



Notts County Sailing Club



Handbook 2026

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Please note in an emergency we are registered as Notts County Sailing Club at call centre

Website: www.ncsc.org.uk Sailing Club Manager (SCM) <https://members.ncsc.org.uk>

Abbreviations: SCM = Sailing Club Manager, RYA= Royal Yachting Association

A huge welcome from Neil, Commodore of Notts County Sailing Club to our 2026 club yearbook

This yearbook is designed for both new and established members to find out more about sailing, windsurfing, wingsurfing and Stand-up paddleboarding at Notts County.

We aim to provide a great, safe environment for people of all ages and abilities interested in sailing - from novices to those improving their skills. We encourage people wanting to just get out and about on the water, and also those competing at club racing. Many of our members also travel to regional, national and international events. All our activities are volunteer-led, and we hope that you will also enjoy volunteering; whether that's for sailing sessions, training or social events.



Training

We run a full range of training in sailing, windsurfing and powerboat driving. Other important elements where we offer training are first aid, safeguarding and use of VHF radios. Please talk to any of the training section about what training courses may be suitable for yourself – email: training@ncsc.org.uk.

Racing

Racing is central to the club ethos, with a vibrant, competitive racing opportunities for all abilities. The club is signed up to the RYA Charter which promotes sportsmanship. We want to encourage you into racing, make you feel welcome but most of all to come off the water with a smile on your face

Sailability

We have an active sailability group with accessible dinghies. We have regular supported sailing sessions, and encourage members to join racing.

Social

It isn't all about the sailing. We are a sociable friendly club off the water as well with many informal and some organised social events throughout the year. The [Social](#) page has more information.

See you on the water!

Neil



Sailing for All

The club is a venue for all standards and ages of sailor from our youngest at around 5 to 6 years old to sailors and windsurfers in their 80s.

Youth Sailing : Youth sailing is important to us as a club. It is where our future sailors will come from and it gives the club a buzz and a vibrancy. Our younger members often start with our popular Saturday Club which encourages children from as young as 5 years old to get on the water in a playful environment where they can experiment safely and have fun on and off the water. All this is under the supervision of parents and volunteer coaches. Parents are expected to help out and have to be present. The sessions have grown in popularity over the years. If you or your child is interested just contact us at saturdayclub@ncsc.org.uk. All sessions are bookable and free to members and take place on Saturdays throughout the summer, May to August.

For more structured training the club runs internationally recognised RYA (Royal Yachting Association) junior and adult courses, both in dinghies, on windsurfers and wingsurfers including RYA Youth Stages 1-4, Adult Levels 1-3 and Start Racing courses leading to RYA certification. Contact training@ncsc.org.uk for details (or see training page later in this handbook for links). All our young sailors are welcome to take part in our club racing. The series have separate starts for juniors although some choose to join in with the adults. For those interested in developing their racing further we run a Youth Racing Squad (YRS). The club is an RYA Pathway Sailing Club and many of our youngsters do well at Regional and National level. We are an RYA On Board club and encourage links with schools and youth organisations.

Senior members: Those in their second youth are also active within the club. Outside of those participating in general racing we have particular activities targeted at the more mature member. They often meet on Thursday, have a casual sail, socialise over lunch and volunteer to carry out projects around the club.

Sailability: The club has a number of boats suitable for sailors with additional needs, along with a hoist. We also hold an annual HANSA open meeting for disabled sailors. Contact Anne at sailability@ncsc.org.uk for information.

WeSup: Stand Up Paddle-boarding (SUP) have a WhatsApp group which is used to communicate activities and if any club member wishes to join. Please contact wesup@ncsc.org.uk Paddle boards, like all craft must be insured.

Please ask one of the Executive Committee if you want to be put in touch with the organisers of these events, or just pop down during the season.

Affiliated activities

Open Water Swimming

Love Open Water Nottingham, runs open water swimming on the small lake with trained lifeguards present. See their website <https://loveopenwater.co.uk/nottingham-open-water-swimming/> and our open water swimming page for more information. No casual swimming is permitted in either lake, you may only swim as part of Love Open Water.

Students

The University of Nottingham are group members of our club. The dinghy section team race and train students. They host the Snakebite event for teams from other Universities in February. The Windsurfing section train students and run the Pondlife event for students in the UK.

