Up the Creek June 2025

Editorial

Paul Huesohn

We received another letter from our reader.
Dear Hugh Jackman,

I diligently read your newsletter hoping for the some paddle inspiration only to be assaulted by a series of limericks so devoid of humour they could have been written by a damp sponge in a mid-life crisis.

One in particular—about a man kayaking the dart rhymed "dessert" with "inert" which nearly caused me lodge a formal complaint with the Met Office. Please, for the love of Sir David Attenborough and all things gently amusing, could you ensure future limericks contain at least one chuckle.

Mrs Trellis
North Wales

My reply to Mrs Trellis was as follows:

Your letter, a splendid delight,
Gave our editorial team quite a fright.
Though your limerick woes
Left us all on our toes,
We agree-this kayaker isn't that bright.

Anyway, enough nonsense. Many thanks this month to **all** contributors. I'm delighted that we have **four** new members to introduce this month. Anyone else who has joined recently (for some vague definition of "recently") please do consider sending your details in to the newsletter: newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk.

There is some news this month, firstly some "introductory plus" paddle opportunities and the rescheduled summer social on page 2. There is a committee reminder concerning access to, and use of, the facilities at Mount Batten on page 10. Also, important to club administration, Welfare Officer Alan Ede has provided some notes on keeping our DBS up to date on page 6. There is a report of all the club's activities this month in the chronicle on page 17 as well as some great news about both sea kayak **awards** as well as **awarding** on page 8. Although it seems too early to think about winter, there are some thoughts about connections away from paddling on page 14.

Away from club matters, there is the latest article on local wildlife, this month looking at cormorants, on page 16. There is also a note on nautical literature about "Colombers" on page 12. Finally, at the very end, an update from Mount Batten on the development work.

Rightly or wrongly, this month I have given the newsletter a name "Up the Creek". As always, comments, questions, material to include in future editions: newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk.

Rapid Reads

Intro Plus sessions

To help new paddlers who have come from an Intro course we are running some "Intro Plus" sessions over the summer months. The club offers 2 free sessions to graduates from the Intro course and these would be appropriate for most of those, pitched at a level between the Intro and Discover/Explore Award coaching. Many thanks to Clive Ashford and Al Ede who have offered to lead these. The current dates are on the calendar:

- Tuesday 22nd July
- Sunday 27th July
- Tuesday 26th August
- Tuesday 2nd September.

We hope that some of these folks will continue and become long term PPCA members.

Summer Social (Beach Barbeque)

Sarah Carlson

Rescheduled due to the weather.

5th July 2025

After the Saturday Recreational paddle

More details to follow (watch the usual spaces)

Welcome new members

Latt and Shivi

Latt and Shivi

Hello we are Latt and Shivi, we came to UK from India as a student in Plymouth University about 18 years back. We totally loved the Britain's ocean city and got settled here. We are working as Directors in our retail business of convenience stores. We have two daughters Vanessa (6 years old)and Veronica (3 years old). We love travelling.

We always wanted to do kayaking for so long but it got delayed because of work and family commitments. We finally made our mind to go for an introductory course in September 2024 with PPCA canoe club and never looked back. We thoroughly enjoyed the introductory course with the help of trained coaches and trainers, who were very supportive and motivating. It was an excellent way to start our kayaking journey. We then learnt lot of rescue skills through skill sessions and the pool sessions. We now go for Rec paddles in the sea and enjoys every bit of it.

We like to thank PPCA canoe Club for the wonderful experience of kayaking and with access to boats and equipments for members to use. The club members are very friendly and supportive, We highly recommend the PPCA club to anyone who wants to start their kayaking journey.

Thanks

Latt and Shivi

Haidee

Haidee

Hi All I have recently joined and wanted to introduce myself. I grew up in Plymouth and paddled with the Poly canoe club as it was then. I also worked for Devon County Council as an outdoor Instructor teaching sailing, climbing, caving and of course Kayaking. All the water sports took place in Plymouth Sound. Life then took over and I got married

and to a sailor so have moved and lived all over the word finally landing back in Modbury and ready to get stuck in so to say ! I have joined the HM Coast Guards and now PPCA. Very much looking forward to meeting you all and having some fun out on the water. I will be the one wearing all PPCC gear as I had to sell all my kit when I moved to Africa!

