



# Gybers News

## Pentewan Sands Sailing Club

### Newsletter

#### THE SEA IS CALLING!

Time is ticking by, and the days are about to get longer ! So must be nearly time to get onto the water!

Looking forward to a full calendar of water and land based activities. To this end a club calendar will be available on our "New Look" website!

Please be aware that in line with club policy, all water based activities organised by the club will have full safety boat cover.

Our year , as usual will most likely be littered with weather and unexpected challenges, but we will look to maximise all the opportunities as they present themselves.

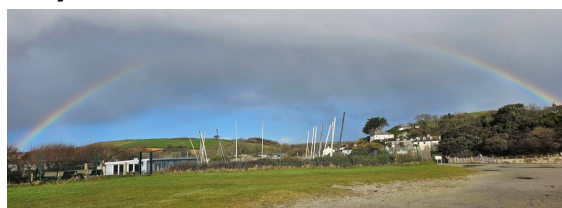
So , if you would like to try Sailing, kayaking , paddle boarding , swimming we will be there to help.

As always, we will not be able to do much without our volunteers. We prefer to view all members as volunteers, just that some have more availability than others! So we will be looking for help with safety boats duties, help with events and just general maintenance.

So, keep an eye on Facebook, WhatsApp and of course the New website for volunteering opportunities. We would be very happy to see you as often as you can make it.

So, let's celebrate the coming year and look forward to lots of fun times.

#### Meyrick



**Clubs website:** [www.pentewansailingclub.org.uk](http://www.pentewansailingclub.org.uk)

**Clubs Facebook:** Pentewan Sands Sailing Club [www.facebook.com/groups/105398879495918](https://www.facebook.com/groups/105398879495918) best for last minute changes!

**Emails:** Everything sent via email so if you haven't given me your email address then please do so. Also please let me know if you change your email/home address as I am not a mind reader and you may miss out on the exciting stuff the club is getting up to! Details to: [members@pentewansailingclub.org.uk](mailto:members@pentewansailingclub.org.uk)

Cheers, *Miles*



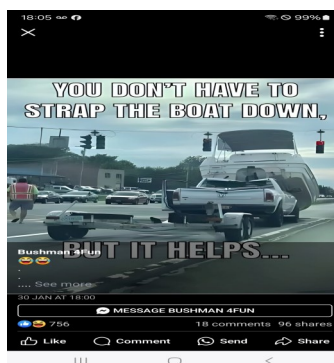
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- **Diary dates:**
- **Check the clubs calendar for whats up and coming.**
- 6th April. Start sailing!
- The BEACH GRIDS ARE BACK





## COMMODORES SECTION

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### Changing of the Keys.

This season will see us moving away from Keys for everything to combination padlocks!

These will be on the clubhouse compound, the sail store and the safety boat shed.

However, key access will continue for the lower compound as we share access with the camp, storage units and the pub.

This approach will allow us to save money on cutting keys, and improve access control (there are years worth of members keys out there).

The plan will be to put the padlocks in place early in April. All members who have rejoined will be advised of the padlock code and given a brief introduction as to how they work!

The intention will be to change the combination once a year, but should a security issue arise, we may make an emergency change. (let's hope not!)

To this end, please can we ask members to be cautious with the code.

#### Membership verification.

This year we will not be automatically issuing membership cards. However, we will have a new membership system running in the clubhouse. As you probably know, we are only licenced to provide drinks to members and guests and we need to ensure we abide by this stipulation. Thus new approach will allow us to verify members, who volunteers helping in the bar may not recognise, and remove the need for members to carry membership cards in your swimwear!

**Meyrick.**

### News from the sea (usually known as Sailing Secretaries bit)

#### Get Ready for an Action-Packed Season!

Ahoy Pentewan sailors! The 2024 season is here, and we're kicking things off with a fantastic **Season Opener on April 6th**. This is the perfect chance to shake off the winter cobwebs, get back on the water, and set the tone for an exciting year ahead. Whether you're racing, spectating, or just soaking up the atmosphere, we want to see as many of you there as possible—after all, a club is only as strong as its members!

This season is packed with great events, from high-energy competitions to more relaxed, fun-focused days on the water. One highlight to look forward to is **Man v Wind on May 1st**—a lighthearted showdown between **kayaks, paddleboards, and boats**. No, it's not an endurance test; it's all about having fun, seeing what works best in the conditions, and maybe settling a few friendly rivalries!

We'll also be hosting **Spring Cups at both Pentewan and Porthpean**, our **Thursday high tide series**, and the **Easter Cup at Porthpean**, where we'll be supporting our neighbours. Every event is an opportunity to get involved, whether you're sailing, helping out onshore, or cheering from the beach.

