when the weather gets better. The annual Chichester Sailing camp is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> July to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August and Sea Week for the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, the same week as Airborne. In September we will run our annual Martello distance race jointly with our friends at Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing club followed by a joint social at our clubhouse in the evening. Later in the month we're aiming to participate in the Guinness World Record attempt to partake in the largest dinghy race ever. This has become known as Bart's Bash in memory of Andrew Simpson who tragically died whilst preparing for the America's Cup last year. [www.bartsbash.co.uk](http://www.bartsbash.co.uk).



The Laser Qualifiers open is worth expanding upon as we're expecting between 120-150 dinghies to descend on our club on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. We'll need please volunteers to help with beach parties, bar, kitchen, safety boat crew and general organisation. Given these are the top laser sailors in the country, the spectating should be pretty good too. We'll be at the club a couple of weekends before making sure we have our buoys in a row so, do feel free to drop by and lend a hand - there's always something to do. Please either sign up for the event on the whiteboard in the clubhouse or via our events page on facebook [www.facebook.com/groups/112234718991](http://www.facebook.com/groups/112234718991)

A number of club members will be making a trip to the dinghy show at Alexandra Palace, which takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March : [www.rya.org.uk/programmes/dinghyshow/](http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/dinghyshow/). This is generally the best show of the year for dinghy sailors where you can see and compare all the different classes under one roof. There is plenty of equipment at good prices and once I know which day is likely to be most popular, I'll let people know on fb as we'll no doubt meet up at the main bar at lunchtime to swap notes on the best bargains to be had.

In the meantime, whilst you are waiting for the sailing season to start up you might want to follow the Extreme 40 catamarans sailing 8 stadium venues this year. Ben Ainslie and New Zealand's Dean Baker (America's Cup losing skipper) have entered teams. Very watchable on you tube on a wet dark evening:- [www.extremesailingseries.com](http://www.extremesailingseries.com)

Finally, we could do with one catamaran and one windsurfer representative on the Sailing Committee to cover their class of activity. It meets once a month in the first half of the year and every other month after that. Timings are usually 9-11am on a Saturday morning. Its remit is to cover all matters sailing - calendar, racing, duty planning etc. So if you have a couple of years experience as a cat/windsurfer and you'd like to represent your specialism, please drop me an email. See you on the water.

Adrian [sailingsecretary@pbbc.eu](mailto:sailingsecretary@pbbc.eu)

## Sunday Racing Survey

The Sailing Committee are considering options for this year's Sunday racing to make it as attractive as possible for the majority of racers. In particular we're keen to find a way to achieve a prompt start, then lunch allowing time for afternoon racing but ensuring the racing finished before the whole afternoon is used up. We would very much appreciate your opinion if you are either a regular Sunday racer or wish to become one.

Please click on the link below to respond the one minute survey (under the Sailing drop down menu):

[www.pbsc.eu/sailing-2/sunday-sailing-survey-3-2/](http://www.pbsc.eu/sailing-2/sunday-sailing-survey-3-2/)

Note to access the survey you need to be registered with our website. To register, enter your email address into the log in section and click lost password and this will provoke a response from the webmaster. If this fails please email the general enquiries section on the 'contact us' page of the website or email [sailingsecretary@pbsc.eu](mailto:sailingsecretary@pbsc.eu) with your views.

Thank you

**Sailing Committee**

## Social Secretary: Becci Street

I am delighted to be the new social secretary for 2014 and here are just a few things about myself you may not know. I've been a member of PBSC for 24 years (my whole life), my mum and dad meet at the club 44 years ago so sailing is a big part of my life. This includes having a dad who has been a Merlin Rocket National champion twice and represented his country on many occasions, narrowly missing out on the 1984 Olympic selection in a Star. I also have a brother Will who is in the Great Britain Paralympic Sailing team.



My aim for this year is to bring back some of the old socials I remember from my younger days and enjoyed so much but I also want bring new ideas to the social calendar.

