



# Notts County SC News - March 2023

## Commodore's Briefing

Hello All, In March we welcome the advent of organised racing and many other activities at the club, including the Sunday Black & White handicap and pursuit race series starting at the beginning of the month. In addition there is youth squad training as well as RYA first aid and dinghy instructor courses.

The club is well prepared for the start of the new season thanks to the hard work of the exec, sailing and training committees with the support of the sailability and project sub-groups.

Well done to all those club members who braved the elements to compete in the East Midlands mini-series which concluded with the Woolley Jumper at Ogston Sailing Club last weekend. In particular to Chris Martin and John Tailby who finished 3rd and Clive Gimson 5th in the series. [Full results here.](#)

In particular I would like to thank all those involved over the last few weeks in the replacement of the main balcony decking. This entailed well over 220 hours of volunteers time, and now provides a much safer and durable deck for us all to appreciate over the coming years as we enjoy refreshments and watch activities on the blue waters of NCSC.

I was also very grateful and impressed with the enthusiastic turnout for the club work party last Saturday. Over fifty volunteers helped out on the day and showed great initiative in completing an array of tasks including a comprehensive de-cluttering of the windsurfer cage, the deconstruction and rebuilding of picnic benches, repairs to the fixed jetty, painting, willow coppicing, filling of pot-holes, and a general tidy up of the trailer park to list but a few. [See here for a few photos.](#)

All the glassware in the bar has also been washed ready for eager volunteers to help in running the bar. Please see the notes and [link](#) later in this newsletter and sign up for this great opportunity to engage with other club members and promote social activities at the club.

On the subject of social activities, it was great to see over 40 members turn out with their canine friends for the annual social walk on 26 February, kindly organised by Alison Goodall. It was a glorious Sunday and topped off with a welcome lunch in the clubhouse, kindly provided by Pauline and Keith. [See here.](#)

I can't let this newsletter pass without thanking Paul Brown and the sub-group tasked with finding a suitable and long-term replacement for our committee boat – Stoke Ferry. I know Paul and his team have spent many hours researching and travelling to view prospective craft, and I must congratulate them on the final selection. So let's welcome and take great care of our new committee boat – "Triton", an ex-fishing vessel which is now at the club being fitted out with facilities for race management.

So there you have it; the club is ready for a great season on and off the water, so please make use of our excellent facilities at every opportunity.

Best wishes to all - Martin.



A few of the decking team at work - thanks to all who contributed to the 220 hours of time it took to make the decking much safer.

## Key dates - See SCM for full calendar

### 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 sent)
- 18/19 Club Safety Duty course (2 parts)  
[Book here](#)
- 25 [Scorpion Training](#)

### April

- 2, 14,15,16 RYA Powerboat instructor Course
- 4,5,6 RYA [Dinghy courses](#): Adult level1, Youth Stage 3 or 4 (all if demand)
- 8 [RS Aero training day](#)
- 15 Saturday racing starts
- 16 Summer Series starts
- 18 Tuesday Evening starts
- 19 Windsurf safety starts
- 20 Thursday Night starts
- 22/23 RYA Powerboat 2 course (paid for)  
[Book here](#)
- 22 Sailability instructor / volunteer training
- 29/30 Scorpion open

## Future dates for the diary:

- 13<sup>th</sup> May Awards evening at club
- 20<sup>th</sup> May Discover Sailing – our open day
- 15/16<sup>th</sup> July – Club Regatta and social

## Exec Notices

**Yearbook:** The Yearbook can be collected from the clubhouse (on the bar), one per membership.

**Committee Boat:** many of you will have noticed we have invested in a new committee boat, "Triton", this will be fitted out in March and should be ready in early April. The Bosun and Chief Powerboat instructor are working on protocols for use. It has a decent cabin and electric anchor and many other features which will make the race teams duties easier.

**Volunteer Thank You Evening 18th March :** An E mail invitation has been sent out to instructors and volunteers who go beyond the normal club duties. If received RSVP ASAP thank you. (If you are in one of these groups and have not received an invitation please let us know)

**Bar Volunteer Rota:** We are looking for volunteers so the bar is open on Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon. You do need to be there to open, lock up and ensure the glasses are cleaned, it is not counted as a duty. There is now a page up on our website explaining the rota, and allowing you to volunteer. The idea is if we get half a dozen volunteers for each it is once every 6 weeks. The bar is a great way of meeting people and enjoying the club, especially on a warm summer afternoon.  
[Details here](#)

**Annual trophies** (not open event trophies) If you currently hold an annual awarded trophy please can you arrange to return to the bar no later than the 1st April, cleaned and polished. These are the series 1st place trophies and endeavour cups for adults and juniors. These will be engraved and awarded at our social event on the 13th May. Thank you.

**Membership** Welcome to our 10 new memberships so far this year. New member events are planned during 2023 and a separate email invite will be sent.

**New member gate code** All members who have fully paid for the 2023 season have been notified of the new members gate code. Please assist our security measures by not providing this code to anyone or allowing tail gating. The open water swimmers have a different gate code. The visitor code will also change on regular intervals and can be located on the members area of SCM (once signed in).

**Duties:** allocations of duties for the remainder of the season are starting now, so this is a last chance to sign up on SCM and pick dates which suit you best.

**On Easter Sunday 9th April,** we are short of three crew members: Safety Driver, Safety Crew and Race Clerk: if you are free that day please sign up or contact the Duty Secretary.

## Training

The [Powerboat](#) and [dinghy](#) course dates and courses are linked on the website, instructors please volunteer immediately (today) so we know we can run them, and also so you don't get allocated other duties, thank you. All courses are subject to sufficient participants.

We still don't know Glyn Myatt's funeral date, will put on website Once we hear.



Yearbook (left) available by the bar. A Safety Duty course taking place



The last committee boat has been retired (and due to be sold) after 30 years, the new one is roomier and should last as long.

## Sailing Committee:

After a poll amongst the Juniors and a review of the Junior Races in the club series, we have lengthened the duration of the target Junior race lengths in all the series, particularly the Pursuit races.

The new RYA PY handicaps have been published and will apply to all the Handicap series this year. The revised Pursuit race start times and will be on the notice board shortly.



Thanks to all the 50 volunteers who came and helped at the Work Party



The Club walk, thanks to Tomas for the group shot and Alison for organising.

Please note that everything [underlined links](#) to more information. Please like our Facebook & Twitter page for latest news [Twitter link](#) [Facebook link](#) . The News page (linked from [www.ncsc.org.uk](http://www.ncsc.org.uk)) has events and photos.