TOG: Trent Offshore Group for larger boat sailing. See vachting interest page on website.

Sailing and Racing

We have a comprehensive programme of racing for all levels. Full details and any updates are on the Sailing Club Manager, the website and Race Notice Board. Entry is free and open to all club members. If you are unsure of any racing rules please ask a flag officer or any experienced sailor for advice.

As well as the RYA courses run by our training section, we also expect to continue to provide various free coaching sessions, such as:

- On-the-water "Informal Race Training" (IRT) group sessions aimed at adults looking to start racing or build their racing skills - running on some Saturdays during the summer, with a morning session followed by participation in Saturday afternoon racing;
- On-the-water "Level 2+" individual/small group sessions aimed at those who have recently completed an adult RYA Level 2 course and would appreciate some assistance in consolidating their skills - running on some Saturday afternoons during the summer.

Fleets also run their own training days - look out for notices of these on the website, notice boards or via your Fleet Captain.

The club racing series dates are listed below. Please check the club calendar for variations relating to other events such as open meetings. There is no club racing while open meetings are running, though two back to back Sunday races are planned after the Scorpion and RS400 open meetings. New for 2026, on the last Sunday of each month April-September there are two Main Series races back to back in the afternoon followed by the Wadsworth race, in addition to the morning Main Series race. Morning and afternoon Main Series class races count for separate series which last for the whole summer. On 20 December 2026 the races are back to back in the morning before the Christmas social event.

Series Name	2026 Dates	Intended Format	Earliest start
Sunday Black & White spring series (open to visitors)	1 March to 12 April	Handicap and Pursuit racing	11am and 1.15pm
Sunday Main Class series (morning)	19 April to 11 Oct	1 x 60 min race	11am
Sunday Main Class series (afternoon)	19 April to 11 Oct	1 x 60 min race, Two races back to back on the last Sunday of each month, April – September	1.15pm
Sunday Wadsworth series	19 April to 11 Oct	1 x 45 min handicap race	3.15pm Race Series
Saturday Stanier series	18 April to 24 Oct	2 x 45 min handicap races	2.15pm 2 races back to back
Tuesday evening leisure and development race series	21 April - 25 Aug	Fun racing aimed at novice sailors	7pm 2 races back to back
Wednesday Windsurfing and wing surfing	15 April to 26 Aug	Some coaching and informal racing	Afternoon and evening, contact windsurf rep
Thursday pm	Sailability	Hansa boats	Contact Sailability
Thursday evening Starboard series	23 April to 27 Aug	1 x handicap race	7pm
Sunday Frostbite and Oakleaf winter series (open to visitors)	18 Oct to 20 Dec	Handicap & Pursuit racing	11am and 1.15pm

Types of Craft


The club runs Open meetings for RS Aeros, Hansas, Windsurfers, ILCAs, Juniors, RS 400s, Scorpions and Solos plus First of the Year, County Cooler and Club Regatta handicap events. Notices of race and Sailing instructions are linked on the Open meetings page on the club website. The Sailing Secretary or the Race Officer must be asked for permission to cruise or undertake other activities on the Main lake while these event are running.

The First of the Year race is a charitable event in memory of Geoff Parker, a past Commodore and major figure in the club's early history, and Phil Davies whose family donated a cup in his memory. The County Cooler in January is part of a local club winter series and the Club Regatta is on 18/19 July including novice racing and family activities plus camping.

The club runs an annual awards evening - see social page.

Most types of small dinghy are welcome at the club and our members own a wide variety. Our restrictions are a maximum length of 6.2M and a PY number no lower than 894. Cabin cruisers, catamarans and foiling dinghies are not permitted.

The current adopted classes are:-

ILCA (Laser)	A highly popular Olympic single hander class with 3 rig sizes for different weights of sailor and wind strengths.	
Solo	An established single hander class which provides comfortable and relatively stable ride.	
RS Aero	A lightweight single hander with 4 rig sizes providing exhilarating sailing in a breeze.	
RS 400	A double hander high performance boat with an asymmetric spinnaker set on a bowsprit.	
Scorpion	An attractive double hander with a traditional symmetric spinnaker and sophisticated rig controls.	
Windsurfers	We are one of the few clubs where dinghies and windsurfers race together. Raceboards compete with either 9.5 or 7.5 M ² sails.	

