



Notts County SC News - February 2023

Hi Everybody

I'm pleased to say that February sees the end of restrictions to water access at the club and from the 2nd we can sail, windsurf and SUP from dawn to dusk on any day of the week. So, you all have plenty of time to get some practice in before the start of the Black and White series which starts on the 5 March. You will see from the calendar that there is plenty of activity scheduled this month, including the Universities BUSA qualifiers on the 4 & 5 Feb and the Snakebite event on the 11 & 12 Feb. Please be aware that these will be busy events but I'm sure you will give these young students our normal NCSC welcome.

February is also the month that we focus on preparing the club for the coming season. As part of these activities the Executive Committee has sanctioned the replacement of the ageing and very slippery, when wet, decking on the main balcony. This is to be replaced with an anti slip micro grid system together with the purchase and assembly of more balcony tables and chairs, please watch out for a call-to-arms to help with these activities during February.

We have also scheduled a work party to take place on Saturday 25 February to focus on a variety of maintenance activities in and around the club, so please put the date in your diary and come along even if it's just for a few hours. Bacon cobs as usual will be available to volunteers. A full list of jobs and appropriate tools will be posted on the web site.

It was great to see six boats from NCSC taking part in the first event of the Winter mini series. The January Burton Blizzard lived up to its name again this year with two days of challenging sailing. Congratulations to Kevin Hope/Andy Stewart and Martin Gray/John Tailby who took 2nd and 3rd place honours.

Our own event The County Cooler last weekend presented a different set of equally challenging conditions. With light winds dropping to a zephyr on Saturday resulting in only one race and boats struggling to cross the finishing line! Better conditions on Sunday with gusts to 30mph, see full report and results [here](#).

Finally I can't let this newsletter pass without giving further congratulations and our very best wishes to our hard working club membership secretary Kathryn and our club treasurer Ross who have recently announced their engagement whilst sailing in the BVI.

Yours, Martin Hart - Commodore

It is with great sadness that we learnt about the death of Glyn Myatt. Glyn was Training Principal and a key part of the summer winners, the sailing school and Tuesday nights for many years, and will be missed by many at the club. We will put up arrangements on the page linked above when we know them.



Kevin Hope in full concentration mode, leading the first County Cooler race. Thanks to all who volunteered, including safety crews

Key dates - See SCM for full calendar

Feb

- 4/5th Feb BUSA Qualifiers
- 11/12th Feb Snakebite (the finals on Sunday afternoon are worth watching)
- 18/19th Feb RYA Dinghy Instructor course
- 19th Feb First aid course
- 25th Feb Work Party
- 26th Feb Geoff Parker memorial Walk book [here](#)
- 25/26th Feb Club safety Duty course (2 parts) [Book here](#)

March

- 4/5/18/19 RYA Dinghy Instructor course
- 4 RYA First Aid Course
- 4 YRS starts
- 5 Spring Series starts
- 18 Instructor/Volunteer thank you (invites will be by email soon)
- 18/19 Club Safety Duty course (2 parts) [Book here](#)

Future dates for the diary:

- 13th May Awards evening at club
- 20th May Discover Sailing – our open day
- 15/16th July –

Glyn Myatt with Will Stanton, both sadly no longer with us, enjoying a Tuesday evening.



Exec Notices

February 25th Work party

The pre season work party is on 25th Feb, as usual there is plenty to do getting the club ready for the season. Start around 9-9.30 and stay as long as you can. Bacon Cobs for helpers arriving early (and of course helping !)

Membership

A warm welcome to our new members for the 2023 season. To date 5 memberships have joined, some as returning members.

2023 fees are now overdue (invoices sent early January) so please arrange payment to ensure access to the Club facilities, including your boat berths. Any queries can be sent to membership@ncsc.org.uk

Sailing Committee

Duties

A reminder to pick your three preferred duty dates and to book on [SCM](#) now (log in required). Starting 1st February we will allocate people into any gaps in the roster for March and by the end of the month we will start allocating for the remainder of the season. Through February we will continue to rearrange duties which you have booked but no longer suit, after that it will be up to you to organise a swap. So now is the time to volunteer for a suitable set of dates! Details on booking duties [here](#).

Race management Documents.

The Sailing Secretary is busy updating the documents, the club SI are online and Race team, see <https://www.ncsc.org.uk/race-management-documents/> this page also links to safety crew and race clerk documents – all of which are worth reading before your duty.

Sailability dates for diary: Try the Club Sailability Boats - Saturday, 22nd April from 1.00pm An opportunity to try our Hansa and Coble boats, learn how to rig and try a sail. Hansa Open Wednesday 17th May - this is an all day event. We welcome volunteers – rib and shore crew – contact sailability@ncsc.org



County Cooler: Top the view from the balcony, photo John Sears.

Middle: Closer up at the leeward mark.

Bottom the prizewinners, photo: Fiona Grayton



Social

The annual **Geoff Parker Memorial Walk** is being reinstated after the Covid break, on **Sunday 26th February**. The walk is usually well attended as it's a great opportunity for members to re-connect after the winter break, and for new members to meet more established members.

Bacon cobs will be available to buy before the walk, which will leave from outside the clubhouse at 11am prompt. The walk is 4.5 miles approx and pulls in a stop at the Black Horse Inn in Caythorpe for refreshments (at around 12pm).

Straight after the walk, Pauline is providing a roast dinner and pudding for £15. You are welcome to join in just for the dinner if you prefer. [Please book the meal online](#) (you need to go right through to your basket and accept and will then receive a confirmation email (cost is £15 a person not £0) you must pay Pauline direct on the day, if you are unsure about online please contact info@ncsc.org.uk before 21st Feb 2023 to book. We will have to charge for any no shows after this date, so if you need to cancel your booking let us know by the 21st Feb.

Training

We will be putting Dinghy courses up any day now. Instructors please volunteer as soon as you are able, an instruction session counts as part of your duties.

We don't appear to have a copy of DBS or self declaration from some instructors, we emailed you last week, please respond to it, or let us know if you haven't received this (after checking your Junk/Spam folder online). Other sections of the club will also be checking that the safeguarding paperwork is up to date. Anyone who is supervising children and or vulnerable adults should fill in a self declaration form or produce a DBS (including Saturday Club, Youth squad etc). Please contact the Welfare Officer for more information (see website [contacts](#)).

There is a club safety duty course parts 1 and 2 over the last weekend in February and March. This is open to all members and we encourage you to learn to use the safety craft so you can not only do a duty but help at other times, it may be your family member or friend that needs help. Book on [here](#) – its free. For more information contact ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk and [book online](#) (members log in required).

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