



Notts County SC News - February 2022

Commodore's Briefing



Now, as we emerge from the worst of the Covid pandemic, I would like to see the Club consolidate its activities and focus on the things that we have always done well. In particular, to become the friendly and welcoming club that enabled us to achieve Club of the Year status in 2018.

Over the last two months our various committees and groups have been extremely active in preparing for the start of the new season. So, having taken the lion's share of the space in

the last two newsletters, I'm keeping this short to allow others to put over key information.

This year has already got off to a flying start with the first of the year race followed by a highly successful first leg of the County Cooler. The Cooler, with winds gusting to 50mph on Saturday, and lake temperatures of 4°C, provided extremely challenging conditions for both race and safety teams as well as competitors, so thanks to all that supported the event.

With regard to the club web site I'm pleased to report that a considerable amount of work has now taken place to evaluate the existing site and plan a new and more intuitive format. Thanks to John Sears and Dave Eberlin who have been leading on this. The construction of the new website will be starting this week and will then be trialled and launched in the near future.

A further item of good news is the imminent appointment to the executive committee of a new Social Chairperson. A separate announcement will be issued and this will provide a fantastic opportunity to revitalise the social side at the club following the imposed dormancy during the worst of the pandemic.

Finally, just a reminder that a work party is scheduled for Saturday 12 Feb. "Many hands make light work" so please try and spare some time on the day to help, even for a couple of hours. There is lots to do, but as an encouragement there will be complementary hot drinks and bacon butties for the workers !! [Info here](#)

Martin Hart - Commodore

Key dates - [See SCM for full calendar](#)

Feb

5th onwards - Youth Race Squad
12th [Topper traveller event](#)
12th Work Party
19/20th Snakebite University Team Racing
26th First Aid course – contact RYAfirstaid@ncsc.org.uk
26/27th – Pondlife – University Windsurfing national event
27th Windsurfing Instructor course

March

5/6th RYA Feva training
6th Spring Black & White series starts
13th & 26th Club Safety Boat Course (book via ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk)
19/20th RYA Senior Instructor Course
26th RYA Disability Awareness Course – free to members book via sailability@ncsc.org.uk
26th Topper Regional training



Cooler Photos: Winners Chris Martin and John Tailby (NCSC) - Sammy disappearing under water - boat still bolt upright though - A laser crashes out - Dean enjoying lunch - Julian (I think) in a 50mph gust - Topaz outing Sunday - Safety crew (our Sailing secretary) hard at work.



Exec Notices

Work party: our pre-season work party, to get everything ready for 2022, is on Sat 12 Feb. We will put a list of jobs here, please come down to help even for a couple of hours. [Info here](#)

The **Member's survey** had a good response with plenty of ideas and comments. Moira Hart has summarised the key points and this is available [here](#)

Breakages: Please report all breakages or damage, especially to powerboats. These need reporting **immediately** to prevent further expensive damage (i.e. within an hour at most). Everyone makes mistakes (including those that do the repairing!) but it is essential the problem is known about promptly and resolved. The same goes for any other club equipment. The Bosun's phone number is inside the key cupboard, fuel store & safety store - a text is ideal.

Sailability is organising a free disability awareness course at the club, on Sat 26 March, 10am to 4pm. Anyone who is willing to help at the HANSA open, or who wishes to help open up our club to disabled sailors, should come. It is free and is a really good informative course. Please book via sailability@ncsc.org.uk The Sailability group is also looking to organise other events this year, any help please contact email above.

University events: The clubhouse will be very busy on 19/20 Feb for University Team Racing and 26/27 Feb for University Windsurfing. Please bear this in mind if coming down to the club and keep clear of University activities. Watching Team racing from the bank or club house balcony can be very interesting and exciting, especially on Sunday afternoon.

New members: A very warm welcome to the 18 new sailing club members who have joined us recently: Richard & Jesse Drury (scorpion), Max Prusek & Jacky Mills (Lark), Richard Bartholomew & family (f15, solo, laser), Poppy Repper & Chris Evans, Nigel Rushby from our RYA course and windsurfer Joe Knapton and John Fenney to our bird watcher fraternity. Plus returning members Andy Love family and Barbara Cathcart.

We have updated the [Covid Policy on the website](#).

Yearbook: This will be available at the club towards the end of February.

Sailing Committee

Topper Traveller will take place at the club on 12 February. Boats should enter via the [Topper class website](#) before the closing time 20.00 on the 10 February. Safety crews are required please contact Stephanie Gunn

Transition Training The Sailing committee is looking for a member to champion Transitional training at the club, to benefit less experienced members and help make the transition into more competitive club racing. Please contact John Sears if you are able to help.

Race Officer (RO) training & buddy scheme We need more Race Officers to help share the duties over the season and ensure we have a pool to draw on. Please contact [Martin Read](#) or [John Sears](#) if you would like to learn how to run races. We also have a "Buddy" scheme where experienced RO's are paired up with candidates acting as their assistant and train them as they run races.

Club Regatta, 16/17 July - The regatta is a 2-day weekend event in July as the normal dates conflict with the Queen's Jubilee. Four races are planned for the Commodore's Cup (1 discard) and two Novice races plus onshore and water based fun activities. Please contact [Ken and Susan Twemlow](#) with ideas and offers of help. This is a great opportunity to bring family and friends to camp and join in.

Signing on for Club races - To help the scorers, and ensure we know who is on the water each day, we are reinstating the requirement to sign on for each race in all Club series. The signing on sheets are on the desk outside the Race Office before each race and competitors are reminded to sign on. The Bosun has installed a microphone for the Tannoy in the Race Office so it will be possible to broadcast announcements without the need to open the Bar.

Duty: Thank you to those who have signed up and please do keep signing up for your duties on Sailing Club Manager. There are still one or two gaps in March. Allocation of duty dates will be under way during February so please book your preferred dates now so that you will not have to swap inconvenient dates.



Cooler Photos: Clive at full speed, Peter Gray (Staunton) second o/a slowly capsizing, Europe (from Staunton) at speed

Training

At the January full training meeting the following key points came out, full notes on SCM (you need to login):

- The aim of Tuesday nights is to support newcomers to improve and develop, and provide a less serious and shorter race format for more experienced sailors. On Tuesdays on-water coaching is encouraged with experienced sailors and coaches helping the less experienced both before and after racing. Afterwards food should be available and the bar should be open.
- All club boats are seen as a club resource, some however do require specialist knowledge, so booking is required.
- We hope to run a RYA Race Coach course. You don't need to be an instructor, but you do need enthusiasm, be an experienced racer and wish to help others learn to race or improve. Contact [training](#), as soon as possible, to express an interest. There are pre-requisites which can generally be done at the club.
- A Powerboat Instructor course will run in April. If you are interested contact [Adrian Jones](#) to see if there are any spaces.
- All training sections Youth Racing Squad (YRS), Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Centre, Sailability are looking for volunteers
- First Aid – looking to the future we need some more instructors (medical qualifications normally required) please contact [Viv Weston](#).

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.