



PPCA Newsletter

June 2019

Introduction

Welcome to June's Newsletter. This month Sharne is raising money, Jackie is looking for volunteers and Tracy and I fly the flag for the open boat.

Editorial

Last month I made an appeal on Facebook for people to contribute to an article on kit tips for people buying kit for the first time. While lots of people thought it was a good idea, nobody actually wrote anything so I'll put in my two pennyworth. First of all, the obvious one, buy an open boat. Secondly, my BA and cag are excellent. They keep me warm and dry and afloat. Trouble is they're both blue. It's all well and good making a low visual impact but if I'm out of my boat and needing help, orange would probably work better.

Finally, please read Sharne's piece on fund raising. I signed up to this ages ago and her piece prompted me to look at my account. I'm ashamed to say that despite spending a small fortune on line, I last used the fund raising site in 2017. I have slapped my wrists and promised myself to do better in future.

Ivor Jones
Newsletter Editor

Next Committee Meeting

Please forward any items you would like considered at the next committee meeting to secretary@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk. They will go to the secretary.

Next Edition

There is no specific deadline as such for contributions but please bear in mind my general sloth and indolence and let me have anything time-sensitive well in advance.

Contributions

Please send any contributions to newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk

Acknowledgements

The cover photographers for May are the usual suspects - Terry, Joy and Debbie plus, by way of variety, Kimberley Tam and Tracy Jones

Easyfundraising by Sharne Dodds

Hello All,

This is my first post in my new role as Club Treasurer and as you can probably guess it's all about money!!!! Don't be too alarmed though I'm not asking you to delve deep into your pockets just yet!

Spurred on by Joy Ashford we have recently relaunched the Easy Fundraising link on the Members homepage and all I ask is for you to take a look, click the link and find out how easy it is to use to help raise funds for the club.

Just in case you want to know more details now the below gives an overview of what it's about...

How does easyfundraising work?

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into donations for PPCA, at no cost to you.

How? Just visit your favourite retailers through the easyfundraising website and the shop as normal.

Once signed up, you will raise a donation every time you shop online via easyfundraising - whether you're doing your weekly grocery shop, buying car insurance, booking a holiday or even switching energy provider. Once you've made a purchase the retailer will then make a small donation to your cause to say "thank you" for using them.

There are over 3,600 retailers to choose from, so you'll be spoilt for choice!

Remember the new link is now in place on the members' homepage on the PPCA website (bottom left of page) or copy the below into your web browser...

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ppca/>

Finally I'd like to say 'thank you' to the 39 supporters who have already signed up and raised over £300, they say small things make the biggest changes so do give it a try...

Any questions let me know...



Events

BLDSA Torbay Swim by Jackie Perry

Kayaking support required for the British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) Torbay Swim - Saturday 9th July.

The BLDSA are looking for 28 Kayakers to escort swimmers across from Meadfoot Beach to Fishcombe Cove and return on Saturday 9th July 2019.

The BLDSA will pay £80 for each kayaker to cover expenses. The swim commences at 1100 hours prompt so kayakers and swimmers would need to be available for a 9.30 am safety briefing.

If you would be able to assist at this event, please contact Ken Hamblin via email at kenconhamblin@btinternet.com

Features

Paddlefest by The Editor

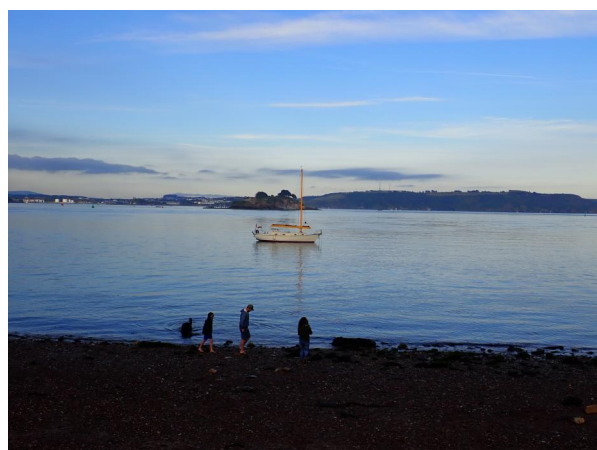
Arriving at Paddlefest, the omens weren't good. From Landrake onwards we could see a line of sea mist over the coast and it looked like our first evening was going to be cold and damp. Fortunately, Mount Edgumbe isn't technically on the coast so we arrived in glorious sunshine.

The camping was very civilised. The event is limited to 200 people camping (of whom about 15 were from the PPCA and a similar number from the St. Austell club) and the field was huge. Terry attempted to set up a tented village but was soon surrounded so we ended up in a couple of groups. The field had some delightful chemical toilets and some luxury showers - at least, that's what it said on the outside.



