



# Notts County Sailing Club

## Newsletter March 2025

### Commodore

Three big dates in March

Organised sailing starts again on **Sunday March 2nd**. I am sure many of you have been looking forward to this since the New year. Whilst a few very hardy folk have taken part in some of the winter events at Notts County and further afield, this is the start of the season at Notts County. The weather is getting warmer so its time to check the boat out and make sure your wet/drysuit is ready. Some people have told me they shrink over the winter !

We have a working party on **15th March**. The main task is to tidy up some more brushwood which will already have been cut but there are other jobs as well. We hope to do some more tidying around the clubhouse and also put in some more posts at the main gate to deter motorcycle access when the gate is closed. There will be free bacon rolls and tea at 8:30 so please come along to help. More info on website soon.

Best of all **Saturday 29th March** is the new format Awards Evening. Jon Willars has organised a nice but not too expensive meal provided in the club by our caterer. The actual presentation of the awards will be as short as possible and then there will be dancing. Please [book on the website](#) and then come along for a great evening.

I would also like to add a little bit about **Safety boat cover**; Nine times out of ten, the safety crews have little to do, but every now and again there is a day when conditions are really challenging. Things can change rapidly, what begins as a race in good conditions can quickly deteriorate. On those days we need to make sure that everyone knows what to do in order to best utilise the resources. John Sears has prepared a list of bullet points which are aimed at ensuring everyone understands their role on the day. John's note is included as a separate attachment which I hope you will all read. Please also file the information away ready for the days you are on duty.

I will pick out just a couple of key points: **The Race Officer is in charge** and responsible for the safety fleet. On difficult days the Assistant Race Officer should be delegated to observe and understand how the safety fleet is coping. If the safety boats are only just coping, shorten the race. If you are in any doubt that the situation is not under control, the correct thing to do is abandon the race. Whilst some people may be critical of that decision, the Flag Officers and the Exec will always support a decision taken by the Race Officer.

Ken

### March 25

- 1 / 2 RYA Senior Instructor
- 2 Spring Series starts
- 8 RYA First Aid Course
- 8 DI Pre Assessment
- 15 RYA Powerboat Instructor starts
- 15 Work party (plus days either side)
- 15 ICTA Training
- 20 Race Officers' Forum
- 22 Topper Traveler
- 29 Informal Race Training
- 29 Awards Evening & Social**



*Congratulations to Anne Clark who received the RYA Guiding Light Award at a ceremony at the Dinghy Show on 23rd February. [Citation here](#)*

### April 25

- 3 New rules evening for all
- 7-11 RYA DI course at club
- 14-16 Easter RYA Youth Dinghy Start Racing (free to members) and stage 3 / 4 courses [Please book online link here](#)
- 15 & 17 Evening racing starts
- 16 – 21 RYA adult Dinghy Levels 1,2,3
- 19 Sat pm racing starts
- 20 Sunday Main series starts
- 26 Sailability try our boats
- May 3 Discover sailing***

## Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

**Awards Evening Social Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March:** We look forward to welcoming you to our first social event of the year as we celebrate the achievements of the 2024 season. Enjoy a two course meal with vegetarian option, followed by dancing to DJ Sampson's disco, in our newly refurbished clubhouse.

**Tickets are available** via Sailing Club Manager [tickets here](#), they are £20 for two courses or £23 with cheese and coffee, with under 13s at £10. We encourage early booking as numbers will be limited.

**Race Officers' Forum:** planned for 20<sup>th</sup> March at club at 7pm. Please put it in your diary, and send the Sailing Secretary any topics you would like to be discussed.

**Rules evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> April** at 7.00pm at the club, please come along.

**Discover Sailing on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.** The Vice Commodore will be seeking volunteers to assist with onshore jobs, plus