



THE RAHRC BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 2016

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Main Committee Message



We hope you have had a great summer and the Ras Al Hamra Club team would like to welcome you back! After the summer break, the first few days can be tough. You want to get back into work-mode without stressing yourself out and losing all the benefits of the summer break or vacation you've just had. Going from zero-to- hundred percent work productive all at once and trying to catch up on everything right away is not the solution. So how do you get up to speed without getting winded? The club is the best place to cope with the 'back to work and school' stress. So, we invite you to come and participate in the different activities, events, classes and courses that the club has to offer.

Eid-Al-Adh'ha, the Festival of Sacrifice, was celebrated on the third day of Eid with Freedom Modern Taarab band with Zungu and live music with DJ Tinko. A host of events have been lined up for this year. Events to look for are the Beach to Beach swim on the 14th of October, Spooktacular organised by the American section on 21st October in the Sohar Garden, and Oktoberfest on 5th November. Tickets for all these events are on sale and can be bought from the front office. We request members to abide by the terms and conditions mentioned in the notice of ticket sales and the back of the tickets for events that are organised in the club.

Announcements for the RAHRC Annual General Meeting, Fireworks, Diwali Mela, Pantomime and the New Year's Eve Party will be made shortly. Interestingly there will be an update on the new restaurant soon. Please keep an eye for these notifications.

We are happy to announce that the wifi has been installed in the club. In order for members to access it, the identification is 'RAHRC' and the password will be changed on a weekly basis. Members can contact any staff on duty at the front office, main restaurant, coffee shop, boat club and the sports complex for the password.

In order to facilitate our members with their queries, requests etc in the quickest way possible, we have now merged the front office, accounts office and bar administration office. Many of you who have visited the new "Administration" Office have given us a positive feedback on the change. If you have not come to the Club yet, do drop in to say hello!

Activity levels are picking up at the club and the club is getting busier. If you notice any HSE related activity kindly inform the front office immediately. If an incident requires emergency response kindly inform any staff at the front office, boat club area, swimming pool or gyms who will be able to help you. While members are free to take videos and photos at events, we request you to kindly refrain from doing this while first aid is being administered to a member who may be a victim of a medical emergency

Very soon the club will be implementing the new system and you will see several changes related to management of the club. A notice will be sent to all members by e-mail with new changes followed by an engagement session. Payment for courses, food and beverages consumed in the club is already done via debit/credit card and this is welcomed by a number of members. This is to facilitate no cash transactions at any locations in the club.

We would like to draw your attention to the club house rules and statues, which are being revised and will be available on our website www.pdorc.com shortly.

Safety is of paramount importance at the club, so enjoy the facilities and be safe!

Comments or feedback can be posted to rahrc@pdo.co.om

Saleh Al Sharji
General Manager



The Outpost Muscat Team

The team at Outpost Muscat is dedicated to assisting you with practical information and guidance on all non-contractual matters. We can assist you on arrival and on an ongoing basis during your assignment.

Outpost Networking Mornings

Networking events are designed to provide spouses with the opportunity to meet new arrivals, network with other spouses and to ask Outpost questions.

The next Networking Morning will be on **Tuesday 27th September** from 8.30am – 11.00am at Kim Restucci's house (5 Sahma St.) Everyone is welcome!

Outpost Information Mornings

Every month Outpost organises an Information Morning at the office (Ras al Hamra Street, Apt. 149, Flat G005) from 9:00am–10:30am. This morning focuses on new arrivals but all are welcome. Come in to get an Outpost publication, view the notice boards or exchange experiences. We will be there to answer your questions. These usually take place on the last Thursday of every month. The next one will be on **Thursday 29th September**.

Upcoming Events

From early October Basic English Conversation course – (dates TBC)

The 6 weeks' course will start in October. To register please email us or come into the office to sign up.

Wednesday 12th October Arab Etiquette talk at the Marlin Hall

Ever tasted Halwa or had Kahwa? Come and experience these Omani delights and find out about the etiquette and traditions of the country we are living in. 8.30am – 11.00am (please sign up in advance as places will be limited)

Tuesday 8th November Tour of The Grand Mosque

Join us for a guided tour of this wonderful Mosque. We will leave from the Outpost office by coach and be shown around by one of the female volunteers. Please note this trip is not suitable for children under the age of 10. The coach leaves at 8.30am and will be back by 11.00am. (Please email or come into the office to reserve your seat as places are limited)



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Office hours: Sun, Tue, Thu
8.15-11.00

Appointments outside of these
times are available on request.



Our Publications

We have a range of publications to help you such as our Inside Guide, Career and Development Guide and key documents on subjects including:

- Housing
- Driving in Oman
- Hiring Domestic Help
- Departure Checklist
- Birth Registration in Oman
- Emergency
- Children's Activities in Muscat

For copies please contact Outpost or pop into the office.

outpostmuscat@pdo.co.om

Welcome Services Team

If you are a new arrival and on an accompanied basis, a member of our Welcome Services Team will contact your spouse to offer assistance with settling in.

Office hours: Sun, Tue, Thu

Communication & Newsletters

Please join our email distribution list so that we can notify you of our events and send you our newsletter. To join, please send an email to us on outpostmuscat@pdo.co.om

Newsletters can also be accessed online.

Outpost Muscat website

Lots of information, including our Inside Guide and Key Documents are available on our new website

<http://muscat.globaloutpostservices.com>

To access all information, registration is required. Registration is possible with a PDO email address and computer-ID.

