



# Notts County SC News - April 2023

## Commodore's Briefing

This month we conclude our Black & White race series and welcome the start of our Stanier and Main Sunday Club series. And with the lighter evenings we are able to enjoy the start of Tuesday and Thursday evening racing.

Before we leave the B & W series behind, with the last race scheduled for Sunday 9 April, I would like to congratulate all those who have taken part so far and braved some challenging conditions and note the wide age range of the competitors which spans well over seventy years! – just demonstrating one example of the diversity we share at the club.

As well as activity at home, our youth sailors have been travelling far afield with significant success in the Topper Winter Championships and Midlands Topper Traveller Series.

Congratulations are also due to Ari, Martha, Elle, Heather and Charles who have all recently gained their RYA Dinghy Instructor Qualification and I'm sure will be a great asset in supporting the club's training section. On that note I'd like to thank Glyn Ritchie, one of our Senior Instructors, for stepping up to take on the role of Chief Dinghy Instructor from David Eberlin. David will continue as Training Principal along with the many other positions that he holds for the club.

This month also sees the introduction of a new Trophy. This has been donated by Ross Ryan and Debra Pennington in memory of their late mother Anne Ryan. Competitors who have an impairment, that affects their sailing ability, are eligible to enter with results being drawn from the Main Sunday race series. Full entry details can be found [here on website](#).

The fit out of our new committee boat – 'Triton' is nearing completion thanks to our Bosun Tim Miles-Hayler and his team. We have a scheduled launch date and 'Final Sea Trials'!! on Friday 14 April ready to go into service at the start of the Stanier and Main Sunday race series. It will also be great to see her in use at our Scorpion open meeting on the 29/30 April. Triton is a significantly more substantial craft than our current committee boat, and has very different handling characteristics. An induction will be given to all those required to use her. For further details please contact Adrian Jones or Tim M-H.

That's it from me for this month, see you all on the water (or at the bar).

Cheers - Martin



Youth Race Squad and Dinghy Instructor Courses running

## Key dates - See SCM for full calendar

### April

- 2, 14,15,16 RYA Powerboat instructor Course - 1 place
- 5 Rules evening - all very welcome
- 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 Windsurfer 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](#)

### May

- 13 Awards evening social at the club for 2022 prizes winners, all members welcome. [Book here](#)
- 20 Discover Sailing, our open day – lots of help needed. Invite all your friends to come and see what we are about, and have a go in a boat. Posters available at the club (and online) for parish notice boards and anywhere else legal !

Future dates for the diary: 15/16th July – Club Regatta



## Notices

**Rules evening 5<sup>th</sup> April 7pm** in the clubhouse: This is an evening for anyone who races at the club, those that are experienced or starting out. Steve Watson who is head judge at the University team events is an expert, on the water he has to make split second decisions, but with a bit more time at our rules evening he can explain the racing rules in much more detail. He is going to take you round a typical club course, so covering starts, buoys etc. We want a good turn out so we hope to see lots of you there. If you race or are thinking about it please try and make it to this useful and informative event. Bar open.

**22<sup>nd</sup> April – HANSA & Coble** afternoon from 1pm. There is an opportunity for all club members to try these boats and learn about them, including rigging for instructors and experienced helpers. All members welcome, followed by tea & cake (and possibly the bar) in the clubhouse.

**Awards evening 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Kathryn needs cleaned and polished trophies **back by 1st April** so they can be engraved, please leave near the bar. The evening will be like last year with a buffet : Salmon, meats, salads, potatoes etc followed by a choice of sweets (£12.50 adults, juniors 14 and under £6). Music by members (we hope). [Tickets here](#)

**Membership:** A very warm welcome to all 13 new members who have joined us this year. Any questions (and no such thing as a silly question) please do ask.

**Bar Rota:** We need people to help run the bar, training can be provided, please let the [Rear Commodore](#) (Neil Chadbourn) know.

**Scorpion Open** – 29/30 th April – Entry, NOR, SI all [online](#) for those wishing to enter.

**Discover Sailing:** 20<sup>th</sup> May. We are looking for volunteers for our [Open Day](#). All members are welcome, and please bring friends, colleagues etc. We are looking for instructors to take people out in dinghies, and help those interested in windsurfing. We also need helpers for handing out and collecting buoyancy aids, check in, cake by the lake and generally answering questions.

**Rubbish:** The club pays for waste removal at commercial rates by the kilogram. It is not acceptable for members to put their own rubbish in the club's bins. For example, we found a VAX cleaner there this week. Added to that, the Vax is WEEE (waste electrical & electronic equipment) that should only be disposed of at Council Waste sites. Please do not bring your rubbish to the club.

**Bikers:** Now that the weather should be improving, if you have a motorbike and are interested in going out for social rides or meet ups then please contact Paul Ogden on 07786-650006. If you're interested please contact him with your name and mobile number. Weekdays and Saturdays and sunny days only!

**Crews:** John Sears is co-ordinating a crews page, contact [sailingsec@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:sailingsec@ncsc.org.uk) to go on the list.

## Training

The [Powerboat](#) and [dinghy](#) course dates and courses are linked on the website. There are still places on the Easter course starting this week, Adult Level 1 and Youth Start Race, see website to book. The next course is a new one for this year, it takes place over 4 weekdays in May between 10am -2pm allowing for retired and those with children at school to learn to sail and still drop off and pick up. The May Bank Holiday courses are booking up as well.

Glyn Ritchie has agreed to take over as Dinghy Chief Instructor – see Commodore's piece.



Hansa familiarisation day 22 April

Awards evening 13th May - book now



**DISCOVER SAILING** 20th May 2023

Open Day - come and see the club and try sailing

**Saturday 20th May 2023**  
1100 to 1630 hrs  
at Notts County Sailing Club  
12 miles east of Nottingham city centre, near Hoveringham

Come and try sailing for free  
• For Dinghy Sailing just bring shoes that can get wet and ideally a change of clothes  
• Buoyancy aids will be available.  
• Windsurfing on shore, and potentially on the water too  
• SUP (Stand Up Paddle boarding) on spot

Cake by the lake, tea and coffee available  
• Please bring your own water and see us.  
• The event is on the front page. Hope to see you there.  
• Clubhouse [surreal.against.rekindle] (please note this is not a club).

See website for detail

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.