

# Notts County SC News - January 2023

## Commodore's Briefing

Happy New Year.

It was great to see so many of you down at the Club for the [First of the Year race](#). Over 40 sailors battled it out for the Geoff Parker and Phil Davies Memorial trophies in strong winds and hearty gusts which flattened quite a number. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to the race team and safety crews for their sterling work. We were delighted that the entries raised £380 to my nominated charity **Young Lives v Cancer** – a charity close to my heart. A full report of the day including results and photos on website.

Although racing has ended until the Black and White series in March, there is the Midland Mini series starting this month with the Burton Blizzard at Burton Sailing Club on 14-15 Jan followed by our **County Cooler** on 28-29 Jan. It would be great to see some of our club sailors competing at this Midlands event. Help for our event would be gratefully received. Details can be found on the website [here](#)

Although there may not be any club series racing now – until March – members can still use the club and water for cruising and paddle boarding on Wednesdays and Sundays or why not go for a walk round the small lake or river on any day and observe some of the amazing bird life.

Membership renewals are now due, so to maximise your membership get your payment in as soon as possible and remember to book your duties so that you get the dates which suit you.

Work parties always help get jobs done so we can maintain our club and improve facilities. As a membership club we rely on you to volunteer on these work party days. Our last one, at the end of October 2022, was most successful with lots of jobs accomplished. Our next work party will take place in February - date to be confirmed so watch this space.

The next social to look out for is the **Club Walk**. Time to don those walking boots rather than hiking out boots and exchange your spray top for an anorak. This will take place on Sunday 26th February. The walk starts at 11am with optional pub break then pre booked food from around 12.30 at the club. [Booking - meal must be pre booked](#) .

I hope that you all have a happy, prosperous and healthy 2023. And until racing starts why not take the opportunity for a little fine tuning of your boats (and yourselves) ready for the season to start.

Your Commodore  
Martin Hart



Topper Traveller at the club had 5 out of top 6 in the fleet - congratulations

**East Midlands Winter Mini Series 2023**

Burton Blizzard <a href="http://www.burtonsailingclub.co.uk">www.burtonsailingclub.co.uk</a>	14-15 <sup>th</sup> January
Notts County Coole <a href="http://www.ncsc.org.uk">www.ncsc.org.uk</a>	28 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Staunton Winter Blaster <a href="http://www.shsc.org.uk">www.shsc.org.uk</a>	18 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Ogston Wooley Jumper <a href="http://www.ogstonsc.org.uk">www.ogstonsc.org.uk</a>	25 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> February

- Handicap racing for Dinghies (PY902 and above) and for Windsurfers
- Free entry for NCSC members who have already paid their 2023 subscription.
- **PLEASE ENTER IN ADVANCE** via [the website](#).
- Entry on the day will CLOSE at 10:30 Saturday, 9:30 Sunday

## Key dates - See SCM for full calendar

### January 2023

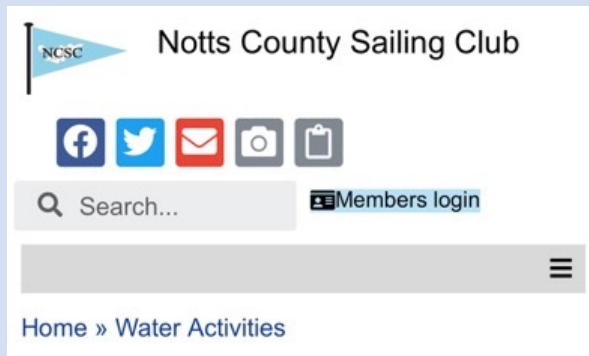
- 15 [Club Safety duty driving course](#) (pt 1) book online , plenty of space
- 21 [RYA First aid](#)
- 22 [Club Safety Duty course](#) (pt2) book online
- 28/29 [County Cooler](#) – free entry to 2023 paid up members [Online entry here](#)

### February

- 4/5 BUSA qualifiers (club will be busy but the finals on Sunday will be worth watching)
- 11/12 Snakebite University Team Racing
- 19 [First aid Course](#)  
(Note: 19/20 reserve BUSA dates)
- 25/26 [Club safety boat duty courses pt 1 & 2](#)
- 26 Club walk and meal (pre book meal)

## Exec Notices

On the phone version of website I have added a clipboard, this takes you direct to club race results - as a result of feedback, please do continue any feedback on website.



## Membership/boat park

Membership - your 2023 renewal invoice should have arrived via email (if it hasn't please check your spam folder online). Payment is due before 31/1/2023 please. Any queries please contact Kathryn [membership@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ncsc.org.uk)

We have a waiting list for some berths so please advise if releasing berths or looking to sell your boat(s).

## Sailing Committee

### Duties

The Duty Roster for 2023 is now open for volunteering. So to book your preferred dates please start booking now, particularly for the early season dates: the County Cooler on 28/29 January and the Black and White series which commences on 5th March.

We need volunteers for both County Cooler days, RIB driver (Saturday) and safety crew (both days).



*First of Year Race: clockwise: Jake Willars (5th at Grafham Grand Prix), Katherine Gunn (Junior winner), Kevin Hope and Andy Stewart (Phil Davies trophy), Start of slow fleet, Volunteers at work*



## Social

The annual **Geoff Parker Memorial Walk** is being reinstated after the Covid break, on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. It is traditionally held on the last Sunday in Feb (26<sup>th</sup>), just before the start of the Spring series which commences 5<sup>th</sup> March. 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 old ones.

Bacon cobs will be available to buy before the walk, which will leave from outside the clubhouse at 11am. 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 will then receive a confirmation email (cost is £15 a person not £0)) please pay Pauline direct on the day, if you are unsure about online please contact [info@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:info@ncsc.org.uk) before 21<sup>st</sup> 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 expect to have courses and booking up in the next few weeks, including volunteering for instructors etc.

We have a **dinghy instructor course** at the club with three places remaining at time of writing, we will open this up publicly in around a week, so please book on immediately if you wish to attend, the fee is £300 including pre entry assessment (18<sup>th</sup> Feb) you also must attend all day on 19 Feb, 4/5, 18/19<sup>th</sup> March as well. The RYA Pre requisites are [here](#). We also have a RYA Powerboat Instructor course which is nearly full (same cost).

There is a free **club safety duty** driving course (part 1) on **15<sup>th</sup> January** (Sunday) Adrian has lined up at least 4 instructors, so there is space for 12, and following on there is part 2 (club safety and rescue) the following Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>) passing both sections allows you to drive our boats at the club. Obviously dress for warmth for the course. For more information contact [ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk) and [book online](#) (members log in required).

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