[Classes](#)

These classes have "fleet" starts in the Main Summer Sunday series. They also have an Open meeting at the club each year. Other classes race in the Menagerie or handicap fleet on Sundays. Dinghy Racing in other series is handicap with Fast & Slow starts on popular days. The Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) system administered by the RYA is used to calculate results based on the nationwide performance of boat classes in the UK.

Don't Have a Boat?

There are several options available to you. Crewing, or sometimes helming for another member, is a great way to meet someone new or to learn and develop your skills. Many fleets are happy to buddy you with someone else whilst you decide what boat to buy. We also have a small number of craft available to borrow for a donation or for use with training or specific club events. Please contact the Glyn Ritchie (ryadinghy@ncsc.org.uk) to find out details. We have 3 Fevas to encourage youngsters to sail and race a two person boat.

Please inform us of any damage, we all make mistakes, this applies particularly to powerboats (there is a direct contact to the bosun in the race office). This allows us to repair items and prevent further costly damage. Other damage can be reported to info@ncsc.org.uk and will be forwarded on to relevant person.

Types of Craft (cont)

Stand up Paddle-boarding (SUP)

We allow members to use their SUP boards (on the same basis as cruising) however they must be insured for the person using it like any other craft permitted at the club. Details at <https://ncsc.org.uk/wesup-group/>

Sailing days

Our landlords permit us to use the lake for sailing from dawn until dusk subject to the following restrictions:

- From **2nd February** until **30th September** sailing is allowed **every** day.
- In **October** sailing is permitted throughout the Nottinghamshire Schools half term week, on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays plus additional “permission days”.
- From **1st November** until **1st February** sailing is permitted on Sundays and Wednesdays plus additional “permission days” and 1st January.

The Sailing Secretary agrees “Permission days” with the landlord and these are published on the club website.

Insurance

Whilst sailing is a very safe sport, accidents can and do happen with damage to boats, windsurfers and fortunately less commonly, people. This happens not only on the water but also in the boat park and it is a club rule that **all craft** (including dinghies, club craft, paddle boards and windsurfer/Wing boards) are insured. All persons and craft whether cruising or racing, stored or sailed at the club must carry current third party insurance with a minimum cover of £5,000,000. Failure to comply with this requirement will be considered a gross misconduct, which may result in the member responsible for the craft being expelled from the club, and further action taken as appropriate.

Open Water Swimming

Swimming on the small lake is permitted under our affiliated group members - Love Open Water Nottingham. Swimming is only allowed as part of a lifeguarded organised activity, no casual swimming is permitted under the lease in either lake. The group provides their own safety cover (with trained lifeguards), and keeps swimmer numbers in line with our agreement and the in-force NCSC policies regarding visitors etc. They use the club at quieter times (see website for current times). The agreement does not include the use of the clubhouse, except in an emergency or other times specifically agreed with Exec. This activity generates an income for the club. Club members can take part - in line with their registration and booking policies - and get a discount. See [link](#) for details of how to register (the membership secretary will confirm you are a paid up full member). Please note during swim times the swimmers have sole use of the small lake.

Accidents, Incidents and near miss recording, including any potential insurance claims

For all incidents, accidents and near misses please fill in the relevant parts of the form which is in a white folder with stamped addressed envelope (for privacy) in the First Aid cupboard in the corridor, or the form on the website. This allows the health, safety and welfare officer and Exec to investigate / review and improve safety at the club.

Near misses are particularly important as this can help prevent future accidents or incidents.



Online incident form

First aid: Safety boats carry a basic first aid kit, spare kill cords. The club has a defibrillator (available after ringing 999) and first aid equipment in the First Aid cupboards which is under the key cupboard in the corridor. There are also instructions on calling the Emergency services and other actions. Immediately after an incident, whether accident, near miss or damage don't forget to fill in the form (see above).

General Information

Contacting the Club : Email directly (see contacts) or info@ncsc.org.uk - these emails will then be forwarded to relevant person, who will reply as soon as possible.

