



# Notts County SC News - May 2023

## Commodore's Briefing

Hello All,

This month's mantra is about **awareness**. You all appreciate the need to be **aware** of what is going on around you on the water to avoid collisions. The same applies on dry land. Last Thursday, 27 April, one of our members (or a visitor) was driving to the club about 5pm. As they approached the barrier a Parson's Jack Russell dog ran out, was hit by the car, yelped and ran off into a field. The driver did not stop but proceeded through the barrier and into the club. The owner rushed the dog to the vet but sadly it died. This could have been your dog or even a child. The owner admitted the dog should have been on the lead near the track. Please **kill your speed** on the club approaches and be aware of anything / anyone that might dash out in front of you.

Dog owners please be **aware** that club rules state that *"All dogs are to be kept on a lead in the vicinity of the clubhouse, play area or boat park"*

Next, I hope that you are all **aware** of the forthcoming Awards evening on 13 May and our Discover Sailing open day on 20 May. Please support these two events, help where you can and bring cakes for the popular Cake by the Lake stall at Discover sailing on 20 May.

Be **aware** that the Thurgarton railway crossing is closed for the foreseeable future. This means members and guests will need to approach via the village of Hoveringham.

I would like to thank Anne and the sailability team for a useful and informative discovery day to find out more about the Sailability Hansa 303 boats and the cibles. This was great timing as the HANSA open is on Wednesday 17 May – please help out on the day if you can – contact: [sailability@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:sailability@ncsc.org.uk)

It's great to see Triton, our new committee boat, on the water and offering better conditions for the race teams. Anyone needing to familiarise themselves with Triton should contact Adrian Jones or Tim Miles-Hayler.

I was pleased to hear that juniors and youth fleets continue to fly the flag for NCSC with successes in the Midlands Topper series – well done to Kat Gunn, Chloe Grayton and Alex Chadborn. Also, to Ben and Charlie in the youth fleet. A number of club sailors are also out and about at various open meetings – good luck to you all.

Finally – Pauline and Keith now have a new freezer to help store food to feed all you hungry sailors. BUT please **be aware** that leaving a pile of dirty mugs and plates for them to face is **not acceptable**. PLEASE – wash, dry and restack your mugs **near the urn** after you have used them when the galley is closed.

Best wishes to all - Martin.



**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 life jacket, but please come and see us  
• Buoyancy aids will be available.  
• Windsurfing on shore, and potentially on the water.  
• SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard) hire available.  
• Clubhouse (surreal, against, rekindle) (please note we don't take you beyond club).

See website for detail

## Key dates - See SCM for full calendar

### May

- 9, 10, 16, 18 RYA Level 1 Dinghy daytime course to fit round school day, [spaces available](#)
- 13 Saturday Club starts
- 13 Awards evening at the club for 2022 prizes winners, all members welcome. Please Pre book your [Tickets](#) here.
- 13/14 RYA Powerboat 2 course
- 17 HANSA Open help appreciated see Commodore.
- 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
- 27 Informal Race Training (IRT) continues. If you are interested please register [here](#).
- 30/31 & 1/6 Adult Level 1 (or potentially 2) Youth Start sailing and Stage 2 courses and windsurf start course (instructor volunteers providing) see online bookings

### June

- 10/11 Topper midlands
- 20 RYA Chief executive visiting
- 24 Windsurf Open

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



## Notices

**Our Awards evening is on 13 May** – There will be a buffet : Salmon, meats, salads, potatoes etc followed by a choice of sweets (£12.50 adults, juniors 14 and under £6). Bar open 6.00pm, Buffet 6.30pm Awards starting at 7.30pm [book here](#) by 9 May 2023

**Discover Sailing: 20 May.** We are looking for volunteers for our Open Day, both on Friday (11am to around 3pm) and on the day. There are a huge variety of jobs from greeting, parking, buoyancy aid handout and generally helping out. We are also looking for instructors to take people out in dinghies and help those interested in windsurfing. All members are welcome, and please bring friends, colleagues etc. Posters are available at the club and a copy is enclosed for you to print and put up wherever you can locally. Members please park beyond the club house, and campers beyond flying 15 area on Sat 20th May.

**Rule of month:** We have reinstated the rule of the month for both beginners and experienced. For those newer to racing please talk to a flag officer or Stephanie Gunn if you are interested in attending a rules review session.

**Informal Training for adults:** After the successful sessions last year, Informal Race Training sessions are on selected Saturdays from May to July. The next one is on 27 May and 3 June. There is a morning session on the water, followed by the Stanier series races in the afternoon. Sessions are aimed at adults and are open to all who wish to improve their racing skills, from those new to racing to seasoned competitors. There is also support available for those who have recently completed a Level 2 RYA course. Please fill out the Expression of Interest form at [Informal training](#) or speak to Stephanie Gunn or Glyn Ritchie.

**For Sale Notice Board:** The notice board is a cluttered mess, so from the 15 May the following rules apply: a) A5 max size notice b) All Notices must be dated when put up c) Notices will be removed after 3 months. Any undated or oversized notices will be binned immediately after 15th May, so please update your for sale items and please remove them once the item is sold.

**Meet the RYA Chief Executive** - Sara Sutcliffe MBE is coming on Tuesday 20 June before Racing. The RYA has prepared a new plan addressing RYA priorities over the next five years. This is part of the outreach to Clubs across the country. It is our chance to get an insight into the future plans for our sport and ask questions. Full details will be posted on website along with a reminder next month.

**Visitors code:** is due to change in early May – the number will be posted on the members area you need to be signed in to see the page.

**SCM:** Race Officers if you send anything out on SCM please make sure your email is the reply email (otherwise replies may not reach you)

**Membership:** A warm welcome to our 16 new memberships this month. The next new members social will be on Saturday 13th May (11am) & 10th June (4pm). Come and join us on the balcony for lunch and watch the afternoon's racing or chat all things boats/boards.

**Some Reminders:** No swimming (except the lifeguarded Love Open Water swimming) or using SUP/boards to "fall off" and then swim. Please remind anyone on the far shore if swimming/snorkelling, not only are they trespassing but it is very dangerous with moving boats. Please avoid tailgating at the barrier.



*Windsurfers enjoying the wind*



*Youth and Juniors success in opens*



*Sailability day, don't forget HANSA Open on 17th*



*Aero training day*



*Easter course, see our training pages for more courses*



## Training

The [Powerboat](#) and [dinghy](#) course dates and courses are linked on the website. The next course is a new one for this year, we have a RYA adult Level 1 course aimed at those who are free during the school day, on 9/10 & 16/18th May. The May Bank Holiday courses are booking up as well. We need a few more instructors for the youths along with adults willing to help, camping permitted.

Powerboat: 13/14th May RYA Powerboat 2 (paid for) course. There is a Windsurf Start course 30/31 May.

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.