



# Notts County Sailing Club

## Newsletter December 2024



### Commodore

It was great to see people at the AGM a couple of weeks ago. The AGM is where the Executive Committee (Exec) presents formal reports reviewing the club's activities over the past year, elect the club's officials and then there is an opportunity for informal discussion. If you were not able to make it, please read the reports which are on the website, together with the draft minutes which will be published in the next few weeks.

I would like to welcome new members to the exec, Jon Willars as Social Chair and Adrian Jones as Training Principal. Steve Gill was also formally elected having been co-opted mid-year.

Steve has an enormous job looking after the 'works and ways'. This is only possible if we all do what we can to help. If you have skills to do a job which needs doing get in touch with Steve and offer to help. No need to wait for a working party !

The club agreed at the AGM to pursue a change to charitable status. The Club has engaged solicitors to assist with this. The solicitors have been provided with a lot of information about the club. I don't expect this to be a quick process. If any of you have any questions along the way, do not hesitate to ask.

As I write this it is just over 3 weeks to Christmas. May I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas.  
Ken

*Below: The AGM was well attended and it was decided we would move to becoming a charity. There are a few new faces as Ken has outlined above. Right: The Windsurf supper was well attended with 40 windsurfers enjoying a roast from Debs and Maddy*



- December**
- 7 NCSC safety Duty course
  - 7 Youth Race Squad
  - 22 Final frostbite (back to back) and social

- January 25**
- 1 First of Year Race
  - 11/12 NCSC Safety Duty course
  - 18/19 Youth Race Squad
  - 25/27 County Cooler 2025



## Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

**Bring and Share** or bring your own picnic (or something to share) will happen as normal on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please note that there will be no other catering on that day. There will be very limited access to the kitchen for hot food. We will commission a deep clean of the kitchen the following week to comply with food hygiene requirements.

Please report any issues with powerboats. There is a **QR code on the Key Cupboard** to make it easier.

Do you live in a cave? The **external doors**, especially to the conservatory, are often left open. You almost certainly don't leave the doors into your house open when the heating is on. Please do the same at the club. Our gas has to be brought in by tanker at great expense and electricity isn't cheap. Thankyou... and if you turn the conservatory heating on please turn off when finished or before you go.

At the AGM the new **membership fees** were agreed. These will be effective from 1st January and will be reflected in your 2025 renewal invoice. The proposed fees were included in the AGM papers. Any queries with regards to your 2025 membership please contact Kathryn in confidence on [membership@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ncsc.org.uk)

**High winds:** it is the season of high winds. If your boat is left at the club please check your ropes and knots to ensure your boat is secure. Boats which are moved by the wind can damage other boats. (Any damage to others would precipitate a claim on your insurance).

**Duties:** Please be advised that you can already sign up for your 3 duties for 2025 as the requirement of ALL WATER USERS. University Students and those aged between 16-19 are exempt (All can volunteer if they wish. This includes training duties). Please sign up early. This is the best way to secure dates which are the convenient to you. In March when we review the gaps in the rota, we automatically allocate duties to those members who have booked less than three slots on an arbitrary basis. Any queries or concerns please contact Kev Clark on [dutysecretary@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:dutysecretary@ncsc.org.uk)

**Winter Sailing:** We are now into the winter sailing schedule. We can sail Wednesdays, Sundays in November through to 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Additional days are listed [here](#).

Jon Willars is the new **Social Chairperson**. He was elected at the recent AGM (amid fierce competition for the role). Jon's objective is to organise a few socials throughout the year, and while he has a few ideas, suggestions would be very welcome. Jon can be found sailing most Sundays/Thursdays and a few Saturdays. Watch this space and we look forward to seeing you all at the socials

**Safe & Fun** is the RYA's safeguarding interactive training course which we, as a club expect all those involved in Saturday Club, Training under 18s (most instructors already have it) and anyone else regularly involved with children or young people to undertake. We also expect all committee members to take the course. The club will pay the fee, provided it is booked via our website [link here](#). Please state your involvement with the club on the form. Going forward The Charity Commission will scrutinise our safeguarding processes closely

## Training:

Welcome to our new Principal Adrian Jones. Please sign in and book up for the club [Safety Duty course](#), which on successful completion allows you to drive club powerboats (dates on previous page). The courses are early December and January. The sooner you book the better because it allows us to source volunteers to teach. Instructors: please also sign up for courses as soon as they are up, it helps us know numbers and means you don't get allocated other duties. Adrian would welcome any expressions of interest from anyone wanting to become a Power Boat Instructor (PBI) (or other type of instructor). We hope to run Dinghy, Powerboat and Windsurf Instructor courses next year. Adrian is happy to chat to anyone informally about becoming an instructor.

## Sailing committee

The water temperature in the lake is significantly cooler now so it is vital to wear suitable winter sailing gear. Check those dry suits for leaks! The decision to cancel racing on 24<sup>th</sup> November was taken due to high winds **and** water temperature.

The last Oakleaf & Frostbite races are on 22<sup>nd</sup> December with 2 races back to back in the morning followed by the Xmas Bring and Share in the afternoon.

County Cooler is on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January. We still need volunteers for 1 Safety driver Saturday, Safety crews & Race Clerk both days.

The 2025 Sailing Calendar is complete. You can now volunteer for duties throughout the season.

We need someone to manage the club trophies and prizes. Please contact John Sears if you are interested in taking up this role.

Following the comments made at the AGM the Sailing Committee will be looking at ideas to encourage less experienced sailors to try racing on Thursdays and Sundays.



*The frostbite in progress participants.*