Facebook

Outpost Muscat is now on Facebook. Join our closed group of over 650 people today to see all our events and share information about life in Muscat!

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RAS AL-HAMRA ASTRONOMY SECTION (RAHAS)

Background

The Astronomy section of the PDO Recreation Centre was founded in November 1996 by a small group of enthusiasts, including our recently resigned Chief Astronomer, Randall Penney (XGL/31). Initially conceived as an informal group of star gazers, the section's launch proved unexpectedly popular, filling Cinema Hall at its inaugural meeting. From then onwards there has been no turning back with the continuing popularity of its activities.

Who We Are?

Current Committee Members:

Chairman/Chief Equipment Officer: Valerio Giuliani UDEC5

Secretary/Equipment Officer: Adrian Woodcock

Treasurer (pending replacement): Jaqueline Spence, UE0113A

Chief Astronomer: Position open

Equipment Officer: Damian Rayner

Equipment Officer: Mohamed Lamki UWB6

Equipment Officer: Karan Christopher ONPL22

Equipment Officer: Ernest Sayapov UWI15

Planetarium Director: Sulaiman Busaidi EAS5

Goals

The chief aims of the Astronomy Group are:

- foster an interest and awareness in astronomy, astrophotography and astronomical instruments
- give its members the opportunity to experience the wonders of the universe first hand through observation activities
- transfer knowledge on astronomical matters to its members through its camps, lecture meetings and shows in collaboration with PDO Planetarium

Activities

The section has two main activities.

- Weekend star observation camps at dark sites in the North Oman Mountains in summer and to lowland sites in the interior in winter. RAHAS possesses a number of large telescopes and accessory equipment for use of members on these outings. These camps have proved especially popular for families with children.

- Lectures (in conjunction with PDO Planetarium) by astronomical experts invited from various institutions in the Middle East Region and also knowledgeable RAHAS members on astronomical and related topics held at PDO Oil & Gas centre through the winter period.

There are also ad-hoc sky watches organised for special events, such as comets or lunar and solar eclipses.



Committee Vacancies Available

If you have an interest in astronomy and/or scientific instruments or possess IT/secretarial abilities, RAHAS has a number of committee vacancies, especially for equipment officers. If you have ever dreamt of the opportunity to operate a large astronomical telescope this could be just the opening for you! On the job training is provided. For more details please email Adrian Woodcock or Valerio Giuliani UDEC5.

Proposed Weekend Astronomy Observation Trips 2016-17: subject to final confirmation closer to the event.

RAS AL-HAMRA ASTRONOMY SECTION (RAHAS) Calendar 2016-17 *

Date	Activity
15/01/2016	Wahiba Sands, astronomy camp
05/02/2016	Saiwan Area, astronomy camp
01/04/2016	Selma Plateau/Sur Area, astronomy camp
06/05/2016	Jabel Shams Plateau, astronomy camp
01/07/2016	Jabel Akhdar, astronomy camp
30/09/2016	Ibra Tombs, astronomy camp
28/10/2016	Afar-1H1 Area, astronomy camp
25/11/2016	Wahiba Sands, astronomy camp
30/12/2016	Saiwan Area, astronomy camp
27/01/2017	Location to be announced

Occasional Astronomy talks will be announced through RAHAS mailing list when their details have been finalised

*Not all these camps are confirmed yet, especially anything scheduled 3 or more months ahead. For more information please e-mail Adrian Woodcock on: Adrian@sgrf.gov.om

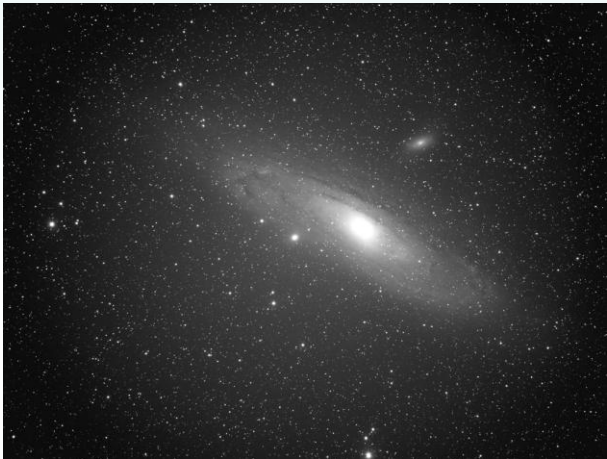
Ask Adrian to add your address to the RAHAS mailing list.



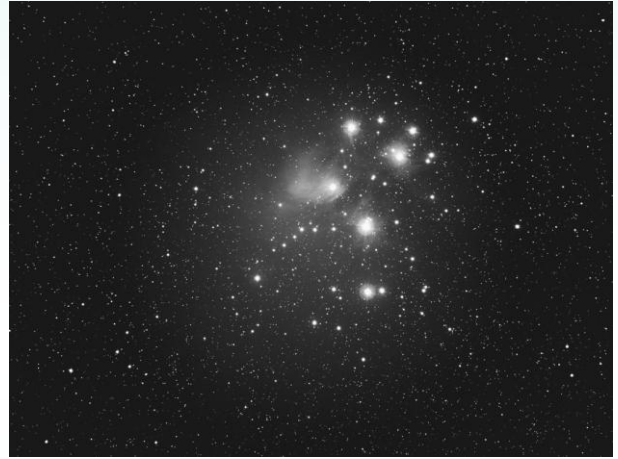
Messier 16, 50 X 10 sec exposure with Atik Infinity color ccd and Televue NP101, Jabel Shams astronomy camp September 2016.