Warm regards
Haidee

Also Haidee, but in Australian configuration

Chris

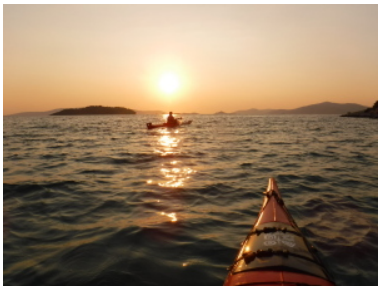
Old Bloke . . . New Member

Having been an Associate Member for a year or two I found myself paddling as a guest on the Saturday paddles more and more frequently so thought it was about time I became a fully paid up Paddling Member.

My association with the PPCA goes all the way back to it's founding years 50+ years ago when Ian and Penny Ruse were the driving force of the club and we were based in Number 4 Boathouse across the water at Phoenix Wharf: at the time I was a skinny 12 or 13 year old who had just found that he could do stuff in a canoe. . . there weren't canoes and kayaks, whitewater boats and sea kayaks in those days, there were just canoes and several of them were canvas-on-frame!

Leaving home and Plymouth to start work at age 16 and one month my link with the club gradually wained and it wasn't until this century that I reconnected with 'the old club'. I hadn't 'not paddled' in all those years but I had paddled much less than I would have liked while focussing on various businesses and bringing up three youngsters.

At heart I'm an expedition paddler and am currently finessing a plan to co-lead a small group on a 21 day unsupported expedition out of Uummannaq in West Greenland in July and have, today, been doing some tidal planning for a trip later in the year from Newquay to Falmouth. If successful the latter of those trips will be the culmination of our Southwest Peninsula Paddle from Sharpness in the Severn estuary to Poole, Dorset. A number of you will already know me from my guest paddles with the club or peer paddles in the area and hopefully I'll get to know others as I paddle more often now that I'm a proper member.



(a) Adriatic

(b) Dart Loop

(c) Greenland

(d) Lundy

(e) Old Harry

(f) House of Fools

Chris

Hopefully any one else who has joined recently (like, in the last 12 months) might be inspired to follow Latt, Shivi, Haidee and Chris' lead and send a few words about yourself and (ideally, but entirely optionally) a photo to: newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk

DBS Status Check Authorisation Form

Alan Ede, Club Welfare Officer

Those club members who require a Disclosure and Barring Service, (DBS), check are usually asked to sign up to the DBS Update Service, followed by signing up for the Status Check Authorisation form.

The DBS Update Service is an application made directly to the DBS service so that your original identity and address checks can be used for future checks. It also allows you to use your DBS certificate obtained through the PPCA for other voluntary organisations you may belong to.

The Status Check Authorisation form, (hereafter referred to as the checking form), is to give consent to PaddleUK to check your DBS status. In essence this is usually requested, periodically, by the club Welfare Officer. To maintain this checking service requires individuals to submit a new form to PaddleUK, every three years.

Here are the steps to do this.

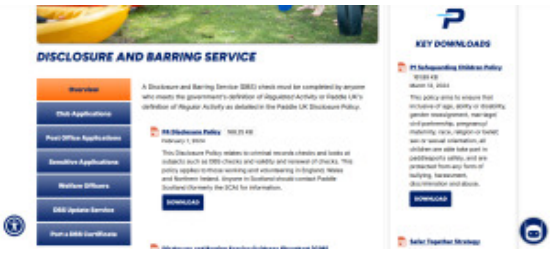
1. Go to https://www.paddleuk.org.uk

2. Use the search function (magnifying glass symbol), and type in Disclosure and Barring Service.

3. This will take you to a page where the first box you scroll down to is called Disclosure and Barring Service - click this.

4. You then go to a page with a series of

blue boxes, or banners, if you prefer?



(Nearly there.....)

5. Click on DBS Update Service. This changes the text below the box allowing you to scroll down. Scroll down until you see some grey boxes, the first two asking for you name and PaddleUK membership number. If you are not a PaddleUK member you can skip this box.

