



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter March 2024

Commodore's Briefing March 24

First of all a big thank you to Neil and the rest of the team standing in for me whilst I was travelling in January and February. I extend the thank you to everyone who helped clear up after the flooding. We will have to think about how to mitigate the effects of the flooding as the climate changes and it becomes more frequent.

For most of us, the start of the sailing season has arrived. It's a kind of New Year following on from the Gregorian and Chinese New Years. As such we can reflect on resolutions we might make. One thing which has troubled me over the last couple of years are the incidents on the water which spill over into lasting acrimony ashore. Sailing is only a game and a leisure pastime for us all and we sail with a group of people we consider friends. If there is an incident then the best way to resolve it is via a protest, arbitration or an advisory hearing. An impartial individual or committee will help identify the rights and wrongs and then we should shake hands and move on. If there is damage, then each party is obligated to be as helpful as possible to the other. We have recently changed the club rules requiring members to share insurance details with any other party involved if there is likely to be a claim. The insurers will then sort everything out.

I want to pick up and emphasise two events in March. Last year we held a rules evening run by the East Midlands Regional Rules Advisor. This concentrated on some of the more esoteric aspects of the rules. This year the evening (14th March) will be hosted by our very own Stephanie Gunn. It is aimed to help those new to the sport who may find the rules a little daunting. We all have an obligation to have an understanding of the rules and to observe them. This is the only way to compete fairly. For me there are no exceptions, either for beginners or for the experienced who think that with a bit of bravado they can get away with it.

A week later (21st March) we have an evening for Race Officers, whether you are an experienced 'Sunday' race officer or someone just beginning as an assistant on Tuesday, there will be something for everyone to take away from this. After rule observance by competitors, effective race management is the thing that makes an event enjoyable. We will cover everything including line setting, courses and recording. Please come along if you can – even if you have been doing it for years !

Ken

March 2024

- 2/3 NCSC Safety Duty course
- 3 Spring series starts
- 14 Rules evening - free
- 23 ITCA Topper Training
- 21 Race Officer Forum - free
- 23 Youth Race Squad (YRS)



Race officers Forum 21st March & Rules evening (aimed at those starting or fairly new to racing) 14th March

April 2024

- 3-5 Adult Easter Course
- instructors required
- 6 YRS continues
- 13 Sat series starts
- 14 Summer series starts
- 16, 17, 18 Evening series start

Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

Duties for 2024

1. First of all thank you to those members who have already volunteered and signed up to complete their 3 duties for the coming 2024 season, this makes my life so much easier but more importantly helps to ensure the club's activities can take place successfully.
2. If you have been allocated a duty can you please use SCM to accept the duty, this saves me having to chase you to confirm your availability.
3. If you are unable to fulfil a duty then please use SCM to swap duties with another club member.
4. Allocation of duties for the remainder of the season are starting now, so this is a last chance to login SCM [log on](#) and pick dates which suit you best. If you require any assistance with using SCM to choose/accept/swap duties then please feel free to contact me for assistance via dutysecretary@ncsc.org.uk, I'm here to help !

Barrier Code: This will change as soon as possible, the keypad needs repairing, an email will be sent to paid up members when it changes.

Security: Please ensure you shut and lock the barriers and clubhouse if you think you may be last out and remember your keys.

Broadband: We now have a new 4g broadband provider. Speeds are generally about 3 or 4 times faster, but there is a limit to the bandwidth. Use NCSC_Guest sign on (no password). Other sign in's are for official club business. The phone is now through the internet but is much clearer, number unchanged.

Membership Welcome to the 9 new memberships who have joined us so far this year. A very warm welcome.

Training room: Please do not leave items in the Training room. It is not a dumping ground but used regularly and needs to be easy to set up for courses and other training. If you do use it ensure you leave it clear and tidy.

Training: The dates for courses are now up. All are subject to sufficient numbers of participants and instructors. Please instructors volunteer and participants put your names down so we can plan. Courses are [linked from this page](#). Instructors required, please sign up now – let us know if there are any issues signing up. Please remember the Training Team is providing courses that benefit the whole club as volunteers. As a club this provides new members and also an income. Please respect instructors delivering these courses.

Sailing committee

Kevin Clark has taken over as Duty Secretary from Martin Read. Thanks to Martin for 4 years hard work & welcome to Kevin in the role.

Graham Young has volunteered to score the Black & White series.

New Club Sailing Instructions have been posted on the notice board outside the Race Office.

Slow Handicap Warning Flag now Numeral Pennant 2.B&W Pursuit duration 80 minutes and countdown as per the Frostbite series. Look out for possible revised start time if 2024 Portsmouth Yardsticks change at beginning of March.

Foreshore is VERY muddy after 4 weeks of sailing events. Launch from the slipways if possible. Wellingtons are a must in the dinghy park!

Rules evening at 7pm on Thursday 14th March in the clubhouse. Run by Stephanie Gunn & John Sears. Tuesday night sailors particularly welcome. Indicate you are coming by using "Book Online" in Members area of club website - [Racing Rules of Sailing](#).

Race Officers forum at 7pm on Thursday 21st March in the clubhouse. Led by Ken Twemlow & John Sears. For all Race Officers and Assistants to exchange tips and share expertise. Indicate you are coming by using "[Book Online here](#)" in Members area of club website - Race



Above: Club Safety Duty course this weekend, space available (at present), Below: BUSA university team racing

