



Notts County SC News March 2021



Dates for your Diary

8th March - Rules update by Nadina Lincoln

Rediscover sailing

Subject to the Government's roadmap and RYA guidance we hope casual sailing can start after 29th March and racing in some form the following Easter weekend. We will send an email to members once details are known, with links to club protocols, any entry requirements and the mechanisms for covering the required duties. Both the Sailing Committee and Covid Committee will be co-ordinating this March to enable sailing to start as soon as it is permitted.

Later on in the year there are plenty of ideas being developed, highlights include (all subject to the lifting of the relevant restrictions, of course):

- **18th /19th May ?:** The annual Sailability HANSA Open – we will know more about whether this is proceeding nearer the time.
- **19th / 20th June:** Topper Midlands event
- **26th June:** Windsurfer Open & Team 15
- **4th July:** Laser Open
- **Early July** the club's 60th year Celebration event keep your diaries free - details next month
- **August:** Junior training courses
- **Autumn:** Class Open events
- **October half term :** proposed Junior courses

Commodore's Commentary

Hello and welcome to the March edition of the Notts County Newsletter.

As this newsletter goes to print things are looking, at long last, hopeful for a return to sailing and activity at the club soon. It would seem that a return to outdoor sports, including sailing will be possible from the end of March. We will keep you updated as soon as we know more. The Sailing Committee are preparing the mechanisms to get us all back on the water; coaching, racing or just casual sailing, as soon as possible and any offers of help or ideas about this can be readily fed in through your fleet representatives.

It was great to see so many people participating in the club Zoom event last week, lots of ideas and thoughts put forward – a chat that could have gone on for a lot longer! Link to the zoom recording [here](#) (you need to sign in to SCM to see it). I hope we can reprise this as a way of keeping everyone informed as we move back to the heady days of being real, as opposed to virtual, participants in the sport we all just want to get on and do.

The ability for us all to get down to the club means we can start thinking about the usual works and ways activities for everyone to get involved in, please keep a look out for how and when – as ever, many hands make light work.

Clearly, getting back to a totally normal, unfettered club routine is not going to be immediate. The last year has been really hard for many people, including some of you, and we all need to make that special effort to just be understanding, kind, and tolerant to allow our spirits to rise again, to engage with that renowned Notts County friendliness with all who share in the pastime that we all love – just getting out and about around, on and in, the water.

Yours aye,

James



Notices

Rules update 8th March

Many will know that the rules are updated on a four year cycle. Nadina Lincoln, our resident rules expert, is giving a Zoom talk about the updates, and will no doubt be happy to answer questions. Anyone who races will benefit from Nadina's wisdom.

Details: NCSC Rules update - Time: Mar 8, 2021 07:30 PM
London - zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84154378758>

Commodore committee boat:

We are looking to change the name of the second Committee boat from Commodore. We are running a competition, open to all but focused on the Junior sailors, to come up with an appropriate name. Entries will be judged by the Flag Officers & the Bosun. There will be a prize for the winner. Suggestions please to info@ncsc.org.uk marked "Commodore Renaming".

Our main and venerable committee boat, Stoke Ferry, has been extensively assessed during the Covid enforced down time. Most fortunately, a refurbishment is possible and we have a skilled volunteer who is willing to help the Bosun, and his team, rebuild her over the next few months.

Communication event

The club held a Communication event on Wed 24th Feb, for anyone who missed it there is a link to the zoom recording [here](#) (you need to sign in to SCM to see it) along with the slides and notes.

Club Survey

We are preparing a club survey which will be ready soon, thanks to Nicola Willars for her work on this. We would like to hear from you and will publish the results, it will help guide the advance the club's Development Plan, and the more inputs we get (it takes a few minutes) the better. A separate email with links will be sent out with all the details of the survey.

Membership

A polite reminder that membership fees for 2021 are now well overdue. Those holding a boat berth are advised that from the 1st March additional berth fees are incurred by non, or unpaid, members.

A warm welcome to our new members, Mark Parker with a Laser and Paige and Simon Smith, Paige is a long standing family member from Saturday Club, along with Morag and Peter Whitworth

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Club soon
Kathryn

Duties: The Sailing Committee and Covid group will be looking into duties, at present we think the first few weeks will be like last year, once there is some normality the duties will revert back to the normal system.

Training

It is looking increasingly likely that the early June courses can go ahead (Junior and Adult start, along with other junior levels) at present the half term week 1-4th June is pencilled in, with a second course in weekends in June (12/13/26 and 3 July), the dates are on SCM. We are awaiting full RYA guidance, which will hopefully clarify what is permitted, and actions to ensure we are Covid safe.

It will be useful to gauge numbers but we don't want to take payment till nearer the time. Forms will be available soon on the website so please fill one in with course (and course) start date on, so the Training Secretary can keep a list of people and numbers (there will be limits on numbers). Assuming we can run them we will ask for money about 3 weeks before the start.

Meanwhile we hope to complete the instructor and other courses started in 2020 before that date, the people concerned will be contacted direct once we can get dates from the trainer.

We are also looking into windsurfing courses, probably in June when the water is warmer.

