

PRYC Newsletter December 2024



Patsy

I expect you've all heard by now that Patsy sadly passed away very recently. She was a long serving and very supporting member of the club; she will be sorely missed. You should have received details of her funeral on a separate email, if you wish to go and pay your respects.

2024

This year saw record turnouts in most classes, with the membership at the club constantly growing. As I write this newsletter, we have over 150 members now. We're also seeing younger members join, which is great for the future of the club too.

Christmas Lunch

This proved to be very popular, with 33 attending. The location and food were excellent, a big thanks to Jim Macgregor for being the driving force behind this. Hopefully we can build on this and make it an annual event.

AGM

We moved the location and day of the AGM this year. Though this was not through choice, as the original location is no longer available.

What we learnt is that an evening doesn't really work, as the attendance was down on previous years. Therefore, we will be looking to move this back to the daytime next year.

2025 racing

The club calendar is now live on the website, so please check out all the dates and times.

A couple of things to note:

We've moved the **winter and autumn series afternoon start times to 1:30pm**, to try and help with fading light over the winter months.

We've scheduled **IOM and DF95 racing at Longham on the last Sunday of the month** during the winter series.

Events

We've got three race events in the calendar so far; more events will hopefully follow:

IOM Open – 19th January

IOM Open – 30th March

A PRACC – 8th/9th November

The entry for the IOM Open in January should be live by the time you receive this newsletter, so please enter soonest, so we can get an idea of numbers.

75 years of PRYC

The date for the club regatta, celebrating 75 years of PRYC, has been set for the 26th of July. Hopefully we can make this a fun filled day and will try and arrange some nice summer weather too. One for the dairies!

Longham

Your subs pay for the use of this fantastic location, but then we rarely use it. So, we have decided to schedule some more regular racing out there in 2025. I've raced there and it's great to race on a much larger expanse of water. Hopefully we will see lots of you there.

Weed and reeds

The weed is abating now we have moved into winter. Let's hope a cold snap kills it off and it doesn't return for next year.

The reeds have been cut on the bank of the big lake, so this will make it easier to see our boats when racing over there now.

Volunteers

A big thankyou to all who help in some way with the club. Whether it's marshalling at an event, or just putting the trolley away after sailing, it's all appreciated by the class captains and committee.

Have a great Christmas everyone and we look forward to seeing you at the lake next year.
Paul Robson (Club and Sailing Secretary)