



# Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

**AQUILA**

**SEPTEMBER 2014**



## Commodore's Communiqué

Elaine Fowler

Dear all,

What an amazing summer we have had, I have heard some exciting and challenging tales about the activities down at **Sailing Camp**. Thanks must go to Roger and his band of helpers who make this a success year after year, and it is really valued by everyone. I know for this to continue Roger could really do with more helpers towing boats, also people there on the Sunday to pack away, next year remember to fit this in as part of your plan!

**SeaWeek** again was a massive success, whilst the wind could have been kinder it did not stop everyone from having lots of fun on and off the water. I always love this week because of the real sense of community I get, it feels like I am holidaying with a group of 100 close family and friends (without the bickering that comes from family). I am so pleased we decided to cater as a club rather than leave individuals to self cater, as it really added to the whole experience, hopefully everyone enjoyed the food too?

I was so humbled by the generosity of your presentation at the end of the week, the presents are amazing and I will use and treasure them, THANK YOU. However I will confess, I do also feel guilty, as there were so many people who worked so hard to make the week a success. Everyone mucked in thus it is hard to give specific names but here are a few:

Gary Pearson	Margaret Pearson	Robin Pearson	Harry Pearson
Amy Pearson	Paul Holloway	Chris Clarke	Pablo D-K
Adrian Peckham	Neil Peters	Carolynn Ashcroft	Keith Ashcroft
Richard Thomas	Jay McNally	Dave Watson	Sam Fenn
James Allerton	Emma Allerton	Curry Jenny	John Ostler
Pat O'Leary	Karen Hilder	Paula Bayntun	Becci Street
Julie Watson	Caroline Fish	Nicky Key	Matt Key
Ian Kelly	Lesley Corke	Roger Simmons	Emma Peters

Not forgetting all the cadets that contributed to the duties without prompting - many thanks.

Then came **Burton Week**, the National 12 nationals. What a week that was! Again so many people mucked in to make it work, some also giving up a day of work/annual leave to support it, this event raised approximately £5000 of much needed funds to keep the club going. The visitors were a very friendly sociable group who gave the club a real buzz, staying and eating our food and using the bar as well as enjoying their time on the water. Special thanks must go to Martin Bedford who was not only Race Officer but he also brought his own boat down to use as committee boat, and also Peter White who was assistant race officer. It is important to remember that events like this do not just happen, there has been over a year's worth of planning prior to the event.

For me massive thanks go to Tina Holttum and Terri Cox for their support in the Galley, there was a lot of washing up going on, especially mugs (ask Terri), also the amount of food we got through! Again Gary Pearson keeps adding his fine touch to the cooking and has not received much accolade for his efforts but he is the king of Pulled Pork (this is where he would make a comment), macaroni cheese, tandoori chicken and many more dishes, not forgetting running around shopping and being beach master.

Like SeaWeek it is difficult to single out people but here are a few more names:

Gordon Bishop	Greg Cox	Chris Clarke	Mark D-K
Adrian Peckham	Nick Humphries	Neil Peters	Andy Baker
Richard Thomas	Dave Watson	John Ostler	Andy Fisher
Pat O'Leary	Karen Hilder	Matt Fowler	Tim Humphries
Roger McAll	Matt Key	Paula Bayntun	Ray Ridley
Nicky Key	Harry Pearson	Eliza Ratusniak	Amy Pearson
Paul Holloway	Di Bedford	Margaret White	Lewis Humphries

Then we moved straight into **Taster Day**, no rest for the wicked! Big thanks must go to Karen Hilder who agreed to take on the main hostess job this year, and what a good job she made of it. I left quite early for 'parenting duties' but I know that, as usual, a massive group of members from sailing school, committee, racing and general all supported her by covering rescue boats and taking visitors for a sail. Thank you all.

Last weekend we should have had the **Martello** race, however there was no wind, therefore it was abandoned, but I must still thank Adrian and the sailing committee for their hard work in planning and preparing for it. It must be gutting after all that work if you cannot go out and enjoy the race. This weekend we have got **Bart's Bash**, entries look phenomenal, we are in for a good one!

A small group of members led by Tina Holttum have agreed to run the **Galley** for us on a trial basis for the rest of the season; the thinking behind this is that it has increased the community spirit in the club and has had a much needed, significant impact on our income. However Tina does need more volunteers to make this work. Please see separate article and commit to a little bit of help where you can.

There are a lot of things coming up that you will hear about from others in this Aquila, the big ones are; **Halloween, Adult Presentation Evening, AGM and Laying Up Supper**. Can I just ask that you do respond to say if you are attending things, as a couple of messages from you is much easier than others chasing up 50-100 people for a response 2, 3 or 4 times over.

