



Port of Plymouth Canoeing Association

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May edition of Wet News.

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The prologue.

Recently a few shop assistants have taken to calling me "My Darling," presumably because my youthful good looks have fooled them into thinking that I am a little boy. I've noticed that these good people speak to me in far more endearing terms than Joy does!

4 star open boat.

Congratulations to Julie Elworthy on passing her 4 star open boat. I can't pretend to know very much about this award but I do know that Julie has put in a lot of time and hard work to achieve it. Well done Julie.

Club Easter Paddle Sat 19th April, Wembury beach. (Terry Calcott).

The Easter paddle will start & finish from Wembury beach. Meet at the beach car park (GR 518484), ready to paddle for 10:30, (0915 at Mount Batten for club equipment).

It has become a PPCA tradition over the years that paddlers dress in some form of Easter theme. We also have a communal feast of Easter food to share with each other. Details will be posted on the forum nearer the date.

Where we paddle from will still be dependent on the weather/sea conditions on the day (if inclement it will be from MB). Also please phone, e-mail or post on the forum to let me know if you are coming along.
07828 652775 or terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk

Sportivate.

For those who receive this newsletter by e-mail I have attached a file containing our Sportivate poster. Sportivate is a scheme part funded by a grant from Sportivate whereby youngsters aged 12 – 18 can take part in a 1 star course and enjoy a year's PPCA membership all for a bargain £30. If you know where you can display such a poster please do so.

Changing seasons.

River paddling has now ended for another season so our fresh water paddlers may be feeling a bit sad, but it's an ill wind that blows no good and I can see our salty old dogs cracking a smile. It's up to you of course but people wanting to get the truly authentic paddling experience will enjoy both the fresh and salt water environments, resulting in a smile that lasts all year but be careful, this will make your face ache.

Photo by Joy Ashford.



Bob Frost at last year's
Easter Paddle

Pool sessions.

The scheduled pool sessions have now come to an end. A lot of people turned up to prove that canoeing is not only a very wet sport can also a very warm sport. They also proved that canoeing is a very happy sport although smiling when upside-down does present its own challenges. Well done to all our students, thanks to all our coaches and helpers without whom these sessions wouldn't have been such a success and thanks to Zoe Boyle & Andy Nicholls for organising.

Photo by Andy Nicholls



Paddling can be a warm sport.

Mount Batten Squid, master of disguise.

During a recent trip on the river Walkham the Mount Batten Squid deftly disguised itself as a tree and proceeded to lure Bob "tree hugger" Grose to a sticky end. (Did you spot the marvellously crafted pun there? I'm wasted here). John Elworthy and Pete Anderson executed a text book rescue that not only got Bob back on dry land in a timely fashion but also left the Mount Batten Squid sporting slightly fewer tentacles than it had to started with, all of which proved most gratifying.

Whilst this drama was unfolding Julie Elworthy singlehandedly used her throw line to rescue a passing cloud. I'm not sure that the cloud needed rescuing but it was like watching poetry in motion.

Cable Beach

Photo by Terry Calcott.



Terry standing beside the recently exposed cables on Cable Beach.

Anyone that has been on more than a couple of Saturday paddles will be aware of Cable Beach, a delightful little cove that can only be accessed from the sea and a beach on which Joy and I camped some years ago. (We can tell you that there is just a small pebble ridge left exposed at high tide, but that's a different story).

Perceived wisdom is that cables ran down the cliff to the beach and then out to serve the Breakwater Fort with its electrical and telecommunications needs. As you can see from the photo recent storms have exposed the cables.

Plymouth Sound. "View from a kayak."

The first print of Terry Calcott's excellent little book about Plymouth Sound has sold out but Terry is ordering more. To have your very own copy of this collector's item e-mail Terry at terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk

Old Nosey, our roaming reporter...

...has heard a rumour that the secretary of an organisation that is well known to us published the agenda for a committee meeting but then forgot to turn up so said meeting. This made Old Nosey smirk. Being unable to verify this rumour Old Nosey, our roaming reporter, has decided on this occasion not to name names. (Noe there's a first).

Picture Bazaar
Photo by Terry Calcott.



Coming or going?

That's all folk; see you somewhere cold and wet.
Good paddling,
Clive.

Diary dates.

These diary dates are correct at time of going to print, please check the website forum or speak to the session leader for any changes nearer to the event.

