



# Notts County SC News - July 2023

## Commodore's Briefing

Hello All,

This month we are looking to celebrate success. Early in June we hosted the **Topper Midlands Champs**. Around 20 Topper sailors enjoyed a competitive two days with a mix of courses to test the sailors' skills. Jessica Powell from Draycote put in a cracking performance with our own Chloe Grayton flying the flag for NCSC and coming a well-deserved 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**ILCA Super Sunday** – is a global event which aims to get as many ILCA sailors out on the water. At Notts County it was great to see 24 ILCA sailors enjoying ideal weather conditions for the event. Rooster prizes were awarded to Charlie Hopkinson – ILCA 6 sailor of the day. Sammy Mason – ILCA 4 sailor of the day. Prizes were also given to Irene Grovenstein and John Ainsley for endurance.

Our **Windsurf open** attracted a good number from around the Midlands. For a report of the event and to view an excellent video of the day, created by Yi Zhang, [See report](#) .

We are delighted to announce that the **RYA Awards Panel has conferred a Lifetime Commitment Award on Ian Firth** for his service to our club. He will be invited to the RYA AGM and Awards Ceremony in London later this year to receive his award.

In June we were also pleased to welcome the **RYA's CEO**, Sara Sutcliffe to the club. She outlined the governing body's New Development Plan "Together on the Water" and was pleased to answer a range of questions posed by members. She ended her visit with a sail in one of the club Stratos' helmed by John Sears and Ross Ryan.

Looking ahead we have our annual **Regatta coming up on 15/16 July**. This is always a great event with sailing and a fun social element. Please support this and make sure that you pre-book your places in advance – details can be found [here](#)

A reminder – as members the club and the club house are yours to use. Question – if you went out for the day from your home would you leave your door and gate open for anyone to walk in? I am sure the answer would be No. Recently we have had a situation when the club house has been left unlocked and barriers left open. This is not acceptable. Please, lock the club house and barriers if you are, or suspect you are, the last to leave. You all have keys so there is no excuse (spare ones are available behind the bar £5).



Finally, there has been evidence of swimmers itch in the small lake with a number of the open water swimmers being affected. Details of what this is and why it occurs can be [found here](#). Although unpleasant, causing itching, small reddish pimples or blisters shortly after swimming in contaminated water, it is not regarded as dangerous. So far it doesn't appear to be a problem in the large lake but anyone finding themselves wet, after capsizing, is advised to shower and towel dry as soon as possible.

A further reminder that there is a **NO SWIMMING rule at the club** (except through the organised [Love Open Water group](#) which is RLSS lifeguarded) – please ensure that you all abide by this club rule and set an example.



Have a great July and enjoy the summer sailing.  
Martin.



Chloe at the Topper Midlands.



Laser Super Sunday above  
Sara Sutcliffe with Club members and the RYA Midlands Volunteer coordinator below



## Key dates - See SCM for full calendar

### July

- 1, 2 RYA Powerboat 2 course
- July/Aug Informal race training
- 4, 7 Club Safety Duty course (pts 1 & 2)
- 8, 9 Club Safety Duty course (pts 1 & 2)
- 9 [ILCA \(Laser\) Open](#)
- 15, 16 [NCSC Regatta](#)

### August

- 1, 4 RYA Powerboat 2 course
- 5, 6 Club Safety Duty courses (pt 1 & 2)
- 8, 11 RYA Powerboat courses
- 14-16 RYA Youth and Adult courses
- 18, 22 RYA Powerboat courses
- 19,20 Club Safety Duty course (pt 1& 2)
- 23-25 RYA Youth Courses
- 28 (Mon) NCSC "Olympic Games"

## Notices

**Regatta** : Full details of the popular NCSC Club Regatta on 15/16<sup>th</sup> July are [here](#) there will be racing for everyone with both the Commodore's Cup and a Novice Race on each day. Race entry for members is free (make sure you are logged in) but you must enter the Commodore's Cup online before 22:00 on 13th July. There is no free entry on the day. Camping is permitted. There is a social (Pig Roast) with live music on Saturday to which everyone is welcome [tickets are here](#). Social Tickets should also be purchased before 13th July so that we can cater for the correct numbers. Volunteers wanted, bar, helpers, lots to do please contact the [Vice Commodore](#).

**Reminder to Powerboat drivers:** As a driver, it is your responsibility to ensure you mitigate any risks with your powerboat driving practice, including the following points sent by the RYA recently:

1. Do not stand to the side or in front of the console while underway.
2. Do not film while driving.
3. Do not leave the engine running when you are not attached to the kill cord.
4. Do not drive at speed through fleets of boats.
5. Always keep one hand on the throttle and one hand on the wheel or tiller while underway.

For any club member who would like a refresher / confidence booster before their duty please contact [ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk) and we will do our best to fit you in. Please also note **you must wear appropriate clothing** – this includes buoyancy aids and closed toe shoes / boots.

**JMST Topper:** We have a race ready Topper available to an aspiring club member. This is provided as part of John Merricks Trust/ RYA award to a member. The Topper will revert to the club in September 23. Details for applying to be allocated this Topper are available [here](#).

**Racing rules.** The racing rules are key to everyone's enjoyment of the sport. Whichever day we sail, we should all be familiar with and observe the right of way rules. This is the only way racing can take place fairly for all. We recommend beginners buy one of the many books and discuss anything you don't understand with one of the more experienced sailors. Whilst the [World Sailing rulebook](#) contains 180 pages, the key section relating to 'when boats meet' (part 2) is only 6 pages or 14 rules, these are the ones everyone should be familiar with.

**Reminder:** Only Gas BBQ are allowed at club. There is a club one available for members to use (please ask for access).

**Sailability:** Thanks to all who made the [Bleasby school visit](#) another memorable success. We have 'Thank you' letters from the children again; 'We all can't stop talking about how much fun it was.' We are hoping to arrange a Taster visit for Portland College during July. Anyone who would like to use the Hansa Dinghies please contact [sailability@ncsc.org](mailto:sailability@ncsc.org) and we will arrange training for use of the boat.

## Training

The diary on the previous page has the upcoming Training events. We do need volunteers not only for instructing in August but also behind the scenes on shore catchers and helpers. Please contact Glyn Ritchie ([ryadinghy@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:ryadinghy@ncsc.org.uk)) or volunteer on Members area.

If there is no space on the course you are interested in please let us know either by going on the waiting lists (they are dated Dec 23). It may be – especially in August - we can swap courses if there is little take up on another course, but we need to be aware of demand.

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.



**Notts County SC Summer Regatta 15/16th July**

2 day event (free entry to racing for members) visitors see NOR

- Commodore's Cup - 4 races (separate fleets)
- Novice Championships

**Social**

**Racing**

**2023 Regatta - an event for all**

**Music**

**Hog Roast**

**Program (may be subject to change)**

Camping allowed

**Saturday**

- Briefing 1000 hrs
- First race 1130 hrs, see NOP
- 1900hrs Social - Tickets
- Hadley's famous Hog Roast
- Strawberries & Cream
- 2000 hrs Live Music

**Sunday**

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See <https://www.ncsc.org.uk/regatta-2022> linked from website for 13th July online or at club on Tue/Thu

See [www.ncsc.org.uk](http://www.ncsc.org.uk) for more info

See link in text for details



Ian Firth - RYA National Volunteer Award



A Flying 15 enjoying the sun and wind



RS 400 fun