



# Notts County SC News - August 2023

## Commodore's Briefing

Hello All,  
Whilst the rest of Europe has been sweltering in the heat, the UK has seen cooler and definitely more breezy conditions. And although we have the blue waters at NCSC, the flukey winds have meant fun for the windsurfers, challenges for racing and less activity for SUPs. Many will be aware that the recent Fastnet race saw many retirements early in the race. Good decisions by helms to keep their crews safe. I am sure Amy Hinsliff-Smith and Lou Clayton (ex NCSC), both involved in the race, will have stories to tell about the conditions.

So, this month we shall consider safety first. It was great to see so many members coming along and supporting our annual regatta despite the weather. The wind and torrential rain (at times) meant numbers on the water were reduced. But hats off to those juniors who coped with the conditions and left some seasoned sailors floundering. As a club, run by members for members, it is important that we all pull together and help when needed to ensure everyone's safety. I would therefore like to thank our safety crews over the regatta weekend and in particular all those who stepped up, despite not being on duty, to help with rescues.

### Wider achievements

In case you haven't seen the news posts on the website it is rewarding to see so many members flying the flag for NCSC at Opens including: Jamie Mawson winning the RS600 inlands with Jake Willars 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Along with other successes in the Flying 15 at Burton / Eric Twinime Topper event and RYA Youth Nationals and 29er Nationals, Topper worlds. Full reports / links can be found on the website [here](#).

Hopefully the RS400 fleet can deliver some results from their Nationals at Mounts Bay.

We have also been delighted to learn of Will King, (ex-NCSC member) – who has recently been promoted to Captain of the Royal Navy's Flag Ship HMS Queen Elizabeth, the new aircraft carrier. Also, the incredible achievement set by ex-NCSC member Tom McEvoy, who has just set a new Guinness World Record for the longest distance sailed in a single-handed dinghy (Laser) in 12 hours. He covered 130kms off the coast of Australia beating the previous record by 23kms [see here](#).

### More fun ahead – date for your diary.

Following last year's successful NCSC Olympics we plan to hold another event on Monday 28 August – Bank Holiday. So rather than battle the bank holiday traffic on the roads why not head down to the club and come prepared for fun and frolics on and off the water. But, to win a 'prestigious' medal you will have to be "in it to win it". I hope to see you, family and friends down to end the summer activities before the children head back to school. Report on last year

See ya all then  
Martin.

## August Bank Holiday NCSC Games Sunday 27th & Monday 28th August



Come and join the fun whether just starting sailing or experts all welcome.

A lighthearted fun event for Sunday evening and Monday August Bank Holiday. Members can camp all weekend - the club gas BBQ is available.

### Intended programme

#### Sunday:

- Normal racing / Galley Open
- Bring a picnic or use club gas BBQ for the evening
- Evening indoor games
- Bar open

#### Monday

- On water wordle (am)
- Deck Games (over lunch)
- Relay races, tug of war (on water) and lots of other ideas floating around ! (pm)

Fun race series involving dinghies, windsurfers, SUPs and land based games and activities

Volunteers required... and of course members to enjoy the fun.

[Press this link for details](#)

In coming forward to help.

Enter on the day - donations to RNLI

Registration Monday from 9.30, briefing at 10.30, NCSC games start at 11.00, Awards Ceremony 4.00pm

## Key dates - See SCM for full calendar

### August

- 1, 4 RYA powerboat 2 course
- 5, 6 Club Safety Duty Courses (pt 1 & 2)
- 5 No power at club
- 8, 11 RYA powerboat courses
- 14-16 RYA Youth and adult Courses
- 18, 22 RYA powerboat courses
- 19,20 RYA Safety Boat course (paid for)
- 23-25 RYA Youth and adult Courses
- 28 (Mon) NCSC "Olympic Games"

### September

- 2,3 RS 400 open
- 9 Work party
- 9 onwards RYA Adult dinghy course
- 16 Junior open
- 23 YRS autumn training starts
- 30 University taster day
- 30 Single handed open



James Burton racing on the Saturday of the Regatta, he did his Start Race course at Easter

## Notices

**Safe and Fun – RYA Safeguarding training:** The club is now an RYA Interactive centre. We will be requiring all those who work with children and vulnerable adults to do the online Safe and Fun course. The instructors (who we don't have a record of completion) have all had an email, YRS, Saturday Club and Sailability to follow. The club will sponsor all relevant people to do the course.

**Boat Park:** Before bringing a boat to the club please check with Jill and Steve boatpark@ncsc.org.uk if a suitable berth can be provided. Currently we have NO hard standing berths available close to the f15 area. This is for anyone interested in joining us or current members looking to gain another berth. If you are looking to release any berths please let Jill/Steve know immediately. A physical audit will be conducted in early August.

**Berth maintenance** - its member's responsibility to maintain their berths. A number of berths need urgent attention with brambles and overgrown weeds.. Please attend to your berth over the coming weeks.

### For information:

- The gate near the river has a lock on which is operated by a Radar key, we mention this as a regular wheelchair user was not aware.
- Club rules: parts of club rule (22) have been updated (in dark blue).
- Dog owners: Please pick up your dog's poo in club grounds including the footpath round the small lake.
- If you think we have your wrong email address or contact details please update them on SCM by logging in and updating. This newsletter is sent to your registered email.

**Power outage Saturday 5 August 2023** National Grid has warned us that there will be no power between 8am and 6pm on 5/8/23. There will be no showers, limited water (cold water taps & toilets), no catering or hot drinks. Bring your own picnic (flasks, sandwiches etc). The bar will be closed. The barrier will be up and not in operation.

**Work parties scheduled for 9 September and 7 October.** Primary aim is to prepare and paint our rather dilapidated storage containers and safety hut. Start 09.00am. Please contact Martin at commodore@ncsc.org.uk if you are available to help.

The Exec is preparing for the **AGM in November**. We would like to ask members whether they prefer us to hold the AGM, in person or online. **Please vote Link to poll (also on Portal when you log in)**. You will need to sign in and only memberships who can vote at the AGM can fill it in. Deadline 1 September 2023.

**Sailability needs volunteers** to help sailors rig, launch and recover the Hansa Dinghies when club racing is taking place and when there is safety cover. The weighted keel makes these dinghies a challenge to launch and they need 1 metre water depth so they have to be launched from the 'big boat' pontoon. If anyone is able to help please contact sailability@ncsc.org.uk and we will arrange training.

**Committee posts:** The Duty Secretary and Trophy Steward are stepping down after many years, thanks to both Martin & Kathryn. We are therefore looking to fill those posts, along with Rear Commodore (flag officers move posts this year). If you would like to take up one of these posts and join the committee please talk to a flag officer. The remainder of the Exec are willing to re-stand, all positions on the exec are open to nomination and subject to a vote at the AGM. [Link to posts.](#)

## Training

We have a few Youth Stage 1 places on the 23-25th August. If any instructors are free we have enough people on waiting list to run an adult course.

Please check your email, including spam for an email ref safe and fun if you haven't registered your certificate with us and are involved in any form of training.

The diary on p1 has all the August courses.

## Photos from the Regatta

Sam Grayton (15) o/a winner Commodore's Cup, Chris Martin & John Tailby, Gerry Ball & Jamie Mawson, Slow fleet on Sunday, Chloe Grayton (11) enjoying the wind (3rd in slow fleet), Evening entertainment.



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