



Sailing with PISC - the best open day ever!

Some days you wake up with that lovely feeling - today is going to be a great day. And so it was. Planning - check; volunteers - check; posters - check; flags - check; Cyprus Living - check (more about this later). The PISC machine is ready to race.

Neil Hodkin, our new Rear Commodore Sailing, and Bob Sheward, our new Commodore, were sure that all the boxes had been ticked but...



(Pic; Yeng Chow) Jim, our Membership Secretary "Signing them up."

However, quite incredibly the first visitors to turn up were 4 magnificent storks probably stopping in Cyprus for a rest and snack (they must have heard of the tasty snacks at Koula's Cafe on the beach) as they made their migratory passage from Africa to the wetlands of Europe. Sadly, these beautiful familial birds stayed only an hour but in that short time demonstrated beyond any doubt that they were the true masters of the winds.

As the clock struck 10, along came our first human visitors. They were welcomed, quickly registered, kitted up with life jackets and before they knew it were gliding gracefully on the flat sea in 7 knot winds. Perfect. Importantly, of course, all the time under the watchful eyes of our two Safety Boats. On it went throughout the day.

Agios Georgios was buzzing with excitement, not only were our visitors happy, the crowds on the beach were also given a splendid demonstration of students from our local school TLC, as they engaged in the PISC Sail Training Programme. "It's just great to see these young women and men beginning to master this demanding sport of sailing," said David Brown, our PISC Instructor.

The question put by our Beach Crew to our visitors as they returned to base. "Well did you enjoy that?" was quite superfluous; one look at the ear to ear smiles said it all. What a superb day especially when our Registration Team reported that 26 visitors had signed up. Well done Neil and PISC volunteers - you together made the day so enjoyable and rewarding. This is a great and happy club.

Any business worth its salt holds a post event "satisfaction survey" and so we did. All 26 visitors (now temporary or permanent members) said how much they enjoyed the experience; every PISC volunteer said how worthwhile and well planned the day was; the 4 storks said they might pop back next year and of the 26 people who turned up, many commented that the colourful Advert (designed by Cyprus Living) had caught their eye and encouraged them to come along. Very impressive "Cyprus Living" and a big thank you from PISC. A clear message to other organisations.

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