Veil Nebula, 50 X 10 sec exposure with Atik Infinity color ccd and Televue NP101, Jabel Shams astronomy camp September 2016.



Andromeda galaxy, single 3 min exposure with Hyperstar 6 and ASI 1600MM ccd. Jabel Shams astronomy camp, September 2016.



Messier 45 (Pleiades), single 10 min exposure with Hyperstar 6 and ASI 1600MM ccd. Jabel Shams astronomy camp, September 2016.



Messier 8 (Laguna Nebula and M20 (Trifid nebula). , Single 3 min exposure with Hyperstar 6 and ASI 1600MM ccd. Jabel Shams astronomy camp, September 2016.



NGC 7000 (North America Nebula). Single 3 min exposure with Hyperstar 6 and ASI 1600MM ccd. Jabel Shams astronomy camp, September 2016.



September 2016 bulletin

- Mistal May Monthly Medal
 - More Monthly Stableford
 - Upcoming Events



Ladies Section

Sunday Ladies Social Golf

Join us for 9 holes of golf followed by coffee in the clubhouse.

- ✧ Meet at RAHGC clubhouse in time for 7:45 start
- ✧ OMR10 Green fee for non-members.
- ✧ Club hire available

Beginners very welcome.

Questions? Contact Shawn
sskibinsky@troon.com



RAH LADIES SECTION

Sundays are designed for players of all abilities and we are especially keen to encourage those who have recently completed or are having lessons. We meet at 7.45am (no need to book in advance) and each week we play a different format over 9 holes followed by coffee in the clubhouse. It's an ideal opportunity to enjoy your golf, learn from more experienced players and above all – have fun ☐

Tuesday mornings are for our more experienced ladies. Tee times are available from 7am and should be booked in advance.



MORE Monthly Stableford Results: August 2016

Position	Player	Score
Mens Div 1 Winner	Connor Lynch	42
Runner up	Chris Mustoe	41
Mens Div 2 Winner	Rich Henson	35
Runner up	Elliot Battersby	35
Ladies Div Winner	Nelly Materna	31
Runner up	Amanda Henson	25
Straightest Drive H9	Hussain Dad	
Nearest to Pin H2	Connor Lynch	







Mistal Montly Medal Results: August

Position	Player	Score
Best Gross	Chris Mustoe	85
Mens Div 1 Winner	Tore Solberg	69
Runner up	Gary Battersby	
Mens Div 2 Winner	Ajit Singh	70
Runner up	Jas Dhanju	71
Ladies Nett Winner	Jameela Daud	65



Captains Interclub Summer Series Results so far

Overall Series Results After Rd 5					
Place	Club	Points	Wins	Loses	Halfs
1	 الموج للجولف AL MOUJ GOLF	55	24	9	7
2	 RAS AL HAMRA GOLF CLUB	40	18	18	4
3	 ghala golf club	35	14	19	7
4	 MUSCAT HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	30	12	22	6

Series By Series Results											
Date	Club Fixtures										
	Home Club	Points	Wins	Lose	Half		Visiting Club	Points	Wins	Lose	Half
22-Jul-16	Ras Al Hamra	7	3	4	1	Vs.	Almouj Golf	9	4	3	1
	Muscat Hills	5	2	5	1	Vs.	Ghala	11	5	2	1
5-Aug-16	Almouj Golf	11	5	2	1	Vs.	Ras Al Hamra	5	2	5	1
	Ghala	10	4	2	2	Vs.	Muscat Hills	6	2	4	2
19-Aug-16	Ras Al Hamra	8	3	3	2	Vs.	Muscat Hills	8	3	3	2
	Almouj Golf	14	6	0	2	Vs.	Ghala	2	0	6	2
2-Sep-16	Ghala	8	3	3	2	Vs.	Almouj Golf	8	3	3	2
	Muscat Hills	8	4	4	0	Vs.	Ras Al Hamra	8	4	4	0
16-Sep-16	Ras Al Hamra	12	6	2	0	Vs.	Ghala	4	2	6	0
	Almouj Golf	13	6	1	1	Vs.	Muscat Hills	3	1	6	1
30-Sep-16	Ghala	0				Vs.	Ras Al Hamra	0			
	Muscat Hills	0				Vs.	Almouj Golf	0			

 = Home

 = Away



Summer is Gone Scramble

Position	Player	Score
1 st Place	Iain Liversage Kerry Condon Rob Thompson	58.3
2 nd Place	Tore Solberg Susanne Solberg Amanda Henson	60.2
3 rd Place	Jas Dhanju Ayman Mitrangshu Dutta	60.7



Upcoming Events

RAHGC EVENT CALENDAR 2016-2017

THURS	29-Sep	GREEN THURSDAY'S
FRI	30-Sep	CAPTAINS INTERCLUB AT GHALA
SAT	1-Oct	MISTAL MEDAL
FRI	7-Oct	RAS AL GHALA RD.2 @GHALA GC
SAT	8-Oct	
THUR	13-Oct	
FRI	14-Oct	CHRYSLER CUP AT GHALA GC
SAT	15-Oct	CHRYSLER CUP AT GHALA GC
TUES	18-Oct	LADIES INTERCLUB AT RAHGC
FRI	21-Oct	
SAT	22-Oct	MORE STABLEFORD
THURS	27-Oct	GREEN THURSDAY'S
FRI	28-Oct	
SAT	29-Oct	PAPA JOHN'S GREENKEEPERS REVENGE



Wednesday Social

•Social Golf Competition every Wednesday Night from 5pm.