I hope you will all be down at the club this year to make this a year of the socials! I'm always happy for people to come forwards with ideas and help, if you don't know who I am you, will always find me propping up the bar... or should I say the bar propping me up!

**Becci**

## Membership Secretary's Notes: Judy Griffiths

Just a short but important note to say that now is renewal time for membership subscriptions and you'll find the renewal application at the end of Aquila.

Needless to say this is the time of the year when the club has no income but we still have to pay the bills, so we'd appreciate renewal applications in as quickly as possible.

**Judy** [membership@pbsc.eu](mailto:membership@pbsc.eu)



## Occasional article, A painful lesson learned: Philip Leyland

It was Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013. My intention was just to sneak in a last solo sail before the end of the season. There had been lots of storms, rain and awful weather but there looked like a small favourable window that afternoon. The wind had dropped considerably but there was enough wind to sail forecasted.



I managed to get the Laser rigged and down to the water's edge, it wasn't too far to do drag, as it was high tide. Looking at the shore break it was a pretty daunting sight. This is the moment when you are faced with the decision to de-rig, put the boat away and go home or try and punch through the waves.

To my cost I chose the waves. I was timing them coming in, waiting for the last big one then the smaller calmer ones before pushing off. I was too focused on the waves to have noticed the off shore wind dropped a few more knots. The boat simply stalled with no wind in her sails. The next thing an almighty wave arose from the sea and the Laser was flipped on her side with me sandwiched between her and the beach. Luckily I was not knocked unconscious, but was left with a very painful right shoulder and totally limp arm – my right cheek had been slammed and was bleeding.

Adrenalin must have kicked in and with my good arm I managed to rescue the Laser from getting completely smashed against the beach groins by dragging her up the beach. I somehow managed to drive home with my left arm only. My wife helped me out of my wetsuit before heading to the DGH in a taxi. My right shoulder was confirmed as being dislocated and was put back into its joint. It was painful and I'm still having on-going physiotherapy.

I have learned a costly lesson from my lucky escape: "When thinking of solo sailing, if in any doubt whatsoever, stay dry and safe on terra firma."

**Philip**

## Bringing up the rear Greg Cox: Rear Commodore

All the boats below have been identified as not having a current boat park sticker, if you own one of these or if you know who does please can you let me or Judy Griffiths know as soon as possible. There are more pictures on the club website or on facebook. We will shortly be disposing of some of the known abandoned boats very soon either by sale or destruction and these below will be joining them.



These pictures are also posted in the clubhouse with a formal notification in the local press. **Do be aware that these are not all the boats that have been identified as failing to display a current sticker. So if you're not sure that your boat has a current (2013) sticker, please check.**

A new registration system will come into place for craft stored in Boat Park; a permanent non degradable sticker with a serial number will be issued on payment of fees. **These must be affixed to craft** and will be accompanied by a coloured year sticker; this will assist in subsequent identification of craft. Any boats not showing a registration sticker with a current year sticker by the end of April will **risk being removed from their berth and placed at back of park awaiting disposal.**

As from next season it will be a requirement to identify your road base trailer in a permanent way (a tag will not be acceptable as these can come off or be removed ). We have accumulated a number of rusting un-roadworthy trailers which apart from being unsightly are taking up a huge amount of room. **So if you don't want your trailer ending up down the scrap metal dealer please get it marked up soon!**

Also there are several trailers that have been padlocked to the fence on the right of car park. These will need to be removed as the club needs all available space for Laser open on the 15/16<sup>th</sup> March. **So if you want to keep your chain or cable in one piece please move them next to other trailers by the 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

We are now ready for work parties to do a few jobs around the clubhouse. As you are aware the club finances need replenishing so there will be no major works this year. There is still a need to do a bit of maintenance and your help will be appreciated. If I am not around please ask Ray Ridley who will show you what needs doing.