Luxury Showers

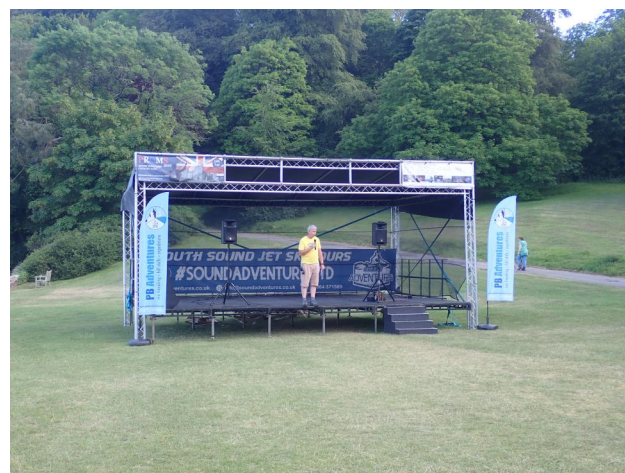
The paddlers were an interesting mixture. The event was advertised as being for any type of craft but the paddlers were almost entirely in sea boats or on SUPs. There were a few sit on tops and even a couple of open boats but they were definitely in the minority.



Evening Light

The first evening was spent setting up camp, eating, drinking at the reasonably priced bar and admiring the evening light.

The organiser gave a useful introduction to the massed ranks of assembled paddlers and we were all ready to go.



The Massed Ranks of Paddlers

The next morning was an early start thanks to a dawn chorus of seagulls but the morning light made it worthwhile.

There were a number of paddles available on the Saturday, ranging from 3 to 8 miles, the idea being that you could do one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The paddles, other than the SUP expedition, were advertised as being suitable for all craft. I shall return to this later. There were also have-a-go sessions on SUPs, open boats and kayaks although the booking for this was something of a mystery to everyone. Each paddle had a leader and a second in command, some known to us (Terry and Gavin) and some not.

Tracy and I decided to go to Penlee Point as the weather was particularly calm. All went well until the briefing session, when we were asked what boat we were paddling. "An open boat" we replied. "Oh" was the answer. Apparently the paddle was intended for sea boats, although it didn't say that anywhere, and the leader was concerned that there would be speed issues with an open boat mixing with sea kayaks resulting in the group getting split up. Fortunately these proved to be unfounded and most of the sea boats managed to keep up with us. The weather stayed calm so we stuck our noses around the Point and rock-hopped back, bumping into the Saturday Paddle on the way back. They returned the favour by dropping in on Paddlefest. A confession - I never did pass on Becky's hello to Gavin. Sorry.



Penlee Point

In the afternoon, we were treated to an historical tour of Millbay, the Hoe and Drake's Island by Terry who demonstrated a knowledge of local tidal conditions that was beyond some of our visitors. Terry's second in command was a sea boat instructor from Buckinghamshire who was clearly used to travelling.

The evening was spent in much the same fashion as the first, the reasonably priced bar doing very well. Later on Tracy and I sneaked off with a bat detector to see what was going on in the park at night.

The forecast for the Sunday was pretty poor so most of the tents came down first thing. The aim of the Sunday was to hold various workshops - rolling, forward paddling, and other complicated things in sea boats. As there was nothing for open boats, we watched from the shelter of a convenient tree with coffee and cake as the rain came down.



Rampant Commercialism

So what did we make of it? 200 paddlers is a pretty good number - not too many, not too few. There were a few trade exhibitors there but no rampant commercialism. It's a shame there wasn't more of a spread of types of craft. The event was advertised as being for all craft but the paddles were dominated by sea boats, some of whom learned a few things about what an open boat can do.

A special mention has to go to Marty and Martin who missed out on the paddles as they were doing the have-a-go open boat sessions only to have the Saturday afternoon session cancelled due to wind after the trips had left.

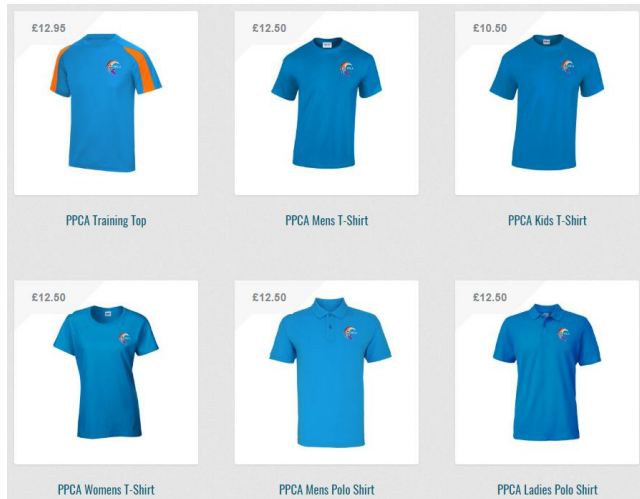
If you didn't go this year, I would recommend it for next year. It's a chance to meet like-minded people from strange and exotic parts of Cornwall and I think everyone who went learned something. It relies on support from local clubs like the PPCA and St Austell both for coaching and paddling so please put the date in your diary for next year.

