



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter February 2025

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The darkest month, January is now over and we can start to look forward to the spring. Some very hardy souls have been competing at the club on January 1st and at the County Cooler. A few boats have even travelled further afield. Jon and Nicola were 11th at the Draycote Dash in their new (to them) RS400. I congratulate all of you!

There are a few people who have been very busy over the winter, Steve Gill and Nicki Theokritoff have been working very hard on improvements to the clubhouse. Kathryn Ryan manages the process of sending out our invoices which is a very time consuming job every year. These are just a few of the big tasks which are being undertaken at the moment but all of the committees and many other people are busy throughout the year. We owe all of these people our thanks for the work they do.

During February the Club will be hosting two University Events and some training courses. This is a prelude to 2nd March when the racing year starts in earnest. I look forward to seeing you then !

Ken

Feb 25

- 2 Sailing any day begins
- 8/9 Snakebite (University Dinghy Team Racing)
- 8 /9 U19 Training
- 15/16 NCSC Safety Duty Course
- 22 RYA First Aid Course
- 22/23 Pondlife (University windsurfing)



Above: The Willars in RS400. Rebecca Ogden (1st lady & 6th) and Cillian and Chloe in the County Cooler.

Left: Clubroom light switch between bar and kitchen pillar.
Below: Dean in Storm Eowyn



March 25

- 1 / 2 RYA Senior Instructor
- 2 Spring Series starts
- 8 RYA First Aid Course
- 15 RYA Powerboat Instructor starts
- 20 Race Officers Forum
- 22 Topper Traveler
- 29 Informal Race Training (depends on demand)

Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

First Social of the year. Jon has been busy organising the Awards and Presentation Evening on 29th March 2025. [Details and link to tickets here](#), come and sample some excellent food and see the newly decorated clubhouse, whether you have an award or not. Other socials in planning include Splice & Spice, a Cocktail evening and the Regatta in July. There are lots more ideas to come.

Renewal invoices are being raised during this month and will be in your inbox in early February. If you don't have your invoice, payments can still be made because the new rates are all displayed on the fees page of the website

Berths: The start of the new season is upon us, if anyone has had a change in berths ie selling/buying a boat from an existing member or from outside of the club and you now require/ no longer require a berth, please get in touch with either membership (Kathryn Ryan membership@ncsc.org.uk) or boat park (Jake Willars boatpark@ncsc.org.uk)

There is now a shutter between the **kitchen** and the clubroom together with a new lock fitted to the kitchen door. The Kitchen may only be accessed by the catering team. These changes have been made to ensure full compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations and our associated legal responsibilities.

The clubroom light switch is just outside on the pillar between the bar and kitchen

We are on the lookout for a **Trophy Steward**, please contact a Flag Officer or the Sailing Secretary for more information on how you might help.

Below: Sterling work by safety crew at Cooler. Ian commented "this is the only time I am ever first at the windward mark" as he acted as lead boat.



Above: Joe Scurrah (winner in Aero) and John Tailby (from Notts County) helmed by Chris Martin at County Cooler starting a race.

Sailing Committee

The Midlands Series is taking place again this year. More than forty entries came to our County Cooler in spite of the storms and cool conditions. Almost half the competitors were visitors. The series continues at Burton 8/9 Feb, Staunton 22/23 Feb and Ogston 1/2 March. Members who have paid their 2025 subscription may enter the events free of charge.

Race Officers' Forum: Planned for 20th March 7pm at the club. Please put it in your diary, and send the Sailing Secretary any topics you would like discussed.

Rules evening on Thursday 3rd April at 7.00pm at the club.

Race Team and Safety Driver notes have been revised to clarify procedures when there are a lot of capsized sailors. They are linked on the [Race management docs website page](#). Duty crews please note.

Snakebite University Team Racing event on 8th / 9th February. Spectators welcome.

Duties: A reminder to members to volunteer for [their 3 duties](#), one of which should be a Sunday. I shall be allocating unfilled March duties from February 1st, specifically...

- March 9th Safety Crew
- March 16th Race Clerk and Safety Crew x2
- March 22nd Sailwave Operator, Race Clerk, Rib Driver
- March 23rd Rib Driver x2 and Safety Crew
- March 30th Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer, Race Clerk, Rib Driver x2, Safety Crew x2

Training:

Please book on the Safety Duty Course in February. There is also plenty of room on First Aid Course in February, March and May. Club members get this one day course at a huge discount, effectively just the costs of the books.