These events don't happen without you. If we want an exciting season, we all need to pitch in—so whether it's racing, crewing, safety boating, or just lending a hand, every bit of support counts. Let's make this the best season yet!

See you on the water! **James.**

For those paddlers at the club we are holding a kayak safety refresher day on Saturday 24th May followed by a Thursday eve session TBC for those that cannot make the Saturday session. Another set of kayak racks has been added to the compound for our ever growing number of paddlers.

Also, during the bay clean it will be helpful for paddlers to get into those areas that the boats cannot access to help remove any rubbish found!



### **P.S.S.C. 2025 COMMITTEE.**

Commodore: Meyrick Holmes

Rear Commodore: Roger Lewsey

Sailing Secretary: James Iliffe

Secretary/Membership: Miles Avery

Treasurer: Ashleigh Dowell

Club Engineer: Clive Pryor

Paddle Sport: Ted Simpson

General: Steve Humphries

Welfare: Andrew Earl

**Club Wear!** Look out for details of club tops which we are in the process of sourcing.

# **Pentewan sands sailing club**

Sunday 6th April: After sailing social

Sunday 13th: Operation clean sweep! Kayakers/paddleboards/boats doing a sweep of the various beaches along our bay to help remove as much rubbish as possible. Club BBQ after.

Paddle day with a curry afterwards. TBC.

**Any ideas for the next social? Don't be shy!**

**PS: Mothering Sunday Tomorrow**

if she has a glass of vino in her hand, treat her well, you could be the reason she drinks!

**Clubhouse all ready for a Sunday lunch**



**After work party tasting needed to be done!**



## **SALE / WANTED**

The club's new website is now live [www.pentewansailingclub.org.uk](http://www.pentewansailingclub.org.uk) & has a classified ads page under the Whats On section which ads can be placed on.

**JUST PRINT OUT THE MEMBERSHIP FORM, FILL IT OUT & POST IT or DROP IT INTO ME WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE.**

Hope this newsletter has been useful in reminding you what the club is up to and hopefully you can not only enjoy more sailing but help out on the club events. Remember 'the more the merrier' and 'many hands make light work'.

PS: The editor takes no responsibility in any spelling/grammar or insults.

**FULL MEMBERSHIP FORM has been emailed out to all, but basic version below!**

### **Membership Fees and Subscriptions for 2025**

<b>Membership Fees</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Discounted</b>
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**(for existing members only & if membership paid by 31st March)**

Family Membership	£155	£125
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Single Membership	£105	£75
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Senior Membership	£75	£45
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Cadet Membership	£20 (NV)	
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**TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP: £40 (NV) (2 weeks incl. boat parking)**

**(NV = Non Voting Membership)\*** (Membership Subscriptions include Spouse/Partner and all children in full time education.) **BOAT PARKING:**

Catamaran: **£110**, Mono-hull dinghy: **£80**, Motorboats/Ribs: **£170**, Canoe/Kayak: **£35**

Key deposit: **£5** per Key

**IMPORTANT: ALL RACING CRAFT MUST BE INSURED AGAINST THIRD PARTY RISK IN THE SUM OF AT LEAST £2,000,000.**

Please provide a copy of insurance details.

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#### **PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN WITH REMITTANCE**

I hereby apply for: **Family / Individual / Senior / Cadet** Membership of Pentewan Sands Sailing Club and agree to comply with the Rules and Bylaws of the Club. \* Delete as applicable

Your Name (Block Capitals) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

& post code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: all newsletters and club news will only be sent via email

Boat Type: \_\_\_\_\_ length: \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Qualifications: RYA Catamaran level 1-2: \_\_\_\_\_ RYA Dinghy 1-2: \_\_\_\_\_

RYA Power boat 1-2: \_\_\_\_\_ RYA Safety boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Adv Powerboat: \_\_\_\_\_ First Aid: \_\_\_\_\_

VHF: \_\_\_\_\_ Comp crew: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Skipper S: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Skipper P: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership details will be shared amongst the committee, however please tick this box if you do not want your details shared with other club members \_\_\_\_\_ Details will not be shared with any one else outside the club. I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheques

should be made payable to P.S.S.C. and submitted with this form.

*Please return*

to P.S.S.C. Membership Secretary: - C/O Miles Avery, Ocean Sports, 17 West End, Pentewan, Cornwall, PL26 6BX Tel: 01726 842817/844928 email: members@pentewansailingclub.org.uk