



**Notts County SC**

# **News - January 2022**

## **Commodores Briefing – Get Ready – Get Set – Let’s Go Sailing**



Last year saw a great improvement in sailing opportunities at the club compared to 2020. As Covid restrictions were relaxed we managed, albeit with a slightly delayed start, a full racing programme together with casual sailing and plenty of both RYA and club training activities. Thanks to all those volunteers that made this possible.

The annual awards evening, that is normally held in February, to acknowledge members achievements in the preceding year, has been postponed until the summer in the hope that attendance to this type of social event will be more acceptable to all.

It’s now time to prepare and get ready for a new year packed full of sailing opportunities, whether it be racing, cruising, training or just paddling around on a Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) and enjoying the views and facilities at the club.

We’ve already had a fantastic start to the year, with blue skies, a stiff breeze!! and over fifty entries to the 1st of the year open meeting which raised £350 for the Nottinghamshire Mind charity. Congratulations to Jamie Mawson in winning the coveted Geoff Parker memorial trophy, and to Sam Grayton and Raife Piggott who claimed both the Phil Davies memorial and the junior cup in their flying!! 420. The windsurfer trophy being awarded to our diehard windsurfer Ian Pilkington. [Report and photos](#)

By now you should have received your club membership renewal notice for 2022, if you haven’t yet, check on SCM or contact Kathryn our membership secretary at [membership@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ncsc.org.uk) , obviously you should not be using club facilities before paying.

I’m sure there is no need to remind you, that as a club member and water user you are expected to volunteer for at least three safety, race team or training duties each year. Sailing Club Manager is now open for booking these, so why not log on and get the duties and dates that suit you best, before they are allocated to you by our duty secretary.

It is hoped that we can regenerate the social side of the club this year and the bar forms a great focal point after a day’s sailing. We are looking for volunteers to help run the bar on a rota basis, perhaps just one session a month or more if you are able. Serving behind the bar provides a great opportunity to get to know other club members. Your help would be greatly appreciated, please [contact our vice commodore Ken Twemlow](#) if you are able and willing to assist.

In rounding up I’d like to congratulate our junior members for their achievements both at local, national and international events, they are a credit to our club and I’m sure they will assist and support other up and coming juniors in 2022.

I’d also like to congratulate club members Amy and Ella Meek, who set up the youth social action group Kids Against Plastic and will be receiving British Empire Medals (BEM) for their voluntary service to the natural environment.

*Best Wishes for 2022 Martin Hart Commodore*

### **Key dates - subject to Covid**

#### **January**

*Water use permitted*

*Wednesdays and Sundays*

**15th Jan – First Aid course – contact [RYAfirstaid@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:RYAfirstaid@ncsc.org.uk)**

**16th & 23rd – RYA Safety Boat course**

**21st Jan – First Aid course – contact [RYAfirstaid@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:RYAfirstaid@ncsc.org.uk)**

**29/30th Jan – County Cooler**

#### **February**

**2nd Lake opens any day**

**5th onwards - Youth Race Squad**

**12th Topper traveller event**

**19/20th Feb Snakebite**

*University Team Racing*

**26th Feb - First Aid course – contact [RYAfirstaid@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:RYAfirstaid@ncsc.org.uk)**

**26/27th Feb – Pondlife – University Windsurfing national event**

## Exec Notices

**Prizegiving:** It has been decided to cancel the event at Nottingham Country Club in February, due to uncertainty on Covid. We will however be having an event in the summer at the club to give out this years prizes (details to follow). We therefore need the trophies back to have engraved. Please make arrangements to return the trophies for engraving with Kathryn at [membership@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ncsc.org.uk) with urgency, it take a lot of time and effort to get everything engraved, so please help by returning trophies promptly.

The club is thinking of starting **RYA VHF courses**, this involves us in investment in equipment and online courses. Before the Exec decide on this we would like to gauge numbers of club members who may be interested, please contact [info@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:info@ncsc.org.uk). There is an exam fee to RYA we can't avoid (around £85 at present), plus a fee to club to recoup equipment cost etc.

The results of a **Duty Forum** and the **Questionnaire** will be published in the near future, with the change of flag officers there is plenty to do, so it is taking a little longer than we hoped.

**Emails:** For club business to the Flag officers please use the club email not personal ones – thanks, ie [commodore@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:commodore@ncsc.org.uk) and [vicecommodore@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:vicecommodore@ncsc.org.uk) general enquiries can come to [info@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:info@ncsc.org.uk) and will be redirected to the appropriate person.

## Sailing Committee



**East Midlands Winter Mini Series 2022**

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| <b>Notts County County Cooler</b><br><a href="http://www.ncsc.org.uk">www.ncsc.org.uk</a>              | <b>29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>  |
| <b>Burton Blizzard</b><br><a href="http://www.burtonwellingclub.co.uk">www.burtonwellingclub.co.uk</a> | <b>12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> |
| <b>Staunton Winter Blaster</b><br><a href="http://www.sturc.org.uk">www.sturc.org.uk</a>               | <b>19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> |
| <b>Ogston Wooley Jumper</b><br><a href="http://www.ogstonwooley.co.uk">www.ogstonwooley.co.uk</a>      | <b>26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February</b> |

Handicap racing (PP 902 and above), One Pursuit race (weather permitting) and four Average lap races each weekend. Starting and Members' Singletons welcome at each event. Also Winterfun at Notts County and Burton SC.

Briefing 10.00am Sunday. Check Club MDR's & S's for exact details and to check for any Covid Restrictions via each club's website, before travelling.

One entry for 2022 members of each participating club. Entry free per weekend for other visitors. £20pp Adult Boat a handied boat for 2 days. £20 per Adult single handed boat for 2 days. £20pp Adult Boat a handied boat for 1 day. £20 per Adult single handed boat for 1 day. £10 per entry half these fees.

**County Cooler:** This is due to be held 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Details are on the [Opens page](#) This is always a popular inter club event, [see here for other dates](#).

**The Duty system is now open** for volunteers, please sign onto SCM (Sailing Club Manager) and volunteer to get your choice of dates, which should include at least one Sunday.

In 2022 Sign on Sheets are due to be reintroduced (Covid providing).



Photos from First of Year race 2022



Top row, Sam Grayton and Raife Piggott, Jamie Mawson, Ian Pilkington. Bottom: Jeremy Arnold & John Allen, Martin Hewitt, Kevin Hope and Andy Stewart, Sam Mason, Scorpions enjoying the racing.



## Training dates and news

**RYA First Aid Courses (£10 members):** 15<sup>th</sup> Jan (nearly Full) - 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – spaces - 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – spaces The courses are run by experienced instructors and we encourage all members to take up the days training. If you are interested please contact [ryafirstaid@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:ryafirstaid@ncsc.org.uk)

**RYA Safety Boat (£120 members) 16th & 23rd Jan** please contact [training@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:training@ncsc.org.uk) if you are interested If you are interested in volunteering for training or becoming an Asst instructor please contact or talk to us: David Eberlin at [info@ncsc.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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)