PENDEEN PILOT GIG CLUB
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A very special invite from Newquay Rowing Club saw our men taking a crew to race in the traditional Friday evening 'Wellie Racing' on the 19th July. So named because the trophy awarded at the end of the season is a 'Wellie Boot' carved from mahogany; these races are primarily for Newquay's own rowers. With a personal invite from Mark Morris, we raced up to Newquay after work, and found that we were rowing in the gig 'Newquay', built in 1812, making her 201 years old. Enquiring about radio channels, I was informed that 'Welly Rules' are no radio, no rules, first back wins! Same as 1922. Shorter and wider than later gigs, once off the start she rowed well, and we chased down Treffry all the way to the first mark when, having been warned to stay out on the turns, we had to let her get round the mark on the inside. Watching the pick up from the turns I was sure we could beat this crew, and with some tactical rowing alongside them up to the next mark, we allowed them to take the turn first and 'rowed round' dropping inside them and picking up and past them. A lovely feeling, completed by hearing that final hooter when we won. Everyone was very welcoming and sociable and, having found out that the correct protocol is to book a cheap B&B and stay to party afterwards, we look forward to our next invite.

Membership 2013:

It has been good to see new people coming along to give rowing with Pendeen a go, and I am happy to say that more than one Membership form has been requested lately. Welcome to the new rowers, we hope you enjoy being with us.

Please try to remember to get any guest rowers that join us to sign the guest declaration sheet, to provide temporary liability insurance cover while rowing with us. These can be found on the clip board with the kit in the Lights' Shed. If you have a friend or visitors to Cornwall, who would like to come and try an odd session, bring them along.

All Membership forms are now being kept in a plastic wallet in the life jacket bag in the shed, so that should any medical information or emergency numbers be needed, they are easily available. *Jill Hoather*

New Gig: Monday evening, 22nd July, saw several of us make our way up to Andrew Nancarrow's place at Bissoe, near Truro, to see the progress being made on our new boat. We all got there after varying degrees of "getting lost" - it's not the easiest of places to locate. Two lots of us even ended up, quite independently, asking the same person for directions!

Andrew has certainly made some real progress, which you can see for yourselves from the excellent pictures on our website or our Facebook page. The estimated delivery time is about mid-October, so there will be time for a couple more "progress" visits for anyone who didn't get the opportunity to go this time. Keep up the good work, Andrew - she's taking shape nicely! (*By the way, Shirley, hope you enjoyed the little detour following Neil and myself back home*!) *Geoff*

Junior Rowing: **Fridays 4.15 prepare boats 4.30 pm rowing 5.30pm finish**

Now that the school holidays are here we inevitably have various junior members away on holiday, so there is every chance that only one boat may go out some weeks. Please try to arrive by 4.15 so that we can assess how many boats we need to set up.

Each of the next 3 Race events, Coverack, Cadgwith and Porthleven will have junior races at them so be ready to let Shirley know your availability. This may be an opportunity for a newer rower to help out in the main race crew during the holiday period, so keep on practicing.

Sunday 25th August is the Under 14's Championship Day at Hayle. Our Club has never before entered this Championship, so we are looking forward to entering this year, and hoping for a good result.

Our Junior Fun Day will be on Saturday September 7th, at Sandy Cove. The idea of this event is that all the juniors, however experienced, can come and have a go at racing, and this year we are planning on having an 'Arts Tent' as well, where anyone can get involved in creating a piece of art that reflects the day. We will invite all other clubs with juniors to join us. There will be one competitive 'Club' race but all other races will be open to any rowers so that even clubs without 6 juniors will be able to get their juniors involved. There will of course be a refreshment tent, so anyone that can help with either the boats, the racing or the refreshments will be very welcome. Offers to Jill Hoather please.

Fundraising:

We are still working on the last bit of fundraising before the new boat is completed in what seems to be going to be October. One of the best ways you can support the new gig is by buying a part of her. Anything from £5 worth of rivets to a seat for £250. There is also the opportunity, for anyone with their own business to display an advertising board on the gig trailer for £50 (plus board cost). Anyone interested in helping in this way should contact Shirley Pitts or Neil Milbourne. Can people who have already promised money for the gig please pass it to Neil, in order for him to confirm our position.

Mon 26th August: Fish Festival Newlyn (fund raising for those not Rowing)
Fri 13th December: Newlyn Harbour Lights switch on.
Plus another 'Pig Race' evening, a Casino Evening at the Trewellard Inn, Car Boot to be held in Trewellard Inn car park and a Junior Race Event

The collections of clothes and household linens, in any condition, even your old painting rags, mobile phones which do not need to be working and ink cartridges are all doing well.. A recent collection from Shirley's garage is hoped to be close to £200 in value. Thanks to everyone, especially those 'house movers', who may not have had time to row, but have certainly been making money from their rubbish!! Shirley Pitts organises the collection from her garage, so she is the best person to give your items to, but I can always pass them on if necessary.