The club is also in the process of putting the cleaning contract out to tender for the new season, so if you know of any professional, reliable contractors let me know as soon as possible.

Not long now to the new season, the days are getting longer, can't wait!

**Greg**

**Abandoned dinghies:**

<p>Blue Laser 13429?</p>		<p>Blue Topaz</p>	
<p>Green Enterprise 14772</p>		<p>Graduate 2215</p>	
<p>Hobie 16 Serial no 229</p>		<p>Blue/White 'Enterprise Comedy of Errors'</p>	
<p>Topper 23628</p>		<p>Topper Topaz 3720 and canoe</p>	
<p>White dinghy 'The white lady'</p>		<p>Blue Cat H14</p>	

<p>Brown Laser 81098 (Thought to be club boat)</p>		<p>H 14 cat</p>	
<p>H 14 cat 'Penniless'</p>		<p>H16 cat</p>	
<p>Laser 'Fugazi'</p>		<p>Green Miracle</p>	
<p>Pink dinghy 'Pink Pirate'</p>		<p>Blue Sunfish</p>	
<p>White dinghy 'Renegade'</p>		<p>Blue Mirror</p>	



## Membership renewal form 2014

PERSONAL DETAILS (please list all people included on the membership)			
	Surname	Forename	DOB cadets only
<b>Applicant</b>			
<b>Spouse/Partner</b>			
<b>Cadet/s</b> (Child offspring)	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Post Code</b>			
<b>Home Phone</b>		<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>Email</b>			

Please ensure that you update your personal details with the membership secretary if they change, this is so that you can continue to receive up to date information from the club about your membership.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS					
<b>FULL MEMBERSHIP (access to all facilities and voting rights)</b>					
Sailing and Windsurfing	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE EACH	AMOUNT DUE
	Family	2 Adults and up to 5 offspring (cadet age)		£215	£
	Couple	Cohabiting/married couple		£183	£
	Single Adult	Over 18 (on 01-04-2014)		£117	£
	Student	Over 18 (on 01-04-2014) in full time education		£67	£
	Cadet	17 and under (on 01-04-2014) *		£32	£
<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (Social activities and no voting rights)</b>					
Social only	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE EACH	AMOUNT DUE
	Couple	Cohabiting/married couple		£103	£
	Single Adult	Over 18 (on 01-04-2014)		£78	£
<b>OTHER FEES</b>					
Please register equip't (see over)	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE EACH	AMOUNT DUE
	Dinghy park	This fee must be paid per boat stored at club		£43	£
	Cadet boat park	One free space available per cadet		<b>FREE</b>	£
	Board rack	Per <b>rack</b> in members container		£43	£
	Sail rack	Per suit of <b>sails</b> in members container		£21	£
	Cadet sail rack	One free space for Topper/Laser sail per cadet		<b>FREE</b>	£
	Trailer	If stored at club **		<b>FREE</b>	£0.00
*For cadet memberships at least one parent or guardian must be a member (associate or sailing)					
**Combi-trailers stored under boats in allocated boat park spaces are exempt from a fee					
				<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>£</b>
				<b>Car park</b>	<b>FREE</b>
				<b>Camping</b>	<b>FREE</b>
				<b>Cadet training</b>	<b>FREE</b>

**CRAFT REGISTRATION (If more space needed please include details on a separate sheet)**

DINGHY/WINDSURFER (class/make & model)	CRAFT NAME	SAIL NUMBER	PLOT/RACK NUMBER (if currently held)

<p>If you are hiring a rack in the container, please include board and sail details above and list any accessories in the space to the right.</p>	
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**DUTY REGISTRATION (this is a requirement of membership)**

DUTY DESCRIPTION	NAME OF VOLUNTEER (must be over 16 years old)	CONFIDENCE SCALE (0=None to 5=Very)	COMPETENCE (qualified/experienced/none yet)
Safety boat helm			
Safety Boat Crew			
Officer of the day			
Time Keeper			
Bar			