Thank you,  
Elaine

## Vice's Verbals

Mark Doughty-Keen

What a busy last few weeks! The National 12s came, had a great time and went, and the Martello race came but sadly got cancelled due to lack of interest from the wind! A real shame as I know so many were looking forward to it. The Junior Federation was last weekend, supported by Nick Humphries and Harry Pearson. Well done guys. Bexhill took the honours in the end. Can I take this opportunity to thank all those that helped with organising and running these events. Many lost a day's money to do so, so double thanks to those people. Without you we simply couldn't run events, and they are key to the club's success.

The laying up supper will be with us soon so could I ask **all those of you who have trophies that need returning, to return them ASAP so that they can be prepared for this year's winners.** PLEASE PLEASE make sure they are clean when they come back. It's a huge task for someone if they all come back dirty.

Time to do some club sailing now, I think we are all looking forward to relaxing a little, and simply sailing for our own enjoyment. See you all on the water.

MDK

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## Bar Talk

Carolynn Ashcroft

Hello,

Many thanks to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets for the sea week raffle, it raised over £120 for the club.

Sea week was a huge success as usual and on a few occasions, between us we managed to almost drink the bar dry! Well done. The profits should be up this year.

I will be away this year for the Halloween weekend so I'm looking for a couple of volunteers to man the bar, please let me know if you can help out for an hour or two. You'll get to make the infamous brain haemorrhage cocktails.

Before I finish can I just ask if anyone is upgrading their fridge/freezer in the coming months and is getting rid of their old one, please consider it for the bar. Must be in working order. I can collect it

That's all for now!

Cheers- Carolynn



## Sailing Secretary's Screed

Adrian Peckham

On the sailing front the club's been kept pretty busy over the summer with the Tuesday and Thursday evening adult training and cadets all though until mid July. Sunday racing has continued with a reasonable number of dinghies on the water with the revised format of 2 x 45 min. morning races and one 1hr pm race proving popular. Sea Week at the beginning of August was described as one of the best ever and for me the highlight was sitting next to the pier at Eastbourne on my Blaze watching the two Lancasters gracefully undertake their Airbourne fly past. You can read more about Sea Week elsewhere in this issue or watch the video on you tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cahNUZqPlk&list=UUCaKEvTHDmgny9Xo3T6Qh-g>



We moved from messing round in boats at Sea Week to the more serious aspect of running the four day National Championships for the National 12 dinghy class over the August Bank holiday weekend. We mustered 34 N12s on the water, enjoying some terrific sailing especially on the first Saturday when these light, nimble and very well sailed dinghies reached down the waves in a good F4-5 towards the leeward mark. Hats off to Dick Holtum and Lynne Ratcliffe and Chris Clarke and Ted Doughty-Keen for competing and earning respectable positions. The organisational effort was enormous and thanks to the skill of the race officers, Martin Bedford and Peter White, we were able to lay decent courses in some very shifty conditions. Our grateful thanks go to Martin and Di Bedford for the use of their motor cruiser as committee boat for the 4 days. There was considerable commitment from club members over the weekend, manning beach, safety and committee boats, galley and bar. The overall result was a great sailing and financial success.

We held our Taster day on the 30<sup>th</sup> August and welcomed a good number of potential new members after treating them to a feisty sail in our sturdy RS Visions and 2000s.

Of our travellers, well done to Roger McAll who came an impressive 10<sup>th</sup> out of 40 boats in the 2000 Nationals at Exmouth.

We're also keen to run a race officer training evening either in the late Autumn or early Spring. We'd aim to cover being OOD at the club (and we need to widen the group of people who do this if we are to continue to run weekly races), course setting and use of race computer plus helping out at the open meetings on flags or timekeeping. The mystique surrounding club level race officer work is not really justified. With a bit of training it's very easy to do. Email me at [sailing.secretary@pbsc.eu](mailto:sailing.secretary@pbsc.eu) if you'd be interested in doing this one Saturday between November and March

Adrian Peckham



Hi Cadets,

Welcome back after the summer break. Above you will see the invitation for the Halloween party on the 25th October, we look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like to receive a certificate to confirm your ability here is what the different stages expect you to be competent in:

Stage 1 - A basic understanding of how to sail a boat with the ability to steer and handle it.

Stage 2 - Ability to tack and control the boat speed avoiding a collision and capable of doing basic knots.

Stage 3 - Rig, launch, recover and sail in any direction, i.e. around triangular course in moderate conditions. Capsize and recovery drill.

Stage 4 - Rig, launch, recover and sail in any direction as crew or helm in a 2 man boat, in moderate conditions.

For those cadets who are representing the club at events away from the club please make sure you apply for a youth grant as soon as possible, these will be presented on the 25th October.

Many thanks, Karen.



