



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter April 2024

Commodore's Briefing April 24

When I read David's draft of this Newsletter, I was impressed by the wide range of activities which are planned at the club over the next couple of months. Only one more week of the Black and White to go and then within a fortnight Sunday Class Racing, the evening series and Saturday sailing all start. Spring is on its way.

In addition to the racing events we have training courses running of one form or another most weekends and also some courses during the week.

As well as the sailing we have one of our two big social events of the year. Once again, and following feedback from members the Awards Evening is in May this year. Hopefully I will be as lucky with the weather as Martin was! This year the food will be provided by an outside caterer. The pricing is at the break even point so please come along to collect your prize, if you are a winner or just for some food and a drink. Everyone is welcome.

We should not forget that the water is open seven days a week for most of the year giving great opportunities for informal sailing.

In short, we have a very vibrant club with something for everyone.

I look forward to seeing you on the water over the coming weeks.

Ken

April 2024

- 3-5** Adult Easter Course
- 6** Youth Race Squad (YRS) continues
- 17 & 24** Windsurf Assistant Instructor (AI) Course - [email chief instructor](#)
- 13** [Saturday series starts](#)
- 14** [Summer series starts](#)
- 16.** [Tues/Weds night race coaching](#)
- 16, 17, 18** [Evening series start](#)
- 20** Work Party



Top: summer racing starts in 2 weeks.
Middle: Youth Race Squad
Bottom: Awards Evening - 18th May

May 2024

- 4/5/6** [Scorpion Open & Youth Open](#)
- 11, 18, 25** [Sat RYA Youth course \(stage 1 & 2\)](#)
- 15** HANSA Open (volunteers needed)
- 18** [RYA First aid](#)
- 18** [Awards Evening](#), meal and awards all welcome
- 26/27** [RYA Powerboat 2](#)
- 29/30/31** RYA [Youth](#) and [Adult](#) courses



Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

Awards Evening – This is one of the key socials of the year. Everyone is welcome whether you have won a prize or not, There will be a finger buffet and desert provided by an outside caterer. Camping will be permitted. [See here for details.](#)

The Hansa Open 15th May is an all day event. We are looking for volunteers to help with launching and recovery as well as safety crews. Please contact Sailability@ncsc.org.uk.

NCSC has a race-spec Topper dinghy which was provided by the John Merricks Sailing Trust (JMST) in partnership with the RYA. The aim is to support a young person displaying enthusiasm, drive, talent and commitment to the sport and who may not ordinarily have had the opportunity or financial backing to achieve their goals. We are looking for an enthusiastic young racing sailor to take over use of this boat from now for a year. [Details here](#)

Sailability There will be Supported Sailing Sessions on Tuesdays starting in May - First session, **7th May 5.00 – 6.00pm**. Try sailing a Hansa – support will be available. Contact: Sailability@ncsc.org.uk for details and to register interest.

Recycling: Our waste is collected by ENVA . Where possible they will recycle our waste (reducing costs to club and being environmentally friendly). We need to ensure the loose recycling is just that and not contaminated by any food. Anything non recyclable or food contaminated must go in bins lined with black bags. All black bags go to landfill (hence the need for recycling to be loose). There are two recycling stations in the conservatory & club room. Glass goes in a separate marked bin. [More information here.](#)

Boat Park: Trailers in the woods should contain membership number and/ or name on either a green or red label. Any unidentified trailers will be moved to the edge of the woods on 20th April.

The Boat Park Managers: Steve and Jill, our boat park managers for the last few years have decided to step down from the role. There will be a period of transition. If you are interested, please get in touch (Commodore@ncsc.org.uk)

Work Party: We are planning a work party 20th April. Jobs will include sorting the trailer park, mending the flag pole and general tidying.

Membership: Thank you to all our members for re-joining this year. We now have 949 members across our range of membership categories. Welcome to new members. The new gate code was emailed to all paid up members last weekend. Please check your spam/junk folder if you don't think you have it or email membership@ncsc.org.uk

Dinghy Race Coaching: A new initiative for higher level coaching for Under 19s and Under 16s is planned. This is possible following generous sponsorship from a club member. [More information here.](#)



*Awards evening
Help at HANSA open
please*



*Recycling please use correct bins
Dinghy race coaching - see link
to bottom left*



Sailing Committee

Saturday & Sunday Class racing series start **13th / 14th April** and evening race series in the following week.

We would like to equip Triton with a potable loud hailer and a clip in mobile phone holder. If anyone is able to donate either of those to the club please contact the Sailing Sec.

Red Safety 2 has some new operating instructions because it is different from its predecessor. Please read before using it. They will be displayed prominently around the club.

The Race Officer forum generated some useful feedback, particularly on the difficulties of recording results and setting courses. Points raised will be discussed during the Sailing Committee meeting on 8th April. Thanks to Stephanie Gunn for conducting an excellent Rules evening on 14th March. [Reports here including documents.](#)

Training

We have a space on [Adult Level 3](#) on Easter course starting this Wednesday. A new initiative of RYA Youth Stage 1 and 2 on Saturday mornings starts in May – [please book this now](#) so we know numbers. We are running a Windsurfing Assistant Instructor course, including practical in April, if anyone is interested contact info@ncsc.org.uk (you should be intermediate standard and above). Instructors are needed for end of May Youth & Adult courses.... and of course participants.