6. Complete all the boxes, (including your DBS certificate number), check the agreement box and then submit.

You may receive a reminder from PaddleUK to do this, I'm actually not sure. To this end, if you let me know when you have completed this 'checking form', I can remind you before the three year period is up.

If anyone is not sure when their three year period is scheduled to end, please contact me and I can check my records. I am planning to check my records, as I type this message, so you may receive a reminder from me before this appears in the newsletter.

As always, any questions about DBS or Safeguarding, please contact me on email - welfare@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk

Thank you

Sea Kayak Awards

Adam Coulson

Congratulations go to club members Andy M, Eileen S and Jon G for passing their Paddle UK Sea Kayak Awards in May.

They started out as a group of 4 including Eileen's husband Mark back in November last year meeting on Wednesdays for coaching to the SKA. Sadly, Mark's shoulder bowed out half way through the course and he has been forced to rest his paddle.

We did cancel a few days and spent one day "in the classroom" at my home. It has been my pleasure to help this group along in their ambitions and I hope to see them all develop further. You will see them on club trips too. Thanks go to Rick Cooper of British Sea Kayaks who gave up his time to facilitate the final assessment (of them and me).

The group continued and have made brilliant progress from wobbly paddlers to confident sea kayakers over the 6 months. As can be seen in the photos, they remained smiling throughout having been tested in various conditions – the group took up a temporary name of "The Windy Wednesday"!

Some found it tough

If you would like to know more about gaining

the Sea Kayak Award please talk with me. You can find the award description and content here. The assessment is a continuous process so there is no fixed examination as such. It would be great for the club to be announcing further awards.

The way to my heart

Adam Coulson - Sea Kayak Award Provider

Clive Ashford

Congratulations to club leader Adam Coulson on qualifying as a Sea Kayak Award (SKA) provider. The SKA is the award that most sea kayakers should be aspiring to and is the equivalent of what us old people would refer to as something between the old 3 and 4 star. Adam is now qualified to assess the SKA award, which makes him the equivalent of a level 3 coach[1]. We have all witnessed Adam (And Karen) working tirelessly to improve their sea kayaking skills and those of us that have attended Adam's training sessions have been left in no doubt about his coaching techniques and skills. Adam has earned his SKA provider status.

[1]Footnote: Although I have alluded to the old Level 3 coach award, and to Adam's undoubted coaching skills, Adam has pointed out that Paddle UK don't recognise SKA provider status as a coaching award

Oar Else: Housekeeping Procedures at MBC

(derived from Frequently Asked Questions)
Jackie Perry, Secretary PPCA

Club Sheds

Members are reminded that under no circumstances should they get changed in either of the club's sheds. We have a duty of safeguarding our members, especially those who are deemed vulnerable. Changing anywhere in the sheds also prevents the free movement of members and their kit / kayaks while preparing for or finishing a paddle.

While it is recognised that the central trolley in the members shed will need to be moved to the left or right to allow access to boats on either side, it should always be returned to a central position within the yellow lines.

There are shelves at the back right of the members shed to store kit whilst on the water. Kit may also be left within the confines of the yellow painted box on the floor, but be aware that the trolley will be moved over this area and it is subject to getting wet from washed boats being returned to their storage area.

It is also requested that expensive bits of kit, e.g., paddles, are not left lying on the ground in front of the sheds as these are a trip hazard and may also get broken.

Facilities at Mount Batten Centre (MBC)

During the refurbishment, guaranteed MBC staff cover is restricted to 10:00 – 16:00, weekdays only. Other periods may have cover, but on an ad hoc basis only.

Due to the restricted on-site presence, all affiliated clubs have been asked to heighten site security by ensuring that all gates are kept locked shut.

When the main wooden gates are closed access to the yard is via the rear personnel gate. All gates must be secured after being used. This includes the main wooden gates; the small wooden gate at front of yard; the pin pad metal gate at the top of steps from yard; the keypad gate to the temporary welfare facilities in the car park.

