



# Notts County Sailing Club

## Newsletter January 2025

### Commodore

I will begin 2025 by sharing some very good news. I am pleased to say that Anne Clark has been honoured with an RYA National Volunteer award which will be presented at the Dinghy Show. Anne has championed our Sailability projects for quite a few years now leading a small team of volunteers. Whilst Sailability may not be so visible to us all it provides great opportunities to those who are not able to sail 'conventional' dinghies. Anne would like to hear from anyone interested in helping with the Sailability projects, please contact [sailability@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:sailability@ncsc.org.uk)



Anne Clark who has been awarded an RYA Guiding Light Award this year

I will also touch on the kitchen, a subject which was also discussed at the AGM. Over the years, free access to the kitchen has been abused by a small number of people. Most recently Steve Gill had to unblock the sink reserved for food preparation by removing something nasty which was definitely not food. In line with our responsibilities as Registered Food Business we have taken advice and concluded that it is now necessary to restrict access to the main kitchen to a small number of authorised people. In January we will install an electric shutter between the kitchen and the clubroom.

During the first months of 2025 we will provide additional facilities within the clubhouse to include a small sink, a small fridge and a microwave. The design for this is still in gestation but, space permitting, it will take the form of an expanded tea station. It will be every user's responsibility to keep this area tidy.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and healthy 2025.

See you on the water

Ken



Rs400 enjoying the wind on New Years day

**January 25**  
11/12 NCSC Safety Duty course  
18/19 U 19 training  
25/26 County Cooler 2025



Kevin Hope and Andy Stewart winners at First of year Race

**February 25**  
2 Sailing any day starts  
8/9 Snakebite (University Dinghy Team Racing)  
8/9 U19 Training  
15/16 NCSC Safety Duty course  
15 Volunteer thankyou (by invite)  
22 RYA First Aid  
22/23 Pondlife (University windsurfing)

## Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

**Winter Sailing:** We are now into the winter sailing schedule. We can sail Wednesdays and Sundays through to 2<sup>nd</sup> February plus additional days which are [listed here](#). After 2<sup>nd</sup> February it's normal summer sailing.

**Recycling:** We have spent some time setting up recycling to reduce the club's environmental footprint. We use a waste company that does recycle. Unfortunately some people are not taking notice of the signs A few people are contaminating the recyclable waste whilst others are not recycling when they should. Anything in a black bag goes to landfill, but anything loose is recycled. Food can't be recycled, so no food (or packages with food in or on) can be recycled. However most plastic and in particular cans, paper, glass (in a separate bin) etc should be recycled.

**Gales:** Winter gales are upon us. We have already had one unsecured boat break another boat's mast, which will be an insurance claim against the boat that was not properly tied down. Please check your boat is securely tied down, if it is left in the boat park over the winter.

The [Midlands Series](#) is taking place again this year. The first event is at Notts County on 25/26 January. 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.

**Duties for 2025** are now open for booking on Sailing Club Manager (SCM). This includes training sessions. Now is the time to pick your preferred dates. Up until 1st March, if you find you need to alter or cancel your booking, let the Duty Secretary know. After 1<sup>st</sup> March, we expect members to use the duty swaps system. There is a full guide [on duties on the website](#) – see the Members' menu. We are a volunteer-based club dependent upon everyone doing their three duties to keep the club running.

**County Cooler:** We need a Scorer (Sailwave Operator), Race Clerk, and Safety Crew for the Saturday 25th January and a Scorer (Sailwave Operator) and Race Clerk on Sunday 26th January.

**Website:** The website has a powerful and fast search button if you need to find anything.

## Midlands Inter Club Series 2025

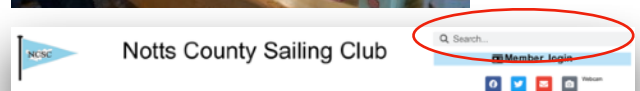
County Cooler (Notts County) Briefing 1045	25–26 January	www.ncsc.org.uk
Burton Blizzard (Burton SC)	8 - 9 February	www.burtonsailingclub.co.uk
Staunton Blaster (Staunton Harold SC)	22 - 23 February	www.shsc.org.uk
Wooley Jumper (Ogston SC)	1 - 2 March	www.ogstonsc.org.uk

There is no entry fee for members holding valid membership of NCSC, Staunton Harold SC, Ogston SC or Burton SC. Visitors welcome for proposed fees see NOR on [www.NCSC.org.uk](#) site)  
QR codes lead to likely place for info on each club (Dec 24)



Later this month the Midlands Winter Series first event is at the club. Details on [Open meetings page](#).

Below Members enjoying the Bring and Share social.



## Training:

Please book on the Safety Duty Course. There is plenty of room in February and potentially some in January. 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. Past participants on the course have undoubtedly saved a life at the club in 2024.