KAYAK

SECTION



Fahal Friday - an early morning paddle around Fahal Island

On Friday 23rd September, a group of four surf skis and three sea kayaks made the trip from PDO beach around Fahal Island. Sea state at 1, calm (rippled) with 3 knots of wind made for near perfect conditions for the crossing.

Leaving PDO beach at 7.30am, reaching the island 8.15am and back to PDO by 9.15am. Total distance was 10.6km. A pair of Sooty Falcons were seen "on-the-wing" on the northern coast of Fahal Island.

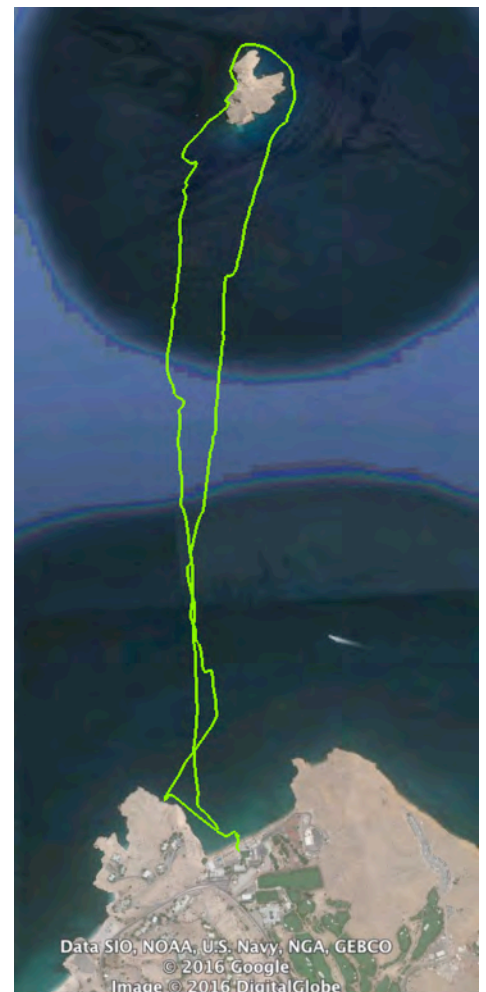
Spectacular scenery and fun, although it was rather warm.

This trip was an organised kayak section trip with experienced and capable paddlers and should not be undertaken inexperienced individual paddlers.

UNREGISTERED KAYAKS

IF YOUR KAYAK IS KEPT AT THE CLUB AND HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED CONTACT KAYAK SECTION ASAP.

Unregistered kayaks that will be **DISPOSED, DONATED OR SOLD** if the owners are not found in the immediate future.



KAYAK SECTION CONTACT

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KAYAK SECTION

ARE THESE UNREGISTERED BOATS YOURS?

There are the unregistered kayaks that will be DISPOSED, DONATED OR SOLD if the owners are not found. Contact Kayak Section if these boats belong to you.



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KAYAK SECTION



Private Kayak and Standup Paddle Board Racks

The new rack allocation is arranged by type of craft (Surfski, Closed cockpit kayak, single sit-on-top, double sit-on-top, standup paddle board) to avoid damage and shown below.

Your craft **MUST BE** registered with a Private Kayak Sticker and Sticker Number).

The rules for use of the racks are as follows:

- Maximum of 3 craft per family
- All craft must be in regular use (average once per month)

- Registered craft only.

- Obey RAHBC rules (e.g. use of lifejackets, carry mobile phone, etc.).

Waiting List

There is a shortage of storage space and a waiting list to use the racks.

Therefore, if your craft is not in regular use you will be asked to remove it.

To request storage space please contact the Kayak Section.

LOCKERS															SEA	SEA	WALL
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
1															1		
2	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	2	Blue	Blue
3	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	3	Blue	Blue
4	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	4	Blue	Blue
5	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	5	Blue	Blue
FLOOR	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	6	Green	Green

legend:
■ Surfski
■ Closed cockpit kayak/hybrid
■ Single Sit on Top (SOT)
■ Double SOT
■ Stand-up PaddleBoard

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Badminton Section
Newsletter for September 2016-09-25

Coaching for Children:

We have started coaching sessions for children (Beginner level – Batch # 07) during last week of Aug-16 and it is going on now. This batch has eleven children of different age group from 8 to 14.



PDO Inter-Directorate Tournament 2016

Badminton section conducted PDO Inter-Directorate badminton tournament first time. PDO employees having RAHRC membership were invited to participate under their directorate as a team of 6 players.

We have received 7 teams from 5 directorates as GD (2 teams), OND (2 team), OSD, UEOD & UID.

After round robin league matches between 7 teams (21 matches), Finals was held between OND-1 & UEOD.

OND-1 won the title as Winner and UEOD secured the Runners-up title.

Mr. Qassim Kittany (GGE) graced the tournament closing ceremony with his distribution of prizes to the winners & participants.