PPCA members are not automatically members of MBC, but are entitled to apply direct to MBC for discounted membership, being part of an affiliated club. This will then give them access to all the MBC facilities, albeit some of which are limited during the current refurbishment.

Intro Course delegates are granted temporary membership for the duration of their course only.

MBC members are entitled to use the changing rooms, showers, toilets and car park. Temporary welfare facilities have been set up in the top car park and these are access controlled via a pin pad. The access code will be changed frequently and all current MBC members will be advised via e-mail.

If the temporary MBC reception area is open (see above) then PPCA members may be able to use the facilities in the corridor leading to the classrooms / reception. At other times there is a public convenience near the Mount Batten Hotel / pub.

Exchange and Mart

Some retailers offer a discount to our members: details are on the PPCA website

Colomber

Kevin Tole

Some say the Colomber does not exist. Others, particularly in maritime communities believe explicitly in its existence and it goes under many names around the world: kolombrey, kahloubrha, kalonga, kalu-balu, chalunggra. The place where it comes immediately into the European realm is in a short story by the Italian writer Dino Buzzati (1906 – 1972). Buzzati was a lifelong journalist and a prolific writer of short stories. 'The Colomber' comes from a 1966 compilation and can be found in the book highlighted below.

This is how the story goes. Stefano takes his first voyage on his father's ship declaring how he too wants to become a sea captain. During the voyage he sees a shape in the water following the ship which no one else can see. His father realises it is a Colomber and explains

that it is an omen of death and will follow the person it is tracking till it gets its goal. He returns his son to the shore immediately telling him that he should never set sail upon the briny oceans. The boy grows up inland but on the death of his father he returns to the sea. He still sees the Colomber following him wherever he might be. When he is old, he decides to accept his fate and casts off in a rowing boat. He meets the Colomber who explains that he was following him not to take his life but to give him a gift of a miraculous huge pearl which he hands over. Days later the boat is washed up on a shore with a skeleton in the boat clasping a round polished stone.

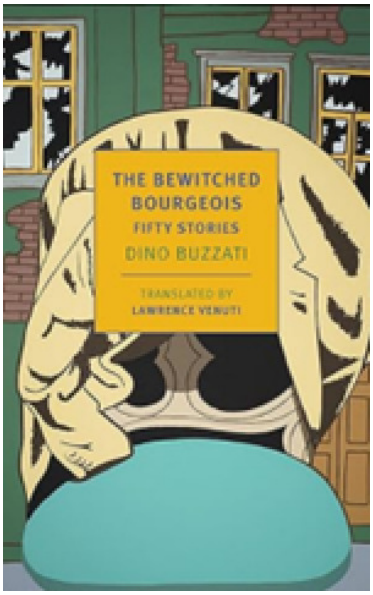


Figure 7: The Bewitched Bourgeois: Fifty Stories (New York Review Books: Classics) Paperback January 7, 2025 by Dino Buzzati (Author), Lawrence Venuti (Editor, Translator)

As you can see, it is part of that list of maritime myths. Of course, there is also at least one level of irony within this short story. The Colomber is not an omen of death but a harbinger of good fortune. Deep within the tale is also a message that we cannot put off what we are meant to do; that fate is always waiting for us and that we should face it rather than putting off the encounter with it. And the denouement seems to be saying that Stefano was deluded though in his youth desperately wanting to be close to his father and take on his profession – to be like his father. Stefano has lived his whole life without confronting and has been unhappy with this fate hanging over him. You could say that the final message within this perfect short story is that 'there is nothing to fear but fear itself'. Some people believe in fables and myths. I myself prefer cupcakes .... and great literature.

Staying Connected: A Reflection After a Morning Paddle

Sonia Wilding

From Gillian Mann's Facebook

I'm sitting in the garden as I write this, looking up at a clear blue sky. A blue tit hops from branch to branch in the apple tree and the scent of lavender drifts gently on the breeze. I feel a deep sense of contentment after a perfect morning spent paddling out to Heybrook Bay with a beautiful group of people. The morning was filled with meaningful conversations. One in particular stayed with me. We reflected on the opportunity for more frequent paddling during the summer months—especially for those of us lucky enough to have the energy and fitness to make the most of it. But as we spoke it became clear that paddling means much more to many of us than simply being on the water. For some, it's about the sense of companionship. For others, it's the peace and calm that can be hard to find in everyday life. Being part of the group brings a deep sense of belonging—something that feels increasingly precious as the years pass.