Exchange and Mart

PPCA Club Clothing by Jackie Perry, Publicity Officer

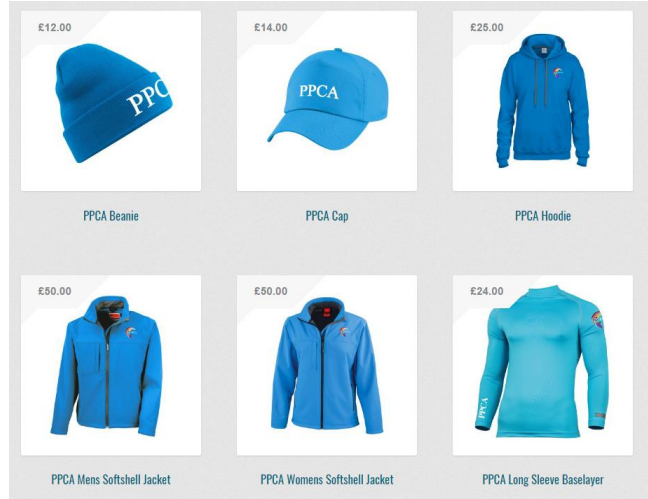
A full range of customised kit in either blue or black is available to order direct from Tailored Branding via the link below

<https://hsclothing.co.uk/ppca-3/>



Discount Available at Millets, 38/40 New George St, Plymouth PL1 1RW

One of our members works in the Millets store (Big 'Thank you' to Lee McKenzie!) on New George Street, Plymouth and has negotiated with his Manager a great discount of 15% on production of your PPCA club membership card. Usual T's & C's apply, e.g. goods already discounted/sales items might be excluded.



Discount Available at Kayaks and Paddles

Kayaks and paddles offer discount to local kayak and canoe clubs. The PPCA and Tamar Canoe club can get a discount up to 15%. This is an offer not a right for the person that is making a purchase, so please do not go upsetting Kayaks and Paddles employees as this discount might be taken away.



Raise free donations for us every time you shop online with easyfundraising!



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ppca/>

Club Calendar - Please Check Website for Updates

For the Diary

2nd to 4th August Open Canoe Wye trip

Recreational Paddles (Saturdays)

1st June - Terry Calcott (Sea Paddle)

8th June - Terry Calcott

15th June - Brim (Regatta at MB)

22nd June - Doug Sitch

29th June - Bob Grose (Air Show)

6th July - Joy Ashford (Sea Paddle)

13th July - Gig race at Mount Batten

20th July - Gavin Bennett

27th July - Terry Calcott

Open Canoe (Friday)

7th June - Sam Pluckrose

14th June - Pete Anderson

21st June - Brim

28th June - Joy Ashford

5th July - NO SESSION

12th July - Brim

19th July - Sam Pluckrose

26th July - Jen Nicholls

Paddle Power (Wednesdays)

8th May - Sam Pluckrose

15th May - Sam Pluckrose

22nd May - Sam Pluckrose

29th May - Sam Pluckrose

5th June - Sam Pluckrose

12th June - Sam Pluckrose

Intermediate Sea Paddles (Sundays)

28th-29th June - Overnight Paddle - Clive Ashford

21st July - Clive Ashford

Courses

13th June - Intro - Ken Hamblin

20th June - Intro - Ken Hamblin

22nd June - Intro - Terry Calcott

4th July - Intro - Ken Hamblin

13th July - Intro - Jane Hitchings

Evening Sessions (Tuesdays)

4th June	Explore Award - Alan Ede Sea Award - Doug Sitch Late Start - Jane Hitchings Rec Paddle - Terry Calcott	11th June	Explore Award - Alan Ede Sea Award - Doug Sitch Late Start - Jane Hitchings Rec Paddle - Terry Calcott
18th June	Explore Award - Alan Ede Sea Award - Doug Sitch Late Start - Jane Hitchings Rec Paddle - Terry Calcott	25th June	Explore Award - Brim Sea Award - Ken Hamblin Late Start - Sam Pluckrose Rec Paddle - Clive Ashford
2nd July	Explore Award - Brim Sea Award - Ken Hamblin Late Start - Sam Pluckrose Rec Paddle - Clive Ashford	9th July	Explore Award - Brim Sea Award - Ken Hamblin Late Start - Sam Pluckrose Rec Paddle - Clive Ashford
16th July	Explore Award - Brim Sea Award - Ken Hamblin Late Start - Sam Pluckrose Rec Paddle - Clive Ashford	23rd July	Explore Award - Terry Calcott Sea Award - Dave Fisher Late Start - Jenny Nicholls Rec Paddle - Alan Ede
30th July	Explore Award - Terry Calcott Sea Award - Dave Fisher Late Start - Jenny Nicholls Rec Paddle - Alan Ede		

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