Some of the tournament moments are below:













September 2016 bulletin

- Welcome back
- Wahiba 2016 Info
- Training events
- ORAC Event Calendar

'Welcome back'

ORAC would like to welcome all our members back after the Summer break and we look forward to keeping the off road adventure going as the focus switches from the mountains to the desert.

From September on we are meeting as a committee every 2 weeks to ensure that this years Wahiba Challenge runs as smoothly as ever. Something that is easier said than done in the climate of austerity where every Rial is being counted and sponsorship money ranks low down on companies priority lists.

When push comes to shove, we remain confident that this year will be one of the best **challenges so far.....**



19th Wahiba Challenge

Ras Al Hamra Off Road Adventure Club proudly present

19th Wahiba Challenge 2016



11th – 12th November 2016

Only 25 teams permitted.
Criterion for entry

- ✓ Each team must have 4-5 cars only
- ✓ Ideally 2 but no more than 3 people in each car
- ✓ Each team must possess at least one Wahiba Challenge Veteran
- ✓ All drivers must have attended the ORAC sand driving theory and practice or be a driving veteran of a previous Wahiba Challenge.
- ✓ 50% of your entire team (drivers and passengers) must be RAHR Club members?
- ✓ all team cars must be privately owned and registered in Oman?
- ✓ Full instructions on how to register will be published on 29th September (Online registration will commence on 17th October for 3 days only, and on a first come first serve basis).

Need a team? Go to the ORAC Facebook site at RAHORAC, or place a message on the ORAC website:

www.rahorac.jeeps.com .

Are you on the ORAC mail list? If not contact: oracsecretary@gmail.com

Theory Training: 18th or 20th September 2016, Oil & Gas Exhibition Centre, 7 to 9pm

Please note that for safety reasons we have to limit the number of teams to 25.

Instructions on how to register will be issued to all ORAC members on the 29th of September. No information will be given out before this.

Training

Theory training done....

A big thanks to Ray Archer our training officer who ran the two well attended events earlier on this month 😊

Next the practical....

For those of you who have booked we look forward to meeting you on one of the training events next month. There are 4 events spread over 2 weekends where you will be able to practice what was covered during the theory training.

REMEMBER – ORAC practical training is a requirement for all our desert trips, even those that are family orientated.

If you have missed out this time don't put your 4x4 up for sale yet, we will be running similar events early 2017.



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ORAC Web Site



You don't need to be Sherlock Homes to have worked out that nowadays most of our ORAC events are booked online.

Read the advert...!
If it doesn't tell you to contact one of the ORAC members directly then look at our web site!



 <http://rahorac.jeeprs.com/>



ORAC Web Site



Several times a week... 2 hours and these pro... ing.

... aspects of your vehicle that can... in the sand, they also cover equipment... driving techniques and recovery techniques.

... booking is required for these talks and a 'seat' will be on a first come first served basis. Theory sessions are advertised here on the website, circulated by email to all club members as well as being displayed on posters around the Ras Al Hamra Club and as screen savers within PDO.

Talks will start on 9th March 2015.

As previous they will be held in the Oil and Gas Exhibition Centre and start at 7pm.

The talk last about 2 hours and no booking is required. Seating is on a first come first served basis.

- A web based outline for the talk can be downloaded here [jeeprs.com](http://www.jeeprs.com).
- A printable copy can be found at this link - [PDF Training notes](#).

Under the training section you will find a couple of useful links giving guidance on sand driving, what to take on a trip, how your car works etc.....

tap tap



You can feedback any suggestions to the club secretary who will forward to Ray our Training Advisor and Site Administrator

ORAC Event Calendar 2016

2016

- 7/8 October Practical training
- 14/15 October Practical training
- 11/12 November WC16
- 20 November WC After Party
- 3 December Family trip

Other events, not listed here, may take place over the next few months. Please look out for our notices on the Web Site, open and read our emails/bulletins when they arrive.

Arabic

for beginners

at the Arts Centre

Tuesdays 17.30-19.00

registration: vera_rijnvos@gmx.de

info: claudesenior005@hotmail.com



dot painting at the art centre

Tuesdays 9.00 - 11.00

registration: vera_rijnvos@gmx.de



instructor:
sheran79@hotmail.com





dot painting

for children
at the Arts Centre

Tuesdays 16.00-17.00

registration: vera_rijnvos@gmx.de

instructor: sheran79@hotmail.com

French

for beginners

at the Arts Centre

Sundays 9.00-10.30

registration: vera_rijnvos@gmx.de

info: claudesenior005@hotmail.com



Spanish

at the Arts Centre

Sundays: beginners
Mondays: intermediate
18.00-19.30

register: vera_rijnvos@gmx.de
info: mgiraldo2005@hotmail.com

Faisal, and Salim the overall winners of Round Six Fishing competition

The sixth round of The 2016 Angler of the Year PDO Recreation Club competition was held Saturday, 3rd September 2016.

A total of 8 eager fishermen in 4 fishing boats joined the event, hoping for the daily prizes and the end of year Fisherman title..

The summer vacation had just ended with the anglers returning from the summer break having ventured in various trips within and outside Oman. Majority seemed to be anxious to once again ride the sea and face up to the challenges of the fishing competition. The sea conditions were choppy on the day. But fine for the fishing event. The waves did not exceed 0.4 meters, wind speed soothing to a maximum of 15 knots and ambient temperatures to a maximum of 36 C.