We also acknowledged something harder to face. Many of us are in our 50s, 60s, 70s and even 80s and although we may still feel 18 on the inside (I certainly do!), our bodies don't always agree. Physical strength and mobility can gradually decline and one day we may no longer be able to paddle. As reluctant as we may be to admit it it is a reality we all may face.

That thought led us to consider the winter months—those darker evenings when recreational paddles and skills sessions come to a seasonal pause. For some, it can be a time of isolation, especially for those who were once

active members of the group but are no longer able to paddle. It must be incredibly difficult to have once been part of something so meaningful only to find yourself watching from the sidelines with little opportunity to stay connected.

I know that for me—and I'm sure for many of you—the thought of no longer being part of the group, no longer sharing the banter, the laughter, the deeper chats during and after paddles would be a huge loss. Kayaking has become an integral part of our lives.

As our conversation continued some paddlers felt that we should find ways to maintain connection within the group during the off-season and not just for current paddlers but also for those who may no longer be able to get out on the water due to physical, mental, or emotional challenges.

We would love to explore the idea of regular social meet-ups, initially once the paddling season winds down. These could take many forms—meals out, coffee catch-ups, pub evenings (if we can find one open after 9!), talks or informal lectures, maybe even themed chats where experienced paddlers can share their knowledge and stories with newer members. There's such a wealth of wisdom and adventure within our club—we would all benefit from hearing more of it.

We would really appreciate your thoughts and ideas on this. What kind of winter activities or social events would entice you out of your cozy nest to connect with your fellow kayakers? What would help you feel more included if you were unable to paddle? We believe strongly that everyone—whether they're actively paddling or not—deserves the opportunity to stay part of this wonderful community. Life is too short and connection matters deeply. Let's look after each other on and off the water.

National Trust photo

Any thoughts on this article please send them to newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk - I'm the other paddler mentioned above and will share any feedback with Sonia. Alternatively, please talk to either of us.

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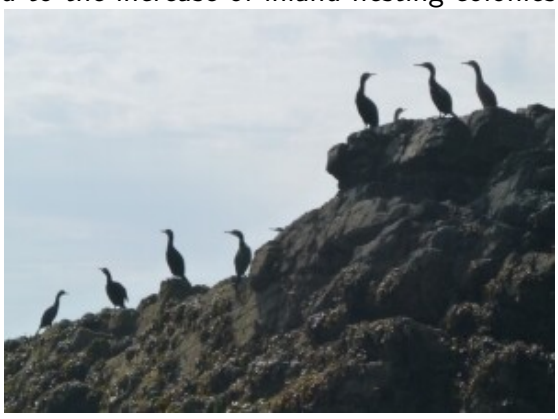
Cormorants (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

Terry Calcott

This short article is about one of the most common birds we see around the Sound, the Cormorant. The name Cormorant means "sea raven" coming from the Latin "corvus" (raven) and "marinus" (from the sea). Likewise, their scientific name, *Phalacrocorax carbo*, also refers to ravens, coming from the Greek "phalakros" (bald), "korax" (raven) and the Latin "carbo" (charcoal).

There are two subspecies of Cormorant in the UK. The coastal one which we see around the Sound and the continental species which has led to the increase of inland nesting colonies.



Usually seen on the water or diving to catch their main food source of fish. When out of the water they are usually on rocks around the coast in small colonies. Cormorant feathers are not waterproof. This is because they need to dive under the water for extended periods to catch fish. After which they need to dry off with their wings outstretched.

Cormorants have brown, black feathers and in breeding plumage they are easy to identify with white patches on their thighs and under their chin. They are heavy birds and sit low in the water, with a wedge-shaped head and heavy looking bill. The UK has internationally significant wintering numbers of Cormorants.