Sailing Club Manager (SCM) - accessed from **Members Login** on website (top right). Most of the information you will need is in this yearbook or on our website at www.ncsc.org.uk - there is a search area top right. The website also contains copies of our child protection policy, data protection, privacy policies and other important documents such as water use and club rules. Members' private information is held on a separate commercial web-based system called Sailing Club Manager (SCM) <https://members.ncsc.org.uk> and this is where you should go to access the up-to-date calendar, arrange and swap your duties and contact other members, it also contains minutes, visitor codes and the constitution. To see everything on this site you need to **login** (see top right of SCM web page). When you join you will be given a login and password for this site which enables access to the confidential members' only areas. You must keep this password secure and it should be unique, should you forget it we can reset it. All family members with a unique email can have their own log-ins (contact membership). Using the SCM website you can update your own contact information (eg emails & phone) & profile. This system is used to send you a monthly newsletter, renewals and other important communications. These will come from mail@mg.ncsc.org.uk so please ensure this is not blocked by your email providers spam filters (including your email online or webmail). It is helpful for communications and duty swaps if you are happy to tick the box allowing signed in members only to see your phone or email address.

Duties: Sailing Club Manager (SCM) allows you to volunteer for duties. The club is run entirely by volunteers and we ask adults and all water users over 18 to volunteer for at least three duties a year including one Sunday. Duties available include training, safety boat driving, crewing, race clerking and race officer. Doing duties is a wonderful way of meeting other members and making new friends. Most members are eligible to be a safety crew or race clerk. Other roles require specific training/experience which is provided free. To volunteer for a duty simply go on to the duty roster when logged on, scroll down, and any duties you are eligible to volunteer for will be shown as a green "volunteer" button, to the right of the duty – simply press to volunteer on the correct date, you will receive a confirmation email. To drive a safety boat you need to pass the club safety duty course (NCSC Driving Skills & NCSC Rescue Skills) contact ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk for information or see <https://members.ncsc.org.uk/booking/type/powerboat-courses>. You can request a swap with other members who are eligible to do the same type of duty – both of you agree to the swap via Sailing Club Manager, confirm and hey presto it is done. For more information look under duties on our website, along with how to videos. If you have any difficulties **after** looking at this please email dutysecretary@ncsc.org.uk

Communication: Like all clubs we are keen to keep you up-to-date with club news. We use the website, emails, monthly newsletters and notices in the clubhouse, along with an active Facebook page and an Instagram account. Several specific groups within the club also use WhatsApp or Facebook groups. We take photos for use in connection with the club (and RYA). Please note it is illegal to use drones at the club without written permission from the RAF, plus permission from the exec, and also a valid Operator / Flying ID license from CAA.

CCTV: users should be aware the clubhouse, boat park and containers have CCTV coverage some with audio which is recorded on a continuous basis. We also have a webcam linked from the weather page.

Your Club Officials

Flag officers

Rear Commodore is vacant, we are looking for a volunteer.

A full list with contacts is on the website.



John Parr
President



Neil Chadborn
Commodore



Gerry Ball
Vice Commodore
Wingsurf Cl



John Sears
Sailing Secretary



Kathryn Ryan
Membership



Barry Saunders
Health/Safety/Welfare



Ross Ryan
Treasurer



Tim Miles-Haylor
Bosun



Steve Gill
Clubhouse/
Maintenance



Jon Willars
Social

RYA Training Centre



Adrian Jones
RYA Principal



Glyn Ritchie
Dinghy Cl



David Eberlin
Communications and
Windsurf Cl



Viv Weston
Training Sec
and First Aid

The Social side

The club has a vibrant social side. We have a licensed bar that is open during regular sailing and for specific events.

The galley is run by the amazing Keith and Carol and is often open for breakfast and lunch. Details on days and menus are on the catering page on the website. Tea and coffee is available all the time with an honesty charging system. Please wash your cups up in the kitchenette.

Relaxing on the balcony on a summer's evening is simply awesome.

Besides the general sociable vibe with the occasional picnic and spontaneous barbecue (the club has a gas BBQ - we just ask that you please clean it if you use it) the club has several specific social events.

Look out for the posters and notices or just consult the calendar to see when these are.

Particular highlights are:

21st March	Awards evening and social (book on SCM)
4th April	Big Boat talks, Sail GP and yachting opportunities (book on SCM)
18/19th July	Regatta - social Friday and Saturday evening
20th Dec	End of racing social after around 2pm (unless racing is cancelled)

There are lots more ideas in the pipeline, such as:

Return of Pig Racing!

The Awards event which is open to all, prizes are given out, it is also a great excuse to come together and socialise. Details will be in the Newsletter.