Calendars: I believe that Charlotte has some excellent pictures for the competition, but if anyone would like to add any from the visit to the new gig she is happy to accept them until the end of July. We do need to represent our new gig on the Calendar so please send some.

Photo Competition for the Calendar Pictures. *As you know we are producing a 2014 calendar to raise funds for the club. Now is the chance to channel your inner 'David Baileys' and submit your best gig related photographs. The deadline for submitting photos is the end of June. Can I please ask that the pictures are submitted as JPEG's and that they are originals, unfortunately copies do not reproduce very well. Photoshopped and enhanced pictures welcome – be creative!* Please send your entries directly to Charlotte at charlottestevens623@yahoo.co.uk Don't forget to add your name and maybe a brief description. These will be judged by an independent judge and the best used for the calendar, which will be produced earlier than previous calendars , to encourage higher sales. *Good Luck*

Safety Talk:

A big thank you to Kenny Downing, a serving RNLI crew member who was kind enough to come and give us a very useful and interesting safety talk on the 16th July. It was good to see so many juniors coming along and enjoy the evening with us. Apologies for suggesting there might be tea and cake - I think I just ran out of time!!

Club Kit: All enquiries and orders for kit should be directed to Shirley Rees at srees171@googlemail.com or 07824446543.

Race Reports:

As Emma has been busy moving house recently, this has left her without computer and internet facilities and unable to do reports this month. We look forward to her return now she is all settled.

A "Double-Header" - The final weekend of June (29th/30th) saw us take part in the Mount's Bay (Saturday) and St Ives (Sunday) regattas. The weather was kind and those who took part had two enjoyable days at the beach with some satisfying results for the adult crews. Once again we fielded our up-and-coming u14 crew, who came 3rd at MB and 2nd at St Ives - surely it won't be long before they manage another first place, like at Rock! *Geoff*

Truro Races - The following Saturday, 6th July, saw the Club trek over to the Roseland peninsula for Truro's event at Turnaware on the River Fal. Unfortunately, I haven't received a report as such but I gather a good day was had in hot sunshine, with once again some very satisfying results.

Rame Races - Interestingly, on one of the few times that we decided not to attend Rame Races, it had to be cancelled due to the wind conditions. Though we are obviously disappointed for them it was a relief that we hadn't struggled all the way there before its morning cancellation.

Events :

Race Dates: Please confirm availability so we can choose the best ones to attend.

Saturday 3rd August	Coverack - Porthoustock Beach, St Keverne	Cox Meeting 12 noon
Friday August 9th	Porthleven - Across the Bay - from Marazion	Cox Meeting 6.30pm
Saturday 10th August	Cadgwith	Cox Meeting 1pm
Saturday 17th August	Porthleven	Cox Meeting 11.30am
Sunday 25th August	Under 14's Championships - Copperhouse Pool	Hayle Cox Meeting 9.30 am
Monday 26th August	Fish Festival One mixed crew	Awaiting Invite
W/e 31/8 and 1/9	Newquay Ladies' Championships	Coxes 8.45
Saturday 7th Sept	Pendeen Junior Fun Day - Help needed all day	Cox Meeting 1pm
W/e 14/15th Sept	Newquay Men's Champiomships	Coxes 8.45

Rowing Times:

All the kit is now back in the 'Newlyn Lights Shed' for the summer, making start and finish work much easier. Please remember to store all kit safely, both on the pontoon and at the shed.

REGULAR TIMES:

Junior Rowing; Friday 4.15 for 4.30 start, finishing around 5.30 for collection.

Tuesday and Thursday Evening: 5.45pm start, for rowing as soon as there is enough crew available.

Sunday Rowing; Social, mixed rowing from 10am

Contacts:

The club has its own e-mail address: pendeengigclub@hotmail.co.uk or contact Geoff Hoather on 01736 786006 or 07837277891 or GEOFFGOATHERD@aol.com

For more news and views see Pendeen Pilot Gig Club on Facebook

Our new website **www.pendeengigclub.co.uk** is now up and running online. *Check us out for info*

The CPGA now has a revamped website at www.cpga.co.uk

Any contributions for or comments on the Gig-gle can also be sent to jillhoather@googlemail.com

Welfare Officers: David Clough 01736364384 or 07518858432, email dpclough@msn.com, and Jan Barton 07964912139 or e-mail battybarton@btinternet.com

Meetings:

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 6th August 2013, 8.30pm Trewellard Arms

Next General Meeting: Tuesday 10th September 2013 The Radjel, Pendeen (To include 'Guess and Count' the cash in their bottle)