Creek Chronicle

Adam Coulson

Wet Training Events

- 6th May Andy with some helpers led a group of 6 learners on the Explore course
- 13th May Andy continued with the learners in the explore Group
- 20th May Another 12 signed on for Clive's Explore group who used Batten Bay for practicing their skills.
- 27th May Despite the recreational paddle being cancelled, Andy led 9 brave souls out into the wind and rain, to learn some further skills in the Discover/Explore Group

Wet Recreational Events

- 2nd May Thanks to Sarah who posted: "Friday night rec paddle to Bovisand Beach. Thank you Pete for leading. Another lovely paddle" No open boats I notice.
- 3rd May Brim led the short paddle in the morning.
- 3rd May Nigel led the first Saturday of the month sea paddle today and reports: "Another warm Saturday following a week of scorching days and we are not to be disappointed with a good day out. The wind cannot decide which way to blow, morning northerly, afternoon easterly (both light conditions), but I'm betting a southerly sea breeze will kick in later and give an easy journey home. Green post slipway and nine experience paddlers assemble for the monthly long sea paddle. We glide past Mt Batten Breakwater with ease. A slight detour from the Breakwater Refuge leg to Bovisand Harbour instead as a large ship attached to three tugs steams up channel. Bovisand Bay then Renney Rocks and a swing around the Mewstone all before we reach Cellar Beach on the Yealm Estuary – lunch stop. The tide is still high, so it's rocky but a comfortable place to rest. All too soon we are on the water, past Wembury, Heybrook Bay, Bovisand and home via The Sound, and guess what? The sea breeze is up and running, its like paddling downhill, the 12.5 miles are soon eaten up, we are home. Another good day on the water."

- 6th May Another beautiful Tuesday evening out kayaking in Plymouth sound. Thanks to Terry for leading the group to Drakes island and across to Devils Point.

- 9th May Damean led the Friday night paddlers

- 10th May Terry led the paddle: A great Saturday rec paddle today. With a stiff easterly breeze we headed into Jennycliff Bay and hugged the coast to Bovisand. Making good time we carried on to the Renney Rocks and lunch. The return was following the same route back. Flat calm and lovely warm sunshine. How about a caption competition for this photo of our fine chairman?

- 13th May Lovely evening for a rec paddle with 14 paddlers out enjoying the sunshine across Jennycliff to Cable beach with time for a gander at the wildlife.

- 16th May Pete led11 paddlers in total with a mix of sea and GP kayaks. With a moderate breeze from the SW giving the racing yachts the middle of the Sound along with a visiting cruise ship which announced it's departure with the customary deep toned ships horn, we headed out past the MB pier. We paddled onwards to Bovisands Fort and returned along the coastline. A sunny evening giving us a beautiful light on the shoreline, along with high water, allowing us to explore the various nooks and crannies on our return.

- 17th May Adam led a group of 10, all in sea kayaks, and including one guest paddler. The easterly wind was a little brisker than predicted and so we hugged the low cliffs around the eastern side of The Sound as far as Heybrook Bay before returning to the small beach just east of the Renney Rocks for lunch. It was a lovely sunny day and great to see a whole string of kayaks threading their way between the rocks.

- 20th May 25 signed up in total for the rec paddle – could be a record for Tuesday evening. Adam led across the Hoe, out to and around Drakes's Island, back to Batten Bay before return around the breakwater. A pleasant evening and lots of chat With 37 launching from the western slip you can understand why it was a little chaotic!

- 23rd May Phil lead the Friday evening paddle.

- 24th May Terry writes: "10 paddlers out enjoying what turned out to be a dry day. We headed over to Mount Edgcumbe to stay out of the wind. Then out to Picklecombe before returning for lunch at the beach at Edgcumbe and the Green Man festival. As we paddled back for lunch near the Bridge a shout of Dolphins went up and we were entertained with a display by a small pod of 4 dolphins. A few leaping out of the water. We sat and watched until they drifted off into the distance. Unfortunately I couldn't get any decent photos. The return was a paddle across to Drakes Island then to the Hoe. A great day out"

- ~~27th May~~ Gavin cancelled with predicted winds at 21 knots, gusting 31.