Keep an eye on the newsletter and website for more information. <https://www.ncsc.org.uk/social-events-2/>

For all social events, offers of help or to suggest ideas for events contact Jon Willars, at social@ncsc.org.uk or check out the website. And don't forget Fleets also run socials, often they have their own mailing list and Whatsapp groups - so make sure you stay in touch!



NCSC Key Dates as at Feb 26 (see Calendar for updates and more information)

Start date	Name	Key		
March				
1	Spring series starts	Open Meetings		
7	NCSC Driving Skills			
8	NCSC Rescue Skills & First Aid course	Club Series start date		
16/17/18	RYA Wing instructor			
14 on	Youth Training	Social		
21	RYA First Aid & Informal Race Training	Club Training		
21	Social & Awards night			
30 onwards	RYA Dinghy Instructor Course			
April				
4	Big Boat talks – Sail GP & Yachting opportunities	This Calendar is correct at time of going to print but please check on Sailing Club Manager - SCM this is the master calendar and is continuously updated, and contains more detail		
8/9/10	RYA Youth / Junior Start Racing & Stage 3 or 4			
11/12/18/19/25	RYA Adult Dinghy Level 1 & 2			
16	Rules Evening all welcome			
18	Stanier Series Starts (Saturday pm)			
19	Main Class Summer Series & Wadsworth Start			
21	Tuesday night racing starts			
22	Windsurfing safety starts			
23	Thursday evening Racing Starts			
26	NCSC Rescue Skills			
May				
5	Inclusive Sailing			
6	HANSA Open			
7/8	RYA Powerboat 2 course			
9	Saturday Club starts			
9	Discover Sailing Open day (volunteers required)			
12/13/19/20	RYA Adult midweek dinghy courses			
May holiday week	RYA Youth courses			



Link to SCM Calendar, to see full calendar login, you can see specific subjects by ticking the boxes on the top

Key dates (cont)

Key	
	Open Meetings
	Club Series start date
	Social
	Club Training

Month	Date	Event	Category
June			
	2	Hansa Taster and inclusive sailing session	
	20 (prov)	Windsurfer open	Open Meetings
July			
	4	ILCA Open (Laser)	Club Series start date
	7	Hansa Taster and inclusive sailing session	
	18/19	Summer Regatta (open event) & social	Social
Aug			
	4	Hansa Taster and inclusive sailing session	
	10/11/12	RYA Junior / Youth Summer Holiday Courses	Club Training
	13/14	RYA Powerboat 2 courses	Club Training
	27/28/29	RYA Adult Dinghy and Windsurf Course	Club Training
Sept			
	2	Hansa Taster & Inclusive sailing	
	5	Junior Open	Open Meetings
	12	Solo & Aero Open	Open Meetings
	26/27/3 Oct	RYA adult combined 1 & 2 course	Club Training
	26/27	Scorpion Open	Open Meetings
Oct to Dec			
	17/18 Oct	RS400 Open	Open Meetings
	18 Oct	Sunday Frostbite & Oakleaf starts	Club Series start date
	14/15 Nov	ITCA (Topper) Pathway training	
	15 Nov	AGM	
	Dec 20	Social - Last 2025 racing back to back	Social
	1 Jan 2027	First Of Year Race	

Training at the Club

Notts County SC Training Section operates as a Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Recognised Training Centre (RTC) providing internationally recognised qualifications. In addition the club also runs in-house training for members.



We have an amazing group of club volunteers, including many qualified RYA instructors led by our Training Principal Adrian Jones.

We encourage and support club members to undertake RYA courses, become RYA instructors, coaches and power boat drivers. The Instructor Pathway encourages both young and adult members to work towards gaining RYA instructor qualifications.

You can approach Adrian Jones (Principal@ncsc.org.uk) or more specifically:

- Dinghy contact Glyn Ritchie (ryadinghy@ncsc.org.uk)
- Windsurfing David Eberlin (info@ncsc.org.uk)
- Wingsurfing Gerry Ball (vicecommodore@ncsc.org.uk)
- Powerboat Martin Hewitt (ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk)

If you are interested and want to discuss these opportunities further.



NCSC RYA
learning page

Booking for all our courses is via the club website and you can also register interest in future courses. The latter helps us gauge and respond to demand.