Early in the morning at 0500 competitors with their rods started to roll in at the Ras Al Hamra Club. Preparations commenced with tuning of the boats engines and preparing rods reels and hooks. By 0615 in the morning all the power boats were afloat in the sea.

The whistle was blown, boats speed was smoothly ramped up, some were seen to be headed to the weather buoy East of Ras Al Hamra club, some headed to the Al fahal Island, and others headed 10 km directly north of the Al Fahal Island.

It is always fascinating to see the well focused and alert anglers in their boats. Fishing strategy counted what to catch first? Was it game fish or deep sea fish? How long would be time be allocated for the two categories, which hooks, rapalas would be used. All these mixed with the heat of the day were decisive for a successful fishing competition.

A week before the competition, Al Fahal Island and the weather Buoy was overwhelmed with mahi mahi (Eldorado) . Enthusiasts and local fishermen were noticed to be catching this type of the fish before the event

Few minutes at the Al Fahal Island, Faisal Riyami and Salim Al Khatri had a double strike of the Mahi Mahi. Tariq Al hajri also hooked few Mahi Mahi whilst Jamaal and Salim Al Harthi were giving the best of attempts.

BY 0900, all anglers had left the weather buoy in search for the bottom category fish. It was a hard day to find bottom category. Only few groupers appeared to have been caught at the end of the fishing competition. .

At the weigh in Faisal Riyami and Salim Al Khatri revealed the biggest catch of the bottom category whilst Capt Suleiman Al Hajri were runners up 3.85 and 3.45 kg respectively.

As to the game category, Faisal Riyami and Salim Al; Khatri managed to score 17.35 kg, whilst Captain Suleiman and Tariq A Hajri weight of the game category was 13.35 kg.. The total catch of the day stood at 42.95 kg overwhelmed by Mahi Mahi. Another great day at the sea ended with lots of fun and so many varieties of fish being caught.

The champions of the day based on the results were:

Overall Winners

Faisal Riyami and Salim Al Khatri, 1st and second position with 20 points and 18 points respectively

The Bottom class and Game categories 1st winners

Tariq Al hajri and Capt Suleiman A Alhajri

The 2nd Bottom and Game Class winners

Jamaal and Dr Hakeem Hassan

The event ended with a great lunch at the boat club.



The participating Anglers showing off the catch of the day from left Salim Al Khatri, Tariq Al hajri, Faisal Riyami, Capt Suleiman, and Jamal



After the prize giving ceremony

DIVE SECTION MONTHLY BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2016



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All Divers Welcome!

Join us exploring Oman underwater. We are a very friendly and active section of the Ras Al Hamra Recreation Club with around 90 members... We dive every week-end so why not join us for some world-class diving on your door step?

COME AND MEET US AT OUR REGULAR PLANNING MEETING AT 8.00 ON WEDNESDAYS IN THE DIVE ROOM/BOAT CLUB BAR

ALREADY A DIVER?

If you are already an Open Water Diver – no matter which organisation your qualification is with (PADI, SSI, NAUI etc.) – you can simply come and dive with us. You won't need to do any more training but there are lots of opportunities to “cross over” to BSAC and gain further skills and qualifications if you want. Contact our Membership Secretary—Jane Alcock (97473787) - or come along to our weekly planning meeting on a Wednesday evening to find our more.

If you have not dived for a while we are running some “back in the water” sessions and there is still time to join these.

Want to Learn to Dive?

We are not currently planning a beginner course so if you are keen to get started sooner you can train with one of the commercial dive schools and then join us once you have qualified. Either way, call in on one of our regular Wednesday meetings to get the low-down from our Training Officer—Louis Tsiakkiros.



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August News

Training...Training

Our training plans for the year are continuing to take shape.

If you hurry there is still the chance to complete your AED/Oxygen Administration SDC; this is open to all but it covers almost half the theory part of the Dive Leader course which we will be running later in the autumn.

We will not cover this ground again so if you want to join the Dive Leader course (see next page) you **must complete the O2 course** first. Contact Louis to reserve your place.

Training News

Courses planned for the rest of 2016 include:

Gas Blending SDC

Boat Handler SDC

Dive Leader SDC

Speak to Louis our training officer for more details or to express an interest.

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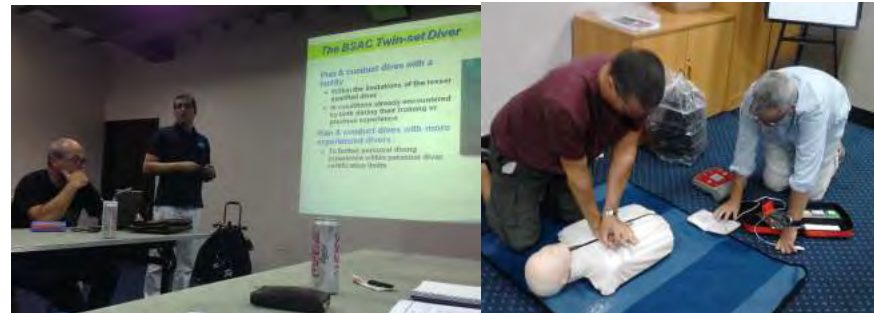
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Dive Leader Course

We plan to run a Dive Leader Course around the middle-end of October. This forms the backbone of BSAC diving as DLs can participate under Instructor supervision in pool training and can take less qualified divers on open water dives.