- 30th May Damean led a group of 8 out on a relaxed Friday evening paddle, and they happened across a Spanish invasion that nobody seemed aware of!

- 31st May With little wind or swell 15 of us ventured out and around the eastern border of The Sound before picking our way along the breakwater from cage to lighthouse with some enjoying the gentle wash of the swell up the breakwater and down. At the western end we split, with Adam taking 6 out to Penlee Point whilst Clive took the rest (who didn't see the point) straight to Cawsand for a long lunch. A nice following sea hastened our return to MB with smiles all around.

Dry Events

- 14th May: Committee Meeting.

The PPCA Committee

PPCA is a friendly Club, and we'd love to hear from you!

The Club is run by a committee of unpaid volunteers, most of which work full-time. Contact details are listed below. For non-urgent enquiries, please email the person you require rather than telephoning.

If you are new to paddlesport or thinking of taking it up then please contact our Intro Coordinator who can point you in the right direction. Our Intro Coordinator can also answer any questions you may have about our Club, courses on offer etc, drop them an email at intro@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk

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Mount Batten Development Work

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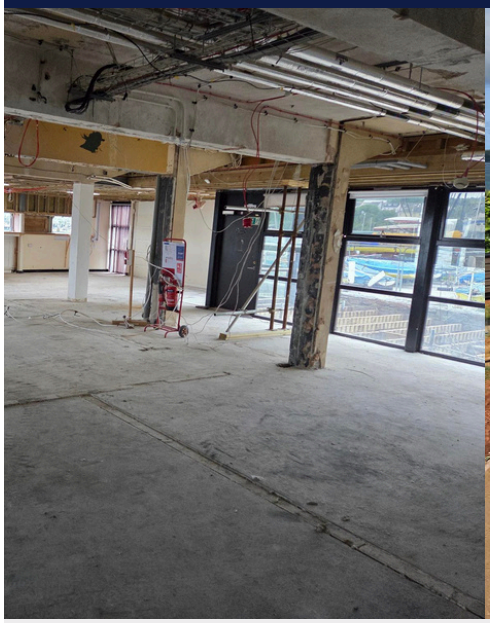

Site Manager Wayne from Classic Builders has shared the latest updates on the centre's progress and upcoming work.

Demolition of the Mount Batten Centre's ground floor is now complete, and new fire and intruder alarms are in place. The coastal path by the planned tiered seating is closed for safety, with a public diversion in effect. Ground has been excavated and levelled with concrete, while excavation continues behind the sea-facing retaining wall. Pathway works around the Tower are nearly finished.

Upcoming work includes cutting in and installing new drainage, ongoing bank digging for tiered seating and steps, and installing blockwork for a two-tier area. New fencing near the Tower will start soon, along with reconfiguring Compound C. Fire proofing and first fix mechanical and electrical works are also on the horizon. Stay tuned for more updates!

SITE SET-UP

Speed Limit Reminder – As a gentle reminder to all our visitors, please ensure you adhere to the 5 MPH speed limit when driving in and around the centre. This is for the safety of everyone – including children, pedestrians, and other drivers. Thank you for helping us keep the centre a safe place for all. The South West Coast Path in front of the planned tiered seating area has been closed off for safety. There is a diversion in place for the public to use.

SLIP WAYS

The Plymouth City Council slipways are open for public use-please follow slipway etiquette for everyone's safety and access. Respect others, prepare your vessel away from the slipway, launch and recover promptly, and never leave vehicles unattended. Remove all equipment and debris after use, and avoid blocking the path. Thank you for your cooperation.

TOWER OPEN DAYS

These offer a unique opportunity to explore the tower and enjoy the spectacular views.

Upcoming dates are 16th July, 9th & 19th Aug.

www.plymouthsoundnationalmarinepark.com/events for more information & updates

UPCOMING DATE TO NOTE – INCREASED LOCAL ACTIVITY

Upcoming events near Mount Batten may bring more visitors—plan ahead, use public transport or car share, and try to visit outside busy times.

Plymouth Boat Fest – 21 June 2025
Plymouth Armed Forces Day - 28 June 2025
The British Firework Championship - 13 - 14 August 2025

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