There is also a programme of free club Powerboat Courses (NCSC Driving Skills & NCSC Rescue Skills) in place to train drivers to a standard that allows them to provide safety cover for club activities. Again, this is bookable via the website or if there is no suitable date available for you please register interest and we will see what we can arrange.

We also provide RYA First Aid training, and all members are welcome to take the course. There is a minimal fee to cover costs. Please book via the website or contact Vivienne Weston at RYAfirstaid@ncsc.org.uk

Club Boats and Wind/Wing surf kit

We have a fleet of club owned craft which are used primarily for organised Training activities and Saturday Club. Many are available to hire (to help with maintenance and upkeep). For more details and to book please see Website for the appropriate contact.

In addition to traditional dinghies we also have adapted HANSA dinghies which are suitable for use by those with additional needs. Support for using these is available via the Sailability lead Anne at sailability@ncsc.org.uk

Our fleet requires a significant amount of upkeep and volunteers are always welcome to help with maintenance. We will always provide training and support to help with this.

Finally please remember that the club is run entirely by volunteers so all dates are subject to volunteer availability.

Other Activities

- **Youth Race Squad:-** Race coaching for U19 and U13 juniors run at weekends we are a recognised RYA Pathway Club.
- **Informal Race Training** - race coaching aimed at adults who want to learn to race, improve their skills and meet like-minded members in a friendly welcoming group. Aimed for all abilities.
- **Level 2+ coaching** - skills-consolidation sessions aimed at adults who have recently completed an RYA Level 2 course and would appreciate some assistance with practicing and building confidence, contact Glyn Ritchie (ryadinghy@ncsc.org.uk).
- **Sailability:** This is focused on groups who may require additional assistance to get them sailing. Anne Clarke is our coordinator and can be contacted through SCM or at sailability@ncsc.org.uk. Specialist training is given to our RYA qualified helpers. We have a Sailability Steering Group to guide decision making and improve accessibility. A number of taster and inclusive sessions are organised, see calendar via SCM for dates. Contact Sailability to book on. We have RYA Para-Pathway Status. On the Calendar are Inclusive Sailing afternoon/evenings to introduce those who require additional help to get sailing.
- **On Board:** The club hosts school taster, carer events and opportunities for other organisations – see website for details. Volunteers are always welcome.
- **Club Safety Duty Courses:** See SCM (Sailing Club Manager) under online bookings - the two-day courses permit member use of club powerboats on successful completion. All current drivers are welcome to attend the Day 2 Rescue Skills course to refresh their skills. See Calendar for dates.

Full information on any Training activity can be found on NCSC website or email the Training Secretary:- training@ncsc.org.uk or Principal (principal@ncsc.org.uk). If there are no dates to suit please be aware we will look to add more, if you go on the waiting list we will endeavour to let you know the next course. You can look at dates and book (on SCM) through the links on the Club Website at <https://>



QR code for all RYA courses

Type of course	QR Code for details, and dates / booking link
RYA Dinghy	
RYA Powerboat and club safety boat	
RYA Windsurfing	
RYA Wingsurfing	
RYA First Aid	

Boat Berths

We have 450 boat berths with additional container storage for windsurfers and designated areas for trailer storage.

With the invoices and allocation system being generated by Sailing Club Manager (SCM) it is essential that the Boat Berth information is kept up to date to ensure that Berts are allocated correctly.

By following a few guidelines this is easily achieved.

Please contact the Boat Park Manager:-

1. If you require a Boat Berth; you will be allocated the best available berth.
2. If you sell your boat to another member and they require a berth.
3. If you purchase a boat from another member and require the berth.
4. If you no longer require a berth

General Guidelines:-

- No craft other than dinghies and boards may be stored on NCSC property.
- All dinghies and boards must carry at least £5m 3rd party insurance.
- Boats left in non-allocated berths will be removed.
- Boats should be properly tied down using the sunken anchorage points available in all berths (except most Topper berths).
- Members are responsible for keeping their berth tidy and free of foliage.
- One boat per berth.
- Berth stickers for the current year are fixed to the plaque to the left of the berth by the Boat Park Manager on receipt of payment.
- Boats in berths not paid for by 1st March are liable to be moved to a holding area with the monthly fee incurred. Members who have changing circumstances should contact the Boat Park Manager who will endeavour to assist.
- Trailers may be stored either within a berth or in the copse adjacent to the car park. Trailers are not to be left on the car park. No cars in the Boat Park.
- Container storage is available for windsurfer boards + equipment.