## DECLARATION

There are a number of policies relevant to being a member at Pevensey Bay Sailing club these are detailed on the sheet attached and include:

- Insurance
- Photography
- Child Supervision
- Equipment storage
- Duties
- Club rules and regulations

Please send this form to Judy Griffiths, PBSC Membership Secretary, Craiglyn, Rattle Road, Stone Cross, East Sussex BN24 5DX

or alternatively email to : [membership@pbsc.eu](mailto:membership@pbsc.eu) and remit your subscription electronically , stating your name in the reference section to :

HSBC  
Sort Code 40 20 05  
Account number 81134515  
Ac name Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

**By signing below you are acknowledging that you have had a copy of these policies, that you have read and that you agree to abide by them. Please find my cheque enclosed for £.... /I have paid direct into the PBSC bank account on the .../.../2014.**

Signed.....Date.....

Signed.....Date.....



Pevensy Bay Sailing Club

## **Conditions of Membership 2014**

### **INSURANCE**

All registered boats and windsurfers must, whilst at Pevensy Bay Sailing Club (here after mentioned as the Club), be fully insured for third party cover with a minimum liability of £2,000,000.

The Club has full Public Liability Insurance with a minimum liability of £3,000,000

### **MEMBERS BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

Any personal equipment stored in the Club boat park or member's container is stored entirely at the owner's risk, the Club cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

By storing your equipment at the Club you are agreeing to the Club procedure for identifying boats and allocation of spaces, this is currently a labelling system. This also includes the right of the Club to move or sell abandoned boats or trailers.

The Club has installed active video cameras and has code protected entry gate.

### **CLUB BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

Using any equipment belonging to the Club is done so entirely at your own risk.

The Club makes regular Health and Safety checks and provides members with a process to report any concerns.

### **CHILDREN/CADETS**

Each child registered as a member of the Club must be done so with their parents' consent. In accordance with club regulations, you agree to provide an approved buoyancy aid for each child intent on sailing activities. You agree to be responsible for your registered child's good conduct whilst on Club Premises and/or taking part in Club activities. You also agree not to hold the Club liable for any accident or other difficulty in which any such child may become involved.

The club has a nominated Child welfare Officer and Child Protection Policy.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

During the sailing season it is likely that cadets and adults will be photographed or videoed during training regattas and social events, including by third parties or press. It is club policy that unless indicated otherwise on your membership form these photos will be used as the club sees fit, which may include, photos on the club wall, publicity documents, website or facebook.

## **DUTIES**

The Club is a non-profit making organisation run by its members for its members. Therefore for the efficient running of the club it is essential that all members do their duties. On the membership form there is a space for you to indicate how confident or competent you are for some specific tasks, all inexperienced members will be given support to enable them to do their duty in whatever form that may take. Duties are usually advertised in March for the whole season ahead. If members cannot attend a programmed duty it is their responsibility to find a replacement. Usually members are planned for an average of 3 duties per year, but can volunteer to do more should they wish to do so.

The Club uses the online Dutyman system to help plan and swap duties where needed accessible via the club website.

## **CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS**

This application is made on the basis of the Club Regulations and Sailing Instructions both of which are available on the Club website. Other than the club safety boats, only sailing dinghies and windsurfers may be stored and launched from club premises.

## **INFORMATION**

By signing the membership declaration you agree to the Club holding your personal information on computer. This information is held purely for club reference and will not be divulged to any third parties.

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club is registered with the Data Protection Registrar  
(Reg No X3513768)

### Useful Information

Club address : **Pevensey bay Sailing Club, Old Martello Road, Pevensey Bay, East  
Sussex. BN24 6DX**

Club telephone no. : **01323 761002 (weekends only)**

Club website : [www.pbsc.eu](http://www.pbsc.eu)

Club Facebook Group : [www.facebook.com/groups/112234718991/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/112234718991/)