Date	Type of paddle	Location	Session leader
April.			
Sat12, 10:00	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Ken Hamblin 01752 365404.
Sat 19, 09:15	Easter paddle	Wembury	Terry Calcott 07828 652775. <i>The Easter paddle will start & finish from Wembury beach. Meet at the beach car park (GR 518484), ready to paddle for 10:30, (09:15 at M'batten for club equipment). See forum for additional details.</i>
Tues 22, 18:00	2 star training	Mount Batten	Justin Frost
	3 star training	Mount Batten	Ken Hamblin
	3 star plus	Mount Batten	Doug Sitch
	Open boat training	Mount Batten	Ian Ruse
	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Joy Ashford
Fri 26, 18:00	Open boats	Mount Batten	Ian Ruse 07980 355019.
Sat 26, 09:00	Taster session	Mount Batten	Alan Ede
Sat 26, 10:00	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	TBA
Tues 29, 18:00	2 star training	Mount Batten	Justin Frost
	3 star training	Mount Batten	Ken Hamblin
	3 star plus	Mount Batten	Doug Sitch
	Open boat training	Mount Batten	Ian Ruse
	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Joy Ashford
May.			
Fri 2, 18:00	Sportivate (a)	Mount Batten	Sammi Pluckrose
Fri 2, 18:00	Open boats	Mount Batten	Ian Ruse 07980 355019.
Sat 3, 10:00	Sea kayak paddle	Mount Batten	. Neville Cannon 07773 342787. <i>The club sea kayaks can be booked with the Club Equipment Officer, Alan Ede, by a text to 07799 556876 or an e-mail to alancede@hotmail.co.uk</i>
Sat 3, 10:30	Intro rec paddle	Mount Batten	John Mitchell 01752 219246
Mon 5, 18:00	Paddlepower	Mount Batten	Ian Brimacombe / Linda Brady
Tues 6, 18:00	2 star training	Mount Batten	Justin Frost
	3 star training	Mount Batten	Ken Hamblin
	3 star plus	Mount Batten	Doug Sitch
	Open boat training	Mount Batten	Ian Ruse
	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Joy Ashford
Fri 9, 18:00	Sportivate (a)	Mount Batten	Sammi Pluckrose
Fri 9, 18:00	Open boats	Mount Batten	Ian Ruse 07980 355019.
Sat 10, 09:00	1 star course	Mount Batten	Tony Blackmore
Sat 10, 10:00	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Joy Ashford 01752 344425.
Mon 12, 18:00	Paddlepower	Mount Batten	Ian Brimacombe / Linda Brady
Tues 13, 18:00	2 star training	Mount Batten	Justin Frost
	3 star training	Mount Batten	Ken Hamblin
	3 star plus	Mount Batten	Doug Sitch
	Open boat training	Mount Batten	Ian Ruse
	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Joy Ashford

May (continued).

Fri 16, 18:00	Sportivate (a)	Mount Batten	Sammi Pluckrose
Fri 16, 18:00	Open boats	Mount Batten	Ian Ruse 07980 355019.
Sat 17, 10:00	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Doug Sitch 07966 740025
Mon 19, 18:00	Paddlepower	Mount Batten	Ian Brimacombe / Linda Brady
Tues 20, 18:00	2 star training	Mount Batten	Jane Hitchings
	3 star training	Mount Batten	Andy Nicholls
	3 star plus	Mount Batten	Doug Sitch
	Open boat	Mount Batten	Martin Mills
	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Terry Calcott
Thurs 22, 18:00	1 star course (a)	Mount Batten	Chris Doidge
Fri 23, 18:00	Sportivate (a)	Mount Batten	Sammi Pluckrose
Fri 23, 18:00	Open boats	Mount Batten	Ian Ruse 07980 355019.
Sat 24, 09:00	Taster session	Mount Batten	Andy Nicholls
Sat 24, 10:00	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Ian Brimacombe 07720 957304.
Mon 26, 18:00	Paddlepower	Mount Batten	Ian Brimacombe / Linda Brady
Tues 27, 18:00	2 star training	Mount Batten	Jane Hitchings
	3 star training	Mount Batten	Andy Nicholls
	3 star plus	Mount Batten	Doug Sitch
	Open boat	Mount Batten	Martin Mills
	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Terry Calcott
Thurs 29, 18:00	1 star course (a)	Mount Batten	Chris Doidge
Fri 30, 18:00	Sportivate (a)	Mount Batten	Sammi Pluckrose

Fri 30. There is no open boat session this week.

Sat 31, 10:00	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Ken Hamblin 01752 365404.
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June.

Mon 2, 18:00	Paddlepower	Mount Batten	Ian Brimacombe / Linda Brady
Tues 3, 18:00	2 star training	Mount Batten	Jane Hitchings
	3 star training	Mount Batten	Andy Nicholls
	3 star plus	Mount Batten	Doug Sitch
	Open boat	Mount Batten	Martin Mills
	Recreational paddle	Mount Batten	Terry Calcott
Thurs 5, 18:00	1 star course (a)	Mount Batten	Chris Doidge
Fri 6, 18:00	Sportivate (a)	Mount Batten	Sammi Pluckrose

Fri 6. There is no open boat session this week.

Advanced notice.

11 – 13 July Roseland Weekend St Just in Roseland Mary McArdle 01752 881166
See March newsletter / website forum for details of the sea kayaking weekend.

Sept 26 – 28	Sea symposium	Mount Batten
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Details TBA