Contact: Barry Higham or Trevor Lloyd email:- boatpark@ncsc.org.uk



Driving the powerboats

Club members who have successfully completed the two day Club Safety Course are able to use the Club Safety Boats. Training is free and dates/opportunities are available on the website or by contacting ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk or training@ncsc.org.uk or see <https://members.ncsc.org.uk/booking/type/powerboat-courses>

Locking and unlocking instructions are provided on the course and in the members section of the club site but in brief:

- Remember to complete your boat and equipment checks before use
- Refuel boats at the end of each session
- All boats must be either handed over to the next duty crew or locked and secured on their mooring or in the case of the Rigiflex (orange boats) locked under the Clubhouse
- The rowing dinghy should be locked with the chain through the boat and oars
- Boats on the water should have covers on and engine lifted
- Return Rigiflex kit and fuel tanks (including the kill cord) to the fuel store
- Make sure the fuel store and safety store are locked
- Switch off hand held radios and put on charge (in Race Office)
- Return and lock all powerboats, committee boat, rowing dinghy, safety store, fuel store and race office keys to the key box and lock the key cupboard



Some top tips for safety boat drivers

1. **Always wear a kill cord.**
2. Make sure the engine is down and you are looking at it when you start, check coolant water
3. **One hand on the throttle. one on the wheel at all times when moving**
4. Switch your engine off when dealing with a person in the water
5. Keep your boat speed to the minimum necessary to avoid unnecessary wake, maintain control and allow others to gauge your intentions
6. Moor up to the pontoon or a mooring buoy to conserve fuel
7. As helm – always ensure you are between the propeller and any hazards/people
8. Avoid steering directly astern of sailors in case they capsize, fall out or alter course unexpectedly
9. Turn the engine off where possible to aid communication
10. If approaching a moving dinghy let the helm know your intentions, communicate clearly, approach from the windward side, ideally ask them to lie to
11. Have an escape plan in case the situation suddenly changes
12. Maintain a good look out around your safety boat and the rest of the lake at all times

Any problems with boats or ANY damage, rope wrap etc let the bosun's team know. If urgent then please call on [REDACTED] or email bosun@ncsc.org.uk **There is a direct contact point in the race office.**

A Members Story - Cillian Dyne

I am a club sailor at heart. My dad and I moved to Notts County in 2016 looking to broaden and develop our sailing. I had not done much sailing before this (I was 6) ,and I have fond memories of crewing for my dad on Saturdays and Sundays when we first joined with our Xenon which we soon changed for an RS200. We now sail in our forever boat Dolly our Scorpion.

I started to sail singlehandedly, attending Saturday Club in my Oppy and then practising by racing on Tuesday evenings. I now compete regularly and as often as I can within the club series' in a variety of boats. When I started, there was a strong junior fleet, which could see around 15 boats competing quite regularly. Some of these sailors are still active in the club, some have gone on to represent the club in the junior and youth classes, both nationally and internationally. For me, as I have said, I am a club sailor by which I mean that sailing is an important part of my life, it is my hobby but not my ambition. I have been lucky enough to helm and crew for some incredible sailors and this has given me insight into dinghy racing rules and etiquette as well as how to be fast.

NCSC has offered us many opportunities and have been very welcoming and encouraging to us since day 1. My passion and interest for the sport simply stems from the amount of time I have spent down at the club on the water: from doing RYA Courses, being part of the Youth Squad and also the social element that the club has. I have made lots of great friends and learned even more from experts and role models at the club which I feel is just as important as the sailing itself.

I am a club sailor. There are other aspects of the sport which could see you competing at national and international events, however I have not found the need to travel to feel competitive and fulfilled when racing in a variety of fleets. I have enjoyed spending hours upon hours honing my skills and gaining confidence on the water at NCSC.

I am, this year, getting involved in YRS coaching, RYA training courses and the Sailability programme. I am hoping to build the junior fleet and see regular participation in the fleet at the club.

The training and racing that NCSC offers is outstanding and my sailing would not be where it is today without it. The ability to sail almost year round at almost any time is something people take for granted but at many clubs it simply isn't possible.



