



Notts County SC News February 2021



Hello everyone,
Welcome to a very full newsletter, not unlike our lakes – now just recovering from what is becoming a regular annual top up from the Trent.

Our thoughts and respect go out to our hard working members helping to address the Covid pandemic, those directly and indirectly involved. We appreciate all you are doing and hope we never see you in the wrong circumstances.

It's been around 3 months since we were all able to virtually gather at the AGM and I would like to invite you to a NCSC Zoom event where we can review the club's activities and plans and give you an opportunity to participate in a Q&A discussion. More details will follow, but please pencil in Weds evening, the 25th February for this.

Whilst it will be frustrating missing out on some good sailing opportunities, as well as getting stuck into the annual work-party days, as the Spring arrives, it can't be helped and it is far more important to try and keep Covid under control.

Yours James

2021 -

LET'S GET BACK ON THE WATER

The Sailing Committee is keen to get the 2021 club racing series and all other water activities into action as soon as possible in a safe and Covid compliant manner. A full programme has been planned starting with the Black and White Series. This was scheduled to start on the 7th March, but the exact start date will be dependent on prevailing Government and RYA guidance. The intention is to run the B & W series in the form of back to back handicap racing open to club members only. Safety and race team duties for the B & W will be covered by those taking part in the series and others wishing to volunteer their services. A separate email will be sent to all members asking for confirmation of their interest in taking part in the B & W as soon a definite start date is confirmed.

Tuesday and Thursday night racing is currently scheduled to start in line with previous non Covid years towards the end of April.

The start of the main series class racing will follow on from the B & W, with a format that is as close as possible to our usual club racing.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the water in the not too distant future.

Martin Hart – Vice Commodore & Chair of Sailing Committee vicecommodore@ncsc.org.uk



Please note everything underlined links to more information and please like our Facebook page & Twitter page for latest news Twitter link Facebook link . The News page (linked from www.ncsc.org.uk has events and photos. See Calendar for future events.



Notices

Training

As well as planning for the coming season the training section have been putting together a long-term plan. At the moment we hope to run the junior and adult courses in the Spring half-term with RYA courses starting at the beginning of June, Covid permitting. The Easter course will be moved to the October half term. There is a pent up demand for learning to sail, and we are very keen to get courses up and running again for these as well as those aiming to improve members' sailing skills. As soon as is possible, there will be a variety of courses running over weekends and weekdays to cater for as many as we can. Members can see the provisional dates on the calendar. We hope to run a windsurfing course in June, probably early evenings.

Powerboat courses are being finalised, again unlikely to start much before May or June.

We are also intending to complete the DI and AI courses and some of the powerboat courses which were started last year.

If you want to express an interest in any courses please contact training@ncsc.org.uk

Membership update

Just a polite reminder that 2021 renewals payments are now overdue. If you have misplaced your invoice or have any queries about your 2021 please do contact me in confidence Kathryn membership@ncsc.org.uk

I appreciate that in the current Covid situation the resuming of activities might seem a long way off until our season gets going fully. However, the various committees are planning a full range of events for the year including a racing programme, junior Saturday Club, WeSup meetings, training courses as well as full access to the water.

A warm welcome to our new members: Chris Stubbs (RS200 and Solo owner), Peter Hancock and family.

The social committee are also planning our 60th year celebrations of our Club for a date in the summer, something extra special to look forward to.

The fabric of our Club requires membership renewals to cover our fixed costs (lease, heating, maintenance, insurance etc) plus to support the Club plans for future development and ongoing maintenance.

Stay safe everyone, Kathryn

Virtual Regatta

We are pleased to say we have Virtual Regatta up and running again 8pm Sundays (see WhatsApp group), instructions [here](#) .

Sailability

Sailability has suffered during the COVID pandemic. The jetty which houses the bases we use to hoist sailers into their boats has become very dilapidated and needs renovating/replacing.

Our 2 Hansa 303 dinghies which also need repair will come out of storage as soon as we can get a team together and get down to the Club.

As we come slowly out of lockdown we hope to bring you news of our progress in our work to provide access for all, meanwhile if you wish to access the boats or help out please contact sailability@ncsc.org.uk - Anne

2021 - WADSWORTH RACE SERIES

Interest in the Sunday Wadsworth race summer series has waned in recent years with an average of only ten boats, including two juniors, taking part.

As part of the Sailing Committee's effort to revitalise the series members were asked to consider the following options:a) leave the Sunday racing format as existing, with the Wadsworth held after Class racing in the afternoon, b) move the Wadsworth to a 10.00 am start followed by Class racing before and after lunch, c) move the Wadsworth to a 11.00 am start followed by lunch then two back-to-back Class races in the afternoon.

Comments received from members outlined both pro and cons for each option, but a majority of 62% voted to move the Wadsworth to Sunday morning and of those voting to move the Wadsworth, 67% voted to retain class racing before and after lunch.

As a result, we will trial the following Sunday race format in the hope that the Wadsworth series will be revitalised:-

10.00 am Wadsworth Start
11.15 am 1st Class Race
13.30 am 2nd Class Race

This format allows those that are less confident to get some practice in before the main class racing series, maintains the opportunity for social interaction over lunchtime, and allows more time after the 2nd class race for casual sailing.

This issue has been a bone of contention for many years. The majority of responses received opted for the above format, so let's give it a go and see if we can encourage a vibrant Wadsworth series.

Martin Hart – Vice Commodore & Chair of Sailing Committee

Other lockdown pastimes.

The RYA have produced some excellent videos on the new rules, racing, mark rounding, generally improving your sailing, John Sears has researched the links and they are on this [page](#)

New Racing Rules

Nadina Lincoln our racing officer and rules expert in the club is planning to run some zoom/ events for members. We will put the links on the secure area of the website to allow members access. Nadina presents some really informative and useful presentations and we would recommend all ages to participate, even if its to learn more about the thought processes of a race officer and the rules. More information and dates to follow.

Some youth success stories from the club:
Toppers success [see link](#)

