



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter November 2024

Commodore

The AGM is only a couple of weeks away now and I would like to share with you something which has taken up a great deal of my time over the last few months. You may know that the club is a Community Amateur Sports Club – CASC. It has become clear that we no longer comply with the rules governing CASC Clubs. We have taken legal advice and determined that the best course of action is for the club to become a charity. We are not alone in this and other sailing clubs are taking the same path.

Both the reasoning and the process we need to follow are quite complex. Further details are included in the information pack which you will receive for the AGM. Please read it. If you have any questions please do put them to me either at the AGM or by email to commodore@ncsc.org.uk.

There will be a vote at the AGM on the principle and also some technical changes to the constitution which will pave the way. Please come to the meeting and support us in this important change.

The second part of the AGM takes the form of an open discussion on matters of interest. If there is a topic you would like to raise, please let me know, either in person or by email.

Ken Twemlow - Commodore



Differing conditions in October racing, calm on first winter series day, and rain and wind earlier in the month



November

- 2 RYA First aid
- 9 ITCA Topper training
- 16/23 U19 youth training
- 16 Windsurfing meal (book here)
- 17 AGM at club
- 23 RYA First Aid
- 30 Work Party (inc trees)
- 30/1 Midlands Topper Training



Top: Autumn training day. Below: First of winter series.



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

Work Party Saturday 30th November. Steve Gill (Works and Ways) is organising a contractor to cut back the trees and shrubs along the lake banks. We need help to clear the cuttings and to tidy up. A lot of the hard work will be done by machine but please bring rakes, loppers or a chainsaw if you have one. There will be free bacon cobs and tea on arrival for those helping.

Catering: I am sure you will all agree the new caterers are providing some great food. If you haven't sampled it already please come to the club and find out how good it is. [The menu](#) on the website is updated weekly.

Steve Gill is working on proposals to redecorate and refurbish the clubhouse. The plans will be shared in future newsletters.

When the caterers are not on site, we are likely to switch to a limited number of mugs available in order to minimise the washing up required when they return. Please bring your own mugs or drinking containers, as you would for a takeaway coffee.

A number of children have come to the galley and asked for food. There have been occasions when parents haven't paid which is not acceptable. – like the bar the caterers don't operate any kind of eat now pay later system. Please will parents be reasonable and supervise their children, as required by the club rules, and pay for food when required.

"The Fuddle" will happen as normal on 22nd Dec, after back to back racing. There will be no other catering on that day.

Duties: Please ensure your email address and phone number are up to date on Sailing Club Manager (SCM). You can change your email address on your profile and also state which is your preferred phone number and email address. Please accept your duties or swap them with another member. We have had too many no shows of late, which prevents smooth running of the club. All of us are volunteers so please make it easier for those doing the behind the scenes work. [Details on how to swap etc here.](#)

Winter Sailing: We are now into the winter sailing schedule. We can sail Wednesdays and Sundays from now through to 2nd February. [Additional days are listed here.](#)

AGM: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Sunday 17th November at 16:00. The AGM Agenda, proposals and background information will be emailed to all members on or before 3rd November 2024. A copy will also be posted in the members area on the website (SCM sign in required) at <https://members.ncsc.org.uk/Club/agm>

Parents and Supervision: Can we remind all parents that you should be supervising your children at all times whilst they are at the club. You should not leave under 18s unsupervised (as stated in the club rules). Children have been observed playing under the clubhouse recently. This is not a play area. There are propellers and obstacles underneath which could cause injury (not to mention the low headroom). Please do not allow your children to play under there.

Training:

Please book for the club [Safety Duty Course](#), which on successful completion allows you to drive the club powerboats. There are courses in early December. The sooner you book the better because it allows us to plan the instructors required.

We are making plans for courses next year and will release dates once confirmed by the Sailing Committee.

Sailing committee

Please can members volunteer for duties at the **1st of the Year races** on 1st January and the County Cooler on 25th & 26th January. We particularly need a Scorer for each day.

On 17th November we plan to have a short first race, an early lunch and then start the Pursuit sequence at 1.00pm so we will finish well before the AGM at 4.00pm.

The RYA is running a **Regional Training Group** coaching weekend for Toppers on 30th November & 1st December on the Main Lake (away from Sunday's racing) and in the Training room.

Damage in the Boat Park: A Flying Fifteen has been damaged in the boat park. It appears the perpetrator has attempted to repair the damage. We are reviewing CCTV to try to identify who is responsible. As with on the water incidents any accident causing damage should be addressed with the owner of the item damaged. Everything should be covered by insurance so please show the appropriate courtesy to other members.



Top: Youth Race Training has had a good number of participants, thanks to all who have volunteered/organised. Below: Work Party 30th Nov.. Bottom: Enjoying the autumn weather.