The course is open to all Sports Divers that have completed sufficient post SD qualification dives. PADI Rescue Divers and equivalents can participate as well. Due to the long duration of the course we have decided to run an Oxygen Administration course after Eid in (see previous page) as that covers a lot of the DL syllabus. If you do not already have the O2 course qualification and want to do the DL course you need to participate in the O2 course. The O2 course syllabus will **NOT** be covered during the actual Dive Leader course, so all DL trainees must have already completed the O2 course. The O2 Course is open to all Sports Divers irrespective whether they want to become Dive Leaders.

Contact Louis to register your interest in the course.



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Boat News

After last months success in tracing the fault on RN's echosounder (finally) we have also managed to clean out the fuel system on AW so we should (providing we don't offend the dive gods again) have two functional boats for the foreseeable future. Thanks to Jamie for his massive efforts over the last few months in getting this sorted

Recent Dive Reports

Despite some boat problems and lots of people being away we have still managed to keep diving as these reports show

August 12

Swell & wind meant diving at Hamburger (water temp 24) but still 2 good dives

August 13

Dive the East & West Side, one way dives. Vis still not the best, but 2 good dives

August 25

Lovely day out at the Dimanyats.... Dives on Aquarium and Noodle.... 4 massive, massive rays swimming over us on Aquarium, turtles, leopard sharks, octopus and pretty reef fish. And a special whale shark for Mary and Robert.

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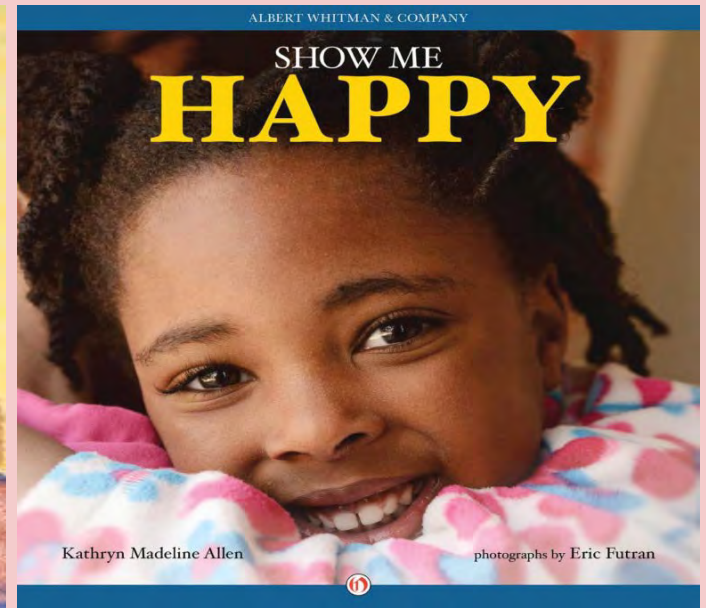
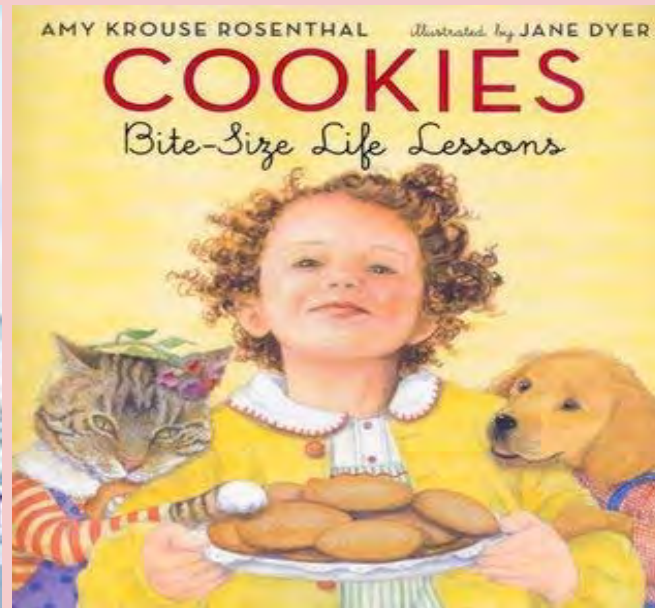
5 September

Lovely day at Fahal celebration Alan Hs 50th birthday. Lots of pretty fish, rays, cake and bubbles.

New Children's Books

Welcome back from the summer holidays. We hope you had a happy and well-read summer. I'm excited to be the new children's librarian this year and introduce inspiring and imaginative new titles each month - Jennifer

