



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter February 2024

Commodore's Briefing February 24

The year got off to a good start with the First of the Year race; Jamie Mawson winning the Geoff Parker memorial trophy and Joe Scurrah winning the Phil Davies memorial trophy. At the event, we commemorated 200 year anniversary of RNLI and raised £311.

The week following the New Year's day race, we had major flooding at the club. We monitored river levels as they rose to near the recent record of 2000. As the waters receded we found that damage was not as bad as we anticipated; with the hub being worst affected. Thanks to members of Love Open Water Swimming for all their work in cleaning out the hub.

We had a successful start to the Midlands Mini-Series, 27/28th January, and of course we are proud of our youth racer, Sam Grayton, who won the event! Next event in the series is 10/11th February – Staunton Harold

Many members have already renewed, thanks! For others, we look forward to receiving your renewal as soon as possible and put your names down on the rota to help Martin and Kev with managing duty roster.

Look forward to seeing you on the club walk Sunday 25th February.

Neil Chadborn, vice-commodore (in place of commodore who is on holiday)



Above - County Cooler winner club member 16 year old Sam Grayton

Below The floods photo thanks to David Hill a glider pilot

Bottom Joe Scurrah who has recently joined us winner Phil Davies cup at 1st year race



February 2024

- 2 Sailing permitted to Sept
- 3 /4 BUSA Qualifiers
- 10/11 Snakebite
- (17/18 Backup date for qualifiers)
- 24 Youth Race Squad
- 25 Club walk and meal

March 2024

- 2/3 NCSC Safety Duty course
- 3 Spring series starts
- 14 Rules evening
- 23 ITCA Topper Training
- 21 Race Officer Forum - free
- 23 Youth Race Squad
- April 3-5 Easter Course – instructors required Adult Youth - subject to sufficient volunteers

Notices

The **club walk** is at the end of the month (25th Feb) please pre book, at present it is roast and sweet at £15 but please feedback this week if there is a preference for a cheaper meal, we will go with majority. Email social@ncsc.org.uk there is booking and prepayment online (link above).

The members area has a classified area for items for sail such as boats, windsurfers etc <https://members.ncsc.org.uk/classifieds> please remove items after 3 months, there is a link under members menu on the website to access.

The **Yearbooks** are down, please collect yours.

Awards Evening: The poll is in and Sat May 18th is the date, we are looking for caterers so any ideas let social@ncsc.org.uk know.

Sailing Duties : A reminder to pick your three preferred duty dates and to book on SCM now (log in required). Starting 7th February we will allocate people into any gaps in the roster for the B&W Series and by the end of the month we will start allocating for the remainder of the season. Through February we will continue to rearrange duties which you have booked but no longer suit, after that it will be up to you to organise a swap. So now is the time to volunteer for a suitable set of dates ! [Details on booking duties here.](#)

Boat park: Reminder to ensure your boat is securely tied down, check your ropes and knots to ensure they won't slip. Don't forget you are personally responsible for any damage caused to other boats (ie you must be insured).

Don't forget the **Midlands series** – see club websites for information: 10-11th February - Staunton Harold SC, 17-18th February - Burton SC, 24-25th February - Ogston SC

2024 renewals. Your renewal invoice was emailed in early Jan for prompt payment (31 days) via email. You will need to settle your fees to gain access when the gate code changes in the near future.

Training: The dates for courses are now up, all are subject to sufficient numbers, of participants and instructors. Courses are [linked from this page.](#) Instructors required, please sign up now – let us know if any issues signing up.

Windsurfing & wing surfing: We are looking for members who may wish to train as Assistant Instructors or Instructors, please contact Olly Bednall or David Eberlin to find out more.

Development Coach: we are looking for a Development Coach, please contact us if you may be interested.

The club now has **three Fevas** - these are to encourage youngsters to develop their racing skills as a crew or helm. They are available for a nominal donation. Contact Glyn Ritchie, Steph Gunn or a flag officer for information.

We are looking for an old computer (cheap or free) with an hdmi output for the Training room so we can run YouTube and RYA books, if anyone can help please contact info@ncsc.org.uk

Updated Club Sailing Instructions. Key changes are:-

- Race series instructions for start sequences and other details which are specific to those events.
- Slow Handicap flag changed to Numeral Pennant 2 when there is a Fast handicap start (Black & White, Oakleaf and Thursday evening races).
- Permitting Junior races to count for scoring with only 1 starter.
- Permitting coaching on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Allowing competitors to continue racing after assistance to recover from capsized.

Rules Evening A Rules evening is planned at the club on Thursday **14th March at 7pm.** The evening will be led by Stephanie Gunn. The target audience will be Tuesday and Saturday sailors but all are welcome. Participants will be invited to submit questions in advance. Details on website soon.

Club Race Officers Forum A forum for Race Officers to share best practice and tips from experienced Officers and generate a wider pool of confident RO's is planned at the club on **Thursday 21st March at 7pm.** Details to follow.

Scorer for Spring series We need a volunteer to collate the results for the Spring Black & White series. Please contact John Sears (sailingsec@ncsc.org.uk)

Sailwave training. We would like to create a group of members who are trained on the Sailwave results system for Open events with handicap racing and multiple fleets. (½ day commitment at event).

YRS coaches for Spring Stephanie Gunn needs volunteers to help coach at the YRS and Informal Race Training sessions planned in the Spring and early Summer.



Above - Kevin Hope -off to Fireball worlds in Australia soon - good luck.

Below: Windsurfing in a recent storm

