



Notts County SC

News - December 2021



Commodore's Briefing

As your new Commodore I would like to thank you for electing me to the post and look forward to your support in managing one of the best inland sailing clubs in the UK.

I must also thank James Logan, all committee members and volunteers, that have covered a full range of duties to enable the club to operate and embrace the challenges presented by the Covid pandemic.

Now is the time to reflect on the achievements of 2021 and continue planning for 2022 and beyond. I know that the sailing committee already has a full calendar of activities scheduled for next year, but I'm sure we can always squeeze in that extra event.

November saw us hold the AGM via Zoom and many thanks to those who participated. Numbers attending were disappointingly low compared to last year so we will look at ways of making the event more accessible to members in the future and hopefully we can run a live event in 2022. The slides shown as part of the [AGM's video presentation are available here](#) – members login required.

At this year's AGM we saw significant changes in the training committee, so I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Charles Ferrar, Sarah Read and John Riddell for the many hours and invaluable input they have given to the club over the years in their roles of Training Principal / Chief Instructor, Training Secretary and Chief Power Boat Instructor. Now I would like to welcome and thank Dave Eberlin, Fiona Grayton and Adrian Jones for stepping forward and filling these roles.

It is noticeable that restrictions on social gatherings at the club have reduced the opportunities for members to chat, express their likes and dislikes and put forward new ideas for the continued success of the club. The recent club survey, which was initiated by Nicola Willars, and to which 123 members responded, will help to bridge these gaps in communication. The membership has spoken, it is now time for the management committees to listen and respond with the help of all members. Some of the keys issues cited for improvement include:-

- Communication and navigation of the club website and sailing club manager.
- Barriers to volunteering
- The social scene at the club – please step up if you can help here

On a positive note 80% of those responding felt we had the balance between, racing, cruising and other water activities about right, and over 50% said they would, or would consider supporting the activities of Sailability at the club.

A full summary of the responses to the survey will be issued in the near future.

This year the club has attracted 54 new memberships (151 people). I would like to encourage everyone to give these new members a warm and supportive welcome into the community of NCSC.

In future newsletters I intend to focus on particular themes, for instance:- club development plan, club management structure, club web site, RYA and club training and coaching, racing and cruising, use of safety boats and provision of safety cover, volunteering, the social scene so please let me know of any topics that you would like me to try and address.

In the meantime please get wrapping those presents but more importantly stay safe. I wish you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year with your families. Have fun on the water and sail safe.

Martin Hart, Commodore

Key dates

December

Sun 19th Fuddle – all welcome, bring food to share, covid permitting, racing is back to back

Water use permitted 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30th Dec along with Wednesdays & Sunday

January

1st Jan – First of year Race

Water use permitted 3/4th Jan, along with Wednesdays and Sundays

29/30th Jan – County Cooler

Notices

The duty roster for 2022 is now open, through to the end of October 2022. Now is the time to pick your preferred dates using Sailing Club Manager. Members who don't book any duties will be allocated duty dates where there are gaps and if these don't suit then you have to use the [swap system to change your duty date](#). If you find you cannot volunteer for a particular duty then please contact Martin Read at dutysecretary@ncsc.org.uk to have the appropriate duty tags reinstated. One expectation of your membership is that you undertake at least 3 duties a year. So please make sure that you sign up for your 2022 duties as soon as possible. This is a club run by members for members and we cannot function and hold organised sailing activities with safety cover unless we all step up and play your part in this.

Reinstate Sailing at the 2028 Paralympics You may have read that they have pulled Paralympic Sailing from the Paralympics. This campaign is to try and reinstate it. We hope you feel you can support this campaign, [link to details on how to do this](#). Thanks Sailability

Covid In line with current Government advice please ensure that you wear a face mask inside the club house and remove kit from the changing rooms to make a safe space for others. The club covid policy will be updated upon further guidance from the Government and RYA.

Avian Flu Note several cases of Avian Flu have been recorded in Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. If you find dead or sick wild fowl please do not touch and keep dogs away. Report any instances to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77

Weather warning: With winter weather conditions already facing us please be sensible when turning up to sail. Ensure that you have sufficient warm clothing and sail only within your ability. Check temperatures and wind speeds before venturing out. Capsizing in freezing conditions can quickly lead to hyperthermia. Stay safe

Club Safety Boat course 19th Dec has been cancelled, due to daylight and lack of numbers.



Photo captions (l to r) Powerboat team in the snow / Dean taking a leap of faith / Fun in the sun

Training dates and news

We are short of instructors in all areas, Dinghy, Powerboat and Windsurfing in order to keep providing the same level of RYA courses. More information on [instructing is here](#). If you are interested in volunteering for training please contact or talk to us: David Eberlin at info@ncsc.org.uk or Glyn Ritchie (as Development Officer) or [Adrian Jones for Powerboat](#).

Please note that everything [underlined links](#) to more information. Please like our Facebook & Twitter page for latest news [Twitter link](#) [Facebook link](#). The News page (linked from www.ncsc.org.uk) has events and photos. Where possible key information is repeated at head of website landing page.

See SCM (Sailing Club Manager) [Calendar](#) for future events (log on to see all the events and members pages)