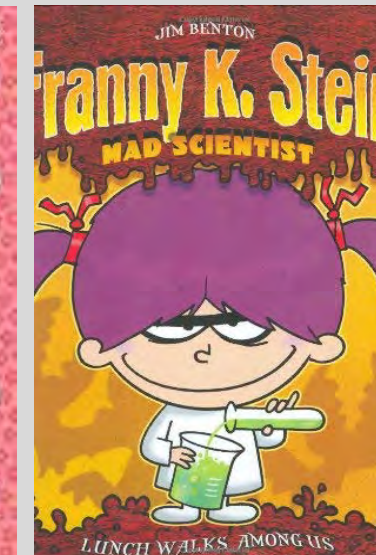
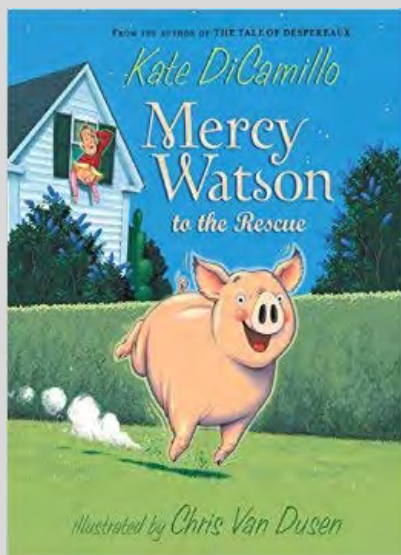
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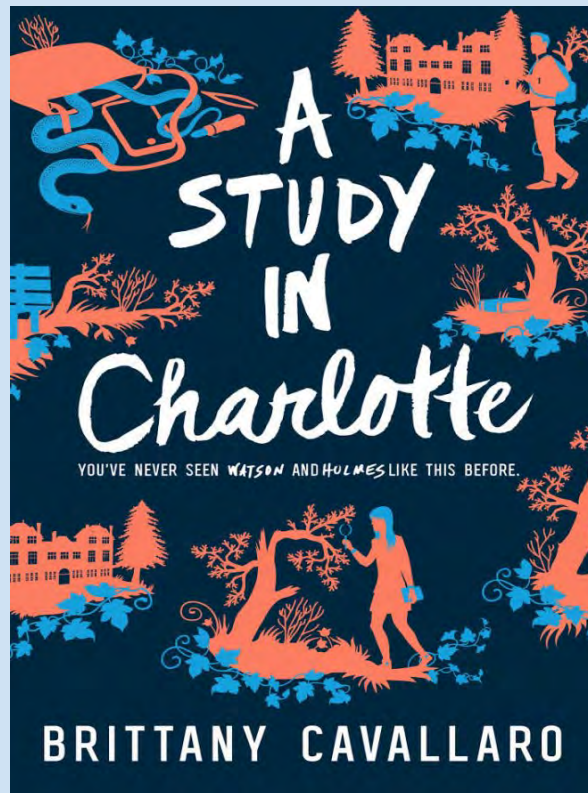
Early Reader



Middle Readers



Young Adults



RAHRC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB!

- PLEASE JOIN US AT 11.30 AT THE BOAT CLUB USUALLY EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH TO ENJOY DISCUSSING NEW BOOKS.
- OUR GOAL IS TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF READERS OF GOOD LITERATURE CONNECTED TO THE PDO LIBRARY.
- TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER – THE BURIED GIANT BY KAZUO ISHIGURO
- TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER – AN OFFICER AND A SPY BY ROBERT HARRIS
- PLEASE JUST COME ALONG, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT READ THE BOOK.
 - BRING LUNCH OR ORDER FROM THE BOAT CLUB.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THEN!

NEW BOOKS

The North Water McGuire, Ian	Fiction
Mend the Living de Kerangal, Maylis	Non-fiction
Alberto's Lost Birthday Rosie, Diana	Fiction
Cosmopolites (Columbia Global Reports) Abrahamian, Atossa Araxia	Non-fiction
The Life Project: The Extraordinary Story of Our Ordinary Lives Pearson, Helen	Non-fiction
Shylock is My Name: The Merchant of Venice Retold (Hogarth Shakespeare) Jacobson, Howard	Fiction
How to Measure a Cow Forster, Margaret	Fiction
The Green and the Black: The Complete Story of the Shale Revolution, the Fight Over Fracking, and the Future of Energy Sernovitz, Gary	Non-fiction
Homegoing Gyasi, Yaa	Fiction

Bright, Precious Days McInerney, Jay	Fiction
Nutshell McEwan, Ian	Fiction
The Girl You Lost: A gripping psychological thriller Croft, Kathryn	Fiction
Ravenspur: Rise of the Tudors (The Wars of the Roses) Iggulden, Conn	Fiction
LIFE Queen Elizabeth at 90: The Story of Britain's Longest Reigning Monarch The Editors Of LIFE	Non-fiction

OPENING HOURS

SUNDAY 3PM TO 7.30PM
 MONDAY 8.30AM TO 6.30PM
 WEDNESDAY 8.30AM TO 7.00PM
 THURSDAY 5.00PM TO 7.00PM

THE LIBRARY IS RUN BY VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME INVOLVED, COME IN AND LET US KNOW.



The Personal Development Network PDN aims to facilitate the personal development of non-working spouses. Our member activities include study, job search, book writing, blogging, courses, etc. We find that its easier and more fun to achieve your ambitions out-of-home and surrounded by peers.

New location & Walk-In Morning

To facilitate our growth we have been allocated two 'office style' classrooms and a 'library' in the former PDO school pre-nursery building. Are you looking for a job or thinking about a study? Come and meet our members and check out if our facilities suit your needs during our **Walk-In Morning** on **October 4th** from **8 AM to 11 AM**.

MOOC's

Massive Open Online Courses are very popular among our members. We have prepared a brochure about them and are happy to provide information or share experiences. Feel free to drop by during one of our sessions or in the Walk-In Morning.

Timings:

Sunday: 8:00 – 12:30
Monday: 8:00 – 12:30
Tuesday: 8:00 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 16:00
Wednesday: 8:00 – 12:30
Thursday: 8:00 – 12:30 & 14:00 – 16:00

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