



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter December 2023

Commodore's Briefing December 2023

This is my first briefing note as Commodore and it is appropriate that I should re-iterate the thanks I gave to Martin and Moira at the AGM. Martin has immersed himself in the role of Commodore, quietly getting on with things whilst mustering support where needed. For parts of his time as commodore we had either no Social Chair or no Club Secretary. Martin just did whatever needed to be done to make sure things happen. Behind every great man there is an even greater woman and Moira has supported Martin throughout, taking the minutes of the Executive Committee when there was no secretary. We say a big thank you to them both.

Our appreciation also goes to Russ Towns our President for the last 13 years and congratulations to John Parr on his election as our new President.

The club relies on volunteers like Martin and Moira in order to function. In November Ian Firth attended an RYA reception hosted by the Princess Royal. Ian received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years' service to the sport in a wide range of roles.

We continue to look for more volunteers, I highlighted two areas at the AGM:

Martin Read intends to step down as Duty Secretary at the end of this season. All our water based activities rely on the duty roster to provide safety cover and race management. This is a key role without which there would certainly be no racing.

We have embarked on an initiative to bring more young people into racing and then to help them learn and progress. Neil Chadbourne as Vice Commodore will lead this initiative. One area where we can help developing sailors of all ages is race training. We have a number of accredited race coaches who lead these sessions but we don't have enough. The club will run an RYA Course for race coaches next year, anyone who is interested should speak to either myself, Neil or Stephanie Gunn.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Gerry Ball onto the committee as Rear Commodore and congratulate Neil on taking up the role as Vice Commodore.

There are three more weeks of the Frostbite and Oak Leaf series left culminating on 17th December. On this day the final two races will be held back to back followed by the Festive Christmas Fuddle. All are welcome.

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Ken



**December
2023**

2 Topper traveller event(Sat)

17 Fuddle (bring food and enjoy the club)

**Last day to
enter Topper event
at club this weekend
is 8pm 30th Nov
Tomorrow !**

**January
2024**

1 First of year race

13/14 Club Safety Boat course

20/21 Club Safety Boat course

27/28 County Cooler

Notices

Fuddle 17th Dec: The annual fuddle is a social get together before Christmas. The last two races of the year are held back to back, and everyone is normally ashore and ready around 2.30pm. The bar is open, and everyone brings some food to eat and share. Normally everyone is very generous and there is plenty to go round.

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. Duty Crews needed for early season Open Meetings: we are short of volunteers to fill a number of gaps in the duty rosters for our early season Open Meetings: the First of the Year on New Year's Day and the two days of the County Cooler 27th and 28th January. We need variously Safety Crew, Scorers, a Rib Driver and, for those qualified, a Chief Safety Officer. If you would like to start clearing your duties early in the season please volunteer on SCM.

The 2024 Training courses are now up and bookable, all courses are subject to sufficient numbers and of course volunteer instructors (and helpers) are needed to ensure they run. It helps enormously if Instructors and Senior Instructors can volunteer as soon as possible, and of course means you don't get double booked for duties.

Grandchildren: As voted at the recent AGM family memberships may include their grandchildren (under 18 or in f/t education). If you wish to add grandchildren please complete application form available [online](#). The details will be added to SCM and linked to your family membership. For all other types of memberships, grandchildren may join as junior members in their own right - the junior category is still available. Alternatively, you may change to the family membership category for 2024.

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

Don't forget the **First of the Year Race**, [NOR etc here](#) or just come down and watch.

The **Midlands winter series** takes place next January and February 2024 see below.

27-28th January - Notts County SC (County Cooler)

10-11th February - Staunton Harold SC

17-18th February - Burton SC

24-25th February - Ogston SC



Top: Topper training, above Kevin and Andy at First of Year 2023, below 2023 County Cooler



East Midlands Interclub Winter series 2024

2024 Series Events

27-28th January - Notts County SC
10-11th February - Staunton Harold SC
17-18th February - Burton SC
24-25th February - Ogston SC
Briefing 10.45 on Sat see club's NOR and SI
Catering & changing at each club



Dinghies at all events, windsurfers at Burton and Notts County only. 4 average lap Handicap races (PY 896 or above) and a pursuit race (weather permitting). See NOR for more information



Free entry to all current members of participating clubs
Visitors - 2 day: £30 double handed £15 single, (youth 50%)



Websites for information on individual events:
www.ncsc.org.uk
www.shsc.org.uk
www.burtonsailingclub.co.uk
www.ogstonsc.org.uk