



Notts County SC News - July 2022

As Glastonbury plays its last set in the sunshine it seems that summer is well and truly with us – at least for a few weeks. Life down at NCSC has been, at times, almost tropical thanks to those who have been periodically topping up the blue dye.

So what has been happening? It was great to hear that Duncan Monaghan achieved an amazing foiling tack on his windsurfer – [watch the video](#) – you will definitely be impressed by his skill and control.

Ellie Rush is off to The Hague, competing in the Youth Worlds this month – we wish her all the best. This is often seen as a stepping stone to the World Sailing Championships. There are also a number of club members heading out to compete in various National and Open Events so good luck to you all and fly the flag for NCSC.

For those of you who do not know ‘ragwort’ is a specified weed under the Weeds Act 1959 as it is toxic and poisonous to grazing animals. As part of our lease we are obliged to keep the land within the club grounds as free as possible from this weed. We are therefore arranging a Ragwort Removal Day on Friday 8 July from 2.00pm in the afternoon/early evening. Please come along and help – even if it is just for an hour. You will be given details of how to ID the weed and how to remove it. Please bring gloves, the bar will be open and BBQ available to aid recovery!

As I have said before NCSC is our club, run for members by members, and therefore, for the club to succeed and thrive we need YOU to play your part and get involved. We are still seeking a Rear Commodore to come on board and also a new Social Secretary. These would be ratified at the AGM in November so please – if you would like to get involved let me know.

So to finish – I was delighted to see that there was a very successful visit to the club by Year 6 pupils from [Bleasby school](#). It is great to see youngsters enjoying our facilities and having fun on the water. Who knows they may turn out to be budding sailors in the future. You will have also seen from our website news that we had a very successful [Midland Topper](#) and [Windsurfing Open](#) last month.

So now we are in July - get yourselves in gear for the return of the [NCSC Regatta](#). This takes place on 16/17 July with camping from 14th. Come prepared for a fun filled weekend on and off the water. [Get your tickets now before it's too late](#), you can pay online. And as ever volunteers needed for set up and getting activities arranged for our youngsters. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Martin Hart - Commodore



Dean and Gerry battling out on the racecourse at the open

Key dates - See SCM for full calendar
Saturday club continues through to Sept

July

- 2 Junior Open
- 5 Tuesday night rusty Sailors
- 9 [Transitional Training](#)
- 10 Laser Open (no Sunday racing)
- 16/17 Regatta. Social – book tickets online
- 19 Tuesday night rusty Sailors
- 23/24 RYA Powerboat 2 course
- 30 Club safety boat course (free)
- 30 Transitional Training

August

- 2 & 9 RYA powerboat 2 course
- 2 [Tuesday night rusty Sailors](#)
- 6 [Start Racing transitional training](#)
- 6 New members evening
- 15-18 August Youth Sailing Courses
- 20 Start Racing transitional training
- 23 /30 RYA powerboat 2 course
- 27 Club Powerboat courses (free)
- 29 August bank holiday fun race series

Sailing Committee

Transitional Training: Tuesday evening "Rusty Sailors" training started last Tuesday at 6pm. Further sessions are planned 5th July, 19th July, 2nd August. These are shore based quick Question & Answer forums before sailors go out to race at 7pm. If you want to participate just turn up, rig, get changed & come into the clubhouse training room for 6pm. More details are on the Transitional Training page on the club website.

There are spaces available on the Saturday courses which are on the water so please fill in the Expression of interest form [on the website](#)

Race Clerks: Race Clerk duty can be a daunting task, especially on Sundays. If you are concerned about it and would like instructions there is a [video link on the club website](#) under Water Activities – Racing – Race Officer course – Race Clerk session video. Instructions can also be downloaded as a .PDF file from the website under Water Activities – Racing – [Race Management documents](#) – Race Clerk Instructions (bottom RH corner of page). Please contact the Race Officer of the day if you still feel you need help and they will brief you before and during the races.

Open Meetings: We are in the middle of a sequence of Open meetings. The **Junior meeting is on Saturday 2nd July** and will share the afternoon starts with normal Stanier races. The **Laser Open meeting is on Sunday 10th July** and there will be no Club series racing that day or during the following weekend (16/17 July) when the **Regatta** programme of races will take place. There is no charge for members to race in the Regatta but please enter on line via SCM. Tickets for the social evening which includes music from Stargazy and a professional BBQ. can be booked and paid for in the same way. The regatta mixes racing for the more expert and novice, with socials, camping, and coming to enjoy the club. Camping allowed as on website. [More information here.](#)

August Bank Holiday: We plan to run a fun race series on the August Bank Holiday Monday in aid of the David Stevens Memorial fund which supports Sailability. If anyone would like to volunteer to help run the day and/or has ideas for the format please contact John Sears or Ken Twemlow. Current thinking is to include a series of short relay races with a variety of sailors in each team.

Training

The dinghy courses for August and September are available to book & pay online, the Junior August course is starting to fill. If there is demand we could do a Start Racing in August, so please let us know if you are interested.

There are also 2 RYA Powerboat 2 courses (fee involved).

Potential safety boat drivers, we encourage you to learn to drive the safety boats, particularly if you have family down, there are courses at the end of each month and you don't need to be a sailor to take part. It is a two day course, first day is handling a powerboat, second day safety is covered (rescuing people, boats, boards etc). Book online, it is free (members only), next one end of July & August. [Booking link](#)

Exec Notices

Membership : A very warm welcome to our new members this month which takes us to 54 memberships since Jan 2022. Thank you to current members for making everyone feel so welcome and also for sharing with friends, neighbours, work colleagues the joys of being a member at Notts County Sailing Club - you are great ambassadors.

The **club rules** have been updated [see here](#). Please remember guests need to be signed in and if launching their own craft (dinghy, any type of board) the daily launch fee is £15 (payable at the bar or membership@ncsc.org.uk).

Security - please lock both track gates and the Club house, if you think you may be the last person, all legitimate users have keys.

Rachel has had to step back as **Social Secretary**, so we are looking for someone to take over the role, please contact a flag officer if you are interested.

You may have noticed a mammoth sculpture by the concrete works entrance the [story is here](#)



Above & right: Sunday fun & Bleasby visit. Below: social



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