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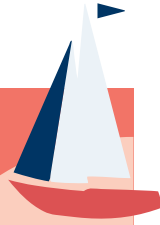
Racing Charter

Applies equally to everyone involved in sailboat racing

Principles

Fair Racing

Competitors agree to race fairly; organisers and officials agree to provide fair racing; support persons agree to encourage fair racing and uphold the principles of this Charter.



Fair Resolution

Disputes will be addressed in a timely and proper manner by those responsible; parties involved will use established tools for achieving a fair resolution.



Respect

Foul, abusive, aggressive and discriminatory language or behaviour, or a lack of respect for others and their property, will not be tolerated.



Accountability

Those who take unfair advantage of sailing's self-policing nature, or behave inappropriately, can expect action to be taken against them.



Why?

Ensures sailboat racing is **fair, welcoming and inclusive to all**



Provides a framework for all-round **enjoyment**

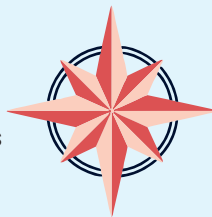


Encourages **life long** sailboat racing

In Practice

What YOU should expect

- Racing that is inclusive, fair, enjoyable and safe.
- Facilities, organisation and race management of acceptable standards and appropriate to the event.
- Opportunities to give feedback.
- Prompt resolution of any disputes.



What is expected of YOU

- Courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials and other water users, both afloat and ashore.
- Compliance with rules; taking a penalty when required by the rules.
- Use of provided tools to resolve any disputes.

The RYA encourages the use of the following tools...

for the resolution of Racing Disputes:

Post-Race Penalty Advisory Meetings Protest Hearings Arbitration

for Unacceptable Behaviour:

Rule 2 Protest Rule 69 Hearing



For further information, visit www.rya.org.uk/racingrules

Past Commodores and Training principles

Presidents

A.D Wadsworth
G. Boote
C.W. Westlake
P Brown
N.E.Parr
G. Parker
R. Towns
J. N. Parr

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G.Boote
G.J Twells
C. Burley
C.W.Westlake
N.E.Parr
G.W.Garnett
E.E.Smith
K.T.Chesters
G.Parker
A.H Hampshire
J.R. Hammond
T. Oscroft
G. Parker
D.R. Eberlin
P.M. Baldwin

Training Principals

N. Parr
P. King
G. Myatt
N. Jacks
J. Wildman
W. Stanton
C. Ferrar
D. Eberlin
A Jones

R.G. King
B.J. Higham
N.B. Lincoln
M.F. Stott
S. Poole
K.P. Twemlow
S.J. Payne
J.N. Parr
R. McEvoy
N. Theokritoff
R. Ryan
A.C. Jones
J. Logan
M. Hart
K P Twemlow





Notts County SC Opportunities

Initial contact from
Open Days, RYA & Club Websites, Social Media, affiliated Groups, local posters



Membership development – all ages

- Higher level RYA courses
- Informal Race Training Level 2+
- Race & Class Coaching (junior, Aero, Scorpion etc)
- Club Safety Duty training



Sailability

- Club HANSA boats (for less mobile)- hoist available
- Cobles
- RYA Para racing
- Inclusive sailing evenings

RYA Courses

For Members and non members

- Dinghy Sailing / Windsurfing
- Wingsurfing
- Junior & adult
- From learn to sail to advanced courses
- Powerboat (PB2, Safety)
- First Aid

Pathway to become an **RYA instructor** including: Assistant and full dinghy or wind / wing surf (14 upwards), Powerboat, First Aid

Volunteers

- RYA Instructor training (dinghy, powerboat, windsurfing, race coach, for youth & adult)
- Club safety boat & race management training, bar management
- Maintenance of clubhouse, grounds and club boats
- Admin



Adventures on Water

Junior Focus

Saturday Club Juniors participating using parents & leaders -leading to RYA youth courses

Youth Race Squad

School visits



Board activities

Use the water at own pace for:

- Windsurfing
- SUP
- Wing & foil surfing



Racing

- Novice and Junior / Youth racing - RYA Pathway Club
- Fleet and handicap racing
- Class & HANSA Open meetings
- Annual Regatta for all
- Race Management training
- Zone / National Squad & travelling to Opens & Nationals
- Local inter club events
- Hosting RYA training and University national events



Yachting Interest

Linking to Trent Offshore Group

Social events

Themed evenings, Bar, food.