



Newsletter

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Exciting News!

The clubroom is getting a makeover! The plan is to make it a nicer place to spend time in, and to really give it a 'sailing' identity. I appreciate a good bit of wood probably more than most but the dark wood interior is looking very dated so it's time to bring it up to date. We have some ideas for decor and theme but the first stage is to lighten and brighten the room. New led lights are being fitted and the old fluorescent tubes are going.

The ceiling and high woodwork should be ready by the casino evening and the rest as soon as we are able! Ideas and offers of help always welcome !

Gary Smith | Renovation Sub Committee



> WELCOME TO THE '17 SEASON

Hello All.

Hopefully you are all now well over the over indulgence of Christmas and new year, and are all on your preseason diets and health kicks in readiness for the forthcoming sailing season. I am trying hard to lose those extra pounds added over the winter period, without too much success. This is my first report as your new Commodore, so please bear with me as I get used to learning how to use the spellchecker.

As Commodore, my aim is to get a positive vibe back into the club. I want it to be a club that we can all be proud of, a place where we can bring friends, family and members of visiting clubs in and know that when they leave we would have left a lasting positive impression of a fantastic, friendly sailing club, with a great feel-good factor. A place where they would love to return.

One of the ways we are trying to achieve this is by way of a major revamp of the clubroom, which I feel is well overdue, and is now under way. This is being overseen and project managed by Gary and Lynn Smith who are doing a fantastic job. I hope you will all be impressed with the end result, which will hopefully be completed by the end of April. To reach this deadline, I would ask that you could assist us by, if possible, by attending the pre-arranged working parties, the dates and times will be put up on facebook and email. The more help we can get, the quicker we can complete the project and have a great new look to our clubroom.

One of my other aims is to raise the membership, (sailing and social) of the club. If, by the end of the 2018 season we have increased membership by 10%, this would be a great success story. This, I feel can only be achieved by a determined effort from every member to bring fresh blood to the club. If we can all try and promote our club, put the word out there that sailing is a fantastic, thrill seeking sport for all ages, A place to bring, and involve the whole family, whether to sail or just for the social aspect. I can't think of a better way to spend a Sunday. Whether being on the water,

or being on the seafront watching the racing or enjoying the facilities at the club. We can achieve this if we all pull together.

Please don't forget the fitting out/ casino night on 11th March. If you haven't got your tickets yet, you are leaving it very late. If last year's night is anything to go by, then you will not want to miss out on this great evening. Tickets are available from any of the social team.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all on 19th March for the first sail of the 2017 season, hopefully with a good forecast!!