Galley Gossip

Christina Holttum

*If you have been at the club recently you will have noticed that there have been no outside caterers. Elaine and helpers have been running the galley most successfully which has been very good for the club finances, so we are planning a trial for the rest of this sailing season to see if we can effectively keep the catering in-house.*

*If this is to work we need to share the work load as widely as possible. I am prepared to stock the galley and act as co-ordinator but we also need volunteers to cover the three sessions in the galley: Saturday morning for cadets; Sunday breakfast and Sunday lunch.*

*We also need offers to supply the cakes and goodies you would all be pleased to buy. Come on all you aspiring Bake-off contestants! If anybody is able to help please contact me at [christina.81@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:christina.81@tiscali.co.uk)*

*Do please support us. If we run this ourselves we can serve the food we like at prices we like and support the club at the same time.*

*Thank you,*

*Tina*



# Devensey Bay Sailing Club

**THE 2014 LAYING UP SUPPER AND PRIZEGIVING  
IS ON THE TOP FLOOR, SOVEREIGN HARBOUR YACHT CLUB  
ON SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM FOR 7PM UNTIL 1AM**

**THE COST IS £32 PER HEAD TO INCLUDE:**

**CHOICE OF 3 COURSE DINNER**

*STARTER - Somerset Brie and Asparagus Cheesecake OR  
Pate served with Salad Garnish and Melba Toast*

*MAIN - Poached Salmon with Dill and Cream Sauce OR  
Lamb Shank with Red wine and Rosemary Sauce OR  
Vegetarian Lasagne*

*All Served with Seasonal Vegetables and Roasted or New Potatoes*

*DESSERT - Seasonal Fruit Salad OR Cheesecake*

**&**

**DANCING TO BEDRAGGLED**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GALLEY OR BAR AT THE CLUBHOUSE  
PLEASE MAKE YOUR FOOD CHOICE WHEN BUYING TICKETS  
REMEMBER POSH FROCKS AND SUITS – NOT WET GEAR!



**Has everyone gone to the laying up supper??**

**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 7th December 2014 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 8th December 2013 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, Secunder 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, Karen Hilder

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM (AGM 2014)**

Nominee, Proposer and Secunder 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) .....

Secunderd 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.*



We are coming to the end of the training season, with the RYA level 1 running on Saturday afternoons for some existing members as well as new members from the September taster day.

To those new members ... welcome ... And we hope you enjoy the training.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings were a great success this year, with good attendance, good weather, and a great group of students. We would like to invite all the students and the instructors to a presentation evening accompanied by a light evening meal ... BBQ if the weather holds! We need to charge a minimal amount, say £3.50 a head to cover the cost of the food but we thought it would be a good way of wrapping up the training season. It would give us the chance to congratulate those who have successfully passed their respective levels, build friendships and thank those instructors who give up their spare time to teach so unselfishly.

Invites will be sent shortly via e-mail so keep an eye out and respond if you wish to join us.

Gary.



**Stop Press**

The club's contribution to Bart's Bash went off very successfully on Sunday. In spite of feisty wind and waves a fleet of 31 boats put to sea to raise money for the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation and be part of the Guinness World Record Attempt with the 'Largest Sailing Race in the World'. Congratulations to the winner of the PBSC race, Chris Clarke in his Blaze who showed us all how to do it. It was heartening to see some of our less experienced members taking to the water to participate in what were definitely taxing conditions for racing. Our thanks go to Elaine for taking on the role of Officer of the Day, and to the rescue boat crews who weren't allowed to sail!

After the sailing a magnificent buffet lunch was provided by our new in-house catering team, (see above), who, immediately after the race, rushed up the beach and into the galley.

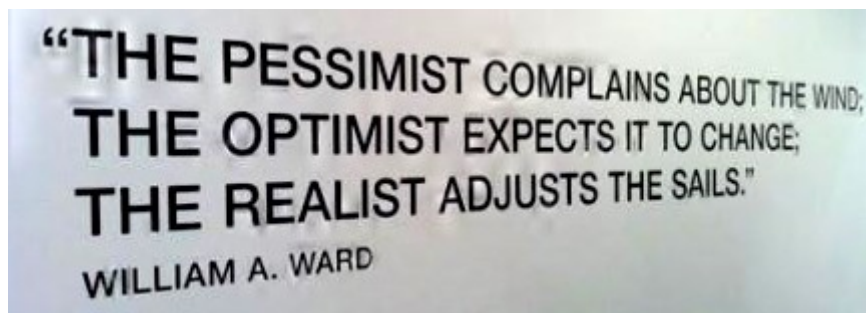


## And Last but not Least

There are several new members to welcome this Aquila,

James Whitcher,  
Kevin Bishop,  
Jessie Williams.  
Eliza Boniface,  
Karen Dadswell and Gareth Smith,  
Harry and Tina Wells,  
Caroline Miles.

We look forward to seeing you at the club and on the water.



## **THE BURTON BRICK**

*Awarded for the most notable event of Burton Week, awarded 2014 to Tom Stewart.*

*Assumption is the mother of all 'mess-ups'.*

*Tom thought that William Warren and Sophie Mackley were arguing and shouting at each other in their boat, but they were actually trying to attract Tom's attention to indicate the shorten course flag was up after he had mistakenly started another windward leg which was taking him away from the finishing line.*

*William and Sophie won the race!*

