



Notts County SC News - November 2023

Commodore's Briefing – A time to reflect

Following the recent flooding, and cancellation of racing on the last Sunday of the main series, it was a relief to see that lake levels had dropped sufficiently to allow the start of our winter series. Sunday 29 Oct saw a bright, breezy and sunny start with both the morning Oakleaf handicap and afternoon Frostbite pursuit races being well attended.

The last few months have seen continued investment in the club facilities, including: the re-felting and replacement of skylights in the original club house roof, the completion of additional hard standing areas, the installation of a new roof covering to the Hub, the regrading of the access track by a specialist contractor, and an extension to the southern pontoon gangway to give access for safety boats in partial flood conditions.

This month the club's AGM will take place and, in line with the preference shown by the majority of members, this will be held in person this year, in the club house at 4.00pm on Sunday 12 November.

Papers for the AGM have been emailed to all members and are also available to those eligible to vote on the [club website](#) (when signed in) – please look at these. I hope that you will attend the AGM and take the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing development and success of our club. The backbone of NCSC is the many volunteers that help run it. If you are not one of these, please don't just rely of those that always step forward, please take a turn yourself and enjoy the camaraderie that this offers.

This year's AGM sees the retirement of our long serving Club President, Russ Towns. I would like to thank him and his good lady, Lyndi, for all they have done in supporting the club over many years, and of course we look forward to see Russ's continued presence on the start line.

As the AGM approaches this will be the last contribution I make to the newsletter as your Commodore. The last two years have been extremely rewarding, but certainly challenging at times. I am very grateful for the support of the Executive, and other committee members, that have ably assisted me over the last two years.

I look forward to seeing you on the water and around the club.

Martin - Commodore



Floods and winter series The floods - above, fortunately very little damage. Below is the first of the winter series



AGM 12th Nov, 4pm at club, papers already emailed out.



Key dates - See SCM for full calendar

Nov

4/11 [RYA First Aid Course \(instructors please book now\)](#)

11/18 [YRS](#)

12 [AGM at club \(see Commodore's Briefing\)](#)

25/26 [Topper training \(regional\)](#)

December

2 [Topper traveller event \(Sat\)](#)

17 [Fuddle \(bring food and enjoy the club\)](#)

Notices

AGM: The Agenda and nominations, including proposals, were emailed out to all members registered email address on Sunday 29 Oct, if you haven't received it check your spam folder and allow NCSC emails, so it doesn't go into spam in future. The [AGM papers](#) and [online voting](#) is visible to those eligible to vote, but please only use this if you can't make the AGM. The AGM takes place on 12 Nov (Sunday) at 4pm at the clubhouse. Online voting will run from 1 to 10 Nov.

RYA First Aid courses 4 and 11 Nov. Instructors, you have been sent an email, please book one of these courses now. All members are welcome to take this one-day course aimed at sailing. Cost to club members for the book and certificate (£10), non-members £50.

Please register interest for 2024 courses as soon as possible, no need to pay, just yet. This allows us to assess demand and puts you on the waiting list, we will then contact you with dates etc. [Link to booking page](#), registering interest is under each heading. (PS ignore the date)

Awards evening: There is a questionnaire linked on the front page of the website and [here](#). We would like to know what people want from the awards evening and when they would like it – please fill it in – it takes about a minute and will help steer next year's event. Thank you.

New barrier: We've had to replace the new barrier and add additional sensors following an incident which damaged it soon after it was fitted. We would ask all members to be more careful and if they do find they have caused an issue with the barrier please notify a flag officer immediately so that the damage can be rectified. Even if the barrier is up (green), **stop, type in the access code** and proceed. Do not tailgate. Every time the code is entered it resets the timer so it will be safe to pass. Keep your speed at 10mph – any faster and the barrier can't react.

Boat Park : In November, the Boat Park Managers will be undertaking a re-numbering and rearranging of some of the berths in the Topper area of the park, particularly adjacent to the car park. If your berth has changed number, you will be notified of this in an email as soon as the task is completed. To aid Boat Park Maintenance and to assist members, boats in berths that have not been maintained throughout the year may be moved to another berth within the Topper area. Best regards Steve and Jill

Windsurfers you have hours to label up your shelf in the container, please write your name or membership number on a green tag (available in club corridor) and attach it so we can identify your shelf. (by 1st November)

Duties for 2024 are now open for booking on Sailing Club Manager (SCM) so log on now and pick your preferred dates. If you find, before 1st March that you need to alter or cancel your booking let the Duty Secretary know. After that we expect members to use the duty swaps system. Booking duties on SCM is straightforward – there is a full guide on the website under the Members dropdown menu. Remember: we are a volunteer-based club dependent upon everyone doing their three duties to keep the club running.



Youth squad in action

Sailing committee

The Pursuit that the times for each class of boat have changed and are on the Race Office notice board.

We have the RYA Topper RTG here on Saturday 26th Nov and the Topper Traveller Open meeting on Saturday 2nd Dec. These are open to club Topper sailors who are non-members of ITCA if they pay the entrance fee via the ITCA website.



Above: track graded

Below RYA powerboat 2 course



Club race series

The last of the summer series