Regards
Nick Eldridge | Commodore

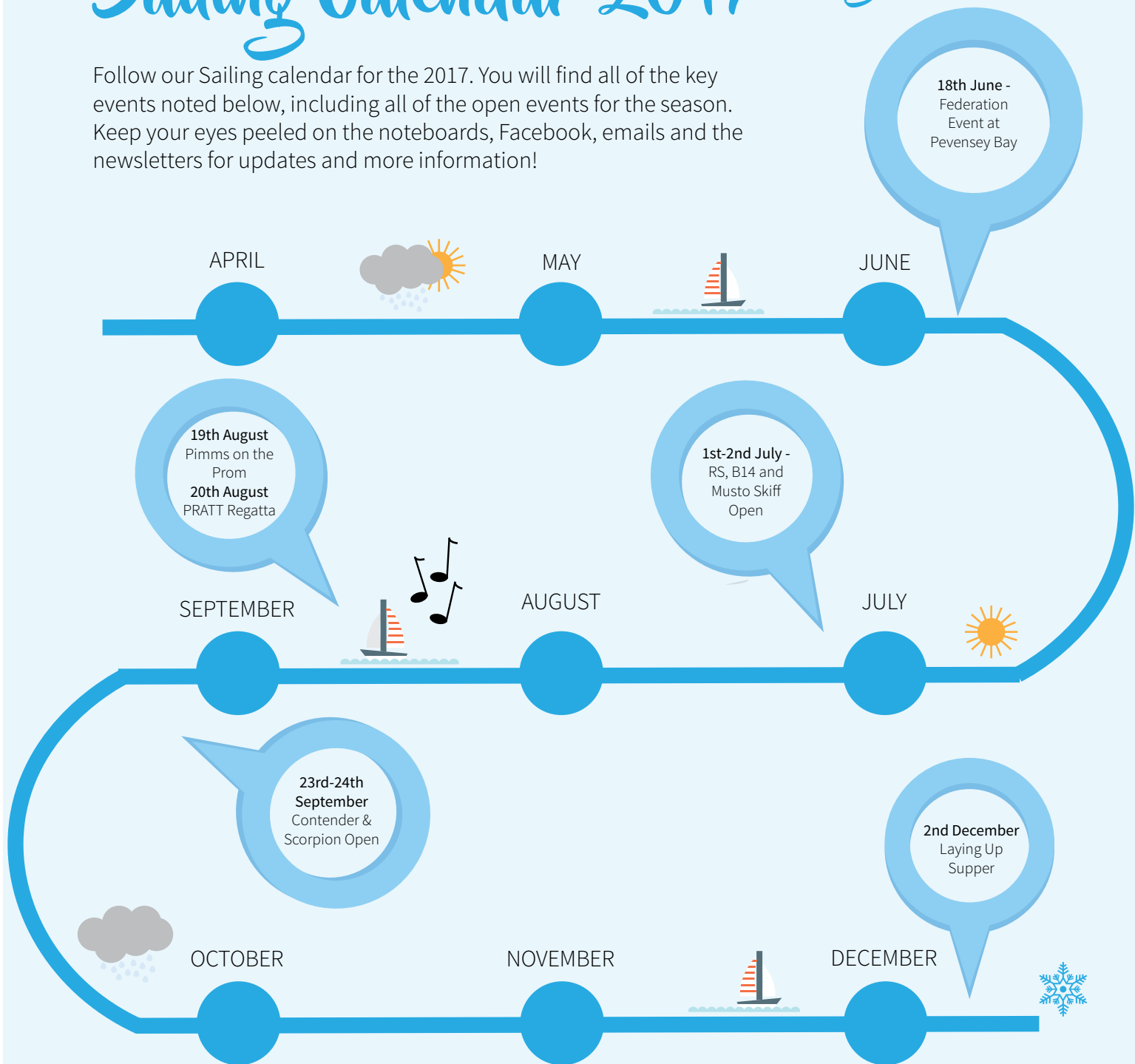


> NEW FEATURES THIS SEASON

- 4 Race Sundays - All new race format in the Spring Class. 2 Races AM, 2 Races PM - 30 Mins each
- Introduction to Sunday Sailing for Academy Members -
- 2 new fleets joining the club for open events - B14s and Musto Skiffs
- Buddy Up Sundays - A chance for Academy members to try new boats, sailing with current members
- Wednesday Nights split into 2 series - Series 1, first 9 weeks - Series 2, remaining 8 weeks.
- New Catamaran trophy on the Wednesday Night series - Let the competition begin!

Sailing Calendar 2017 *at a glance...*

Follow our Sailing calendar for the 2017. You will find all of the key events noted below, including all of the open events for the season. Keep your eyes peeled on the noteboards, Facebook, emails and the newsletters for updates and more information!



DON'T FORGET!.....

Don't forget to add these key dates to your diaries. Forms will be up at the club at the start of the new season looking for help with motorboats, and for roles onshore for the open events. If you can spare a bit of time, please do sign up! If you have any questions about the roles required please don't hesitate to speak to one of the sailing committee who would be happy to answer any questions.

> THE GALLEY IS OPEN!

The new Galley @ ESSC is now open!

The Galley is back! Normal service will resume from 18th March when the sailing season starts. Breakfast from 9am, Lunch and cake - Lots of cake! A few tasty images below to whet your appetite!

Lunch options will include Sandwiches, Paninis, Chilli Nachos with Cheese, Soups and the all famous Ranch Pasties are back! Different options every week, so be sure to keep an eye on the menu.

If there is anything specific you would like to see please let me know. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Nikki Daigneault



DONT FORGET! - Order your lunch before you launch!



> SWAPPING DUTIES

NEED TO SWAP A DUTY?

Here is what you can do...

DUTYMAN

You can request swaps on Dutyman, you can either message members individually or send out a group swap. This is the most effective way to sort cover.

FACEBOOK

Post a notification into the clubs active Facebook page. Seen by a huge number of members daily, this is a good way to get a message out to a lot of people.

ASK...

Come down to the club and ask around, there are always people around on a Sunday, put a note on the board, spread the word! People are always willing to help.

DON'T...

- Leave it until the last minute
- Assume it will be automatically filled if not acknowledged
- Ignore it
- Rely on the Rota Officer to sort it for you.

And don't forget...Tell Dutyman if you arrange a swap

> WINTER SAILING

Whilst most have been having a break, albeit for a short period during the colder months, some of us have donned woolly hats, dry suits, winter wetsuits and extra layers for some winter time sailing. Three RS400's from the club and the Contender of Peter Dives have been at Bough Beech Sailing Club in Kent for the seven week, 14 race Icicle series. This annual event attracts the hardy (stupid) sailors from local clubs, Pevensey and Bexhill and our Own Eastbourne Sovereign.

Conventional and Asymmetric fleets are split into two starts with a windward leeward course for the asymmetrics and a triangular course for the conventionals.

It has been a really light wind affair this year with several races lost during the first few weeks due to no wind at all, although these have been re-run over the last few weeks to catch up, at most we have probably had a force 3 at best, mostly force 1 to 2.

Five 400's have ensured some very close racing for us in every race, with Matt Fowler and Greg Shiply from Pevensey and Mike and Roger Green from Eastbourne battling to be first 400 in a competitive handicap fleet consisting of RS200's (damn their quick in the light stuff) Laser 2000's, Alto's and a variety of other boats well suited to pond sailing.

As I write this we have two more races to complete next Sunday, Eastbourne Sovereign is well represented with Mike and Roger holding onto 2nd spot overall and Sarah and I tied with two other boats in third. Andrew and Matthew Hunt have been getting to grips and enjoying their recently purchased RS400 and improving all the time, especially after a rigging tweak eradicated loads of weather helm, although having "T boned" a pheasant during the drive home and subsequent repair work its been an expensive series.

Twenty-six boats in the Asymmetric fleet and double that in the conventional fleet have virtually filled up the available water and a watchful crew downwind has been crucial. Short courses, short start lines and close racing has ensured an enjoyable series.

Mick Whitmore



Have your voice heard!



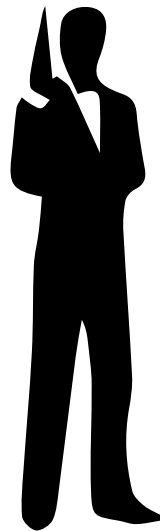
If you have something you would like to include in the newsletter - send it over! All submissions are welcome. Whether you would like to write an article about something you have done, or something coming up, you have something to sell or would like to announce just get in touch with the newsletter editor Nikki Daigneault.

Fitting Out

Casino

Night

2 Course meal - Qty of chips with each ticket



from 7pm

£15 pp

Speak to one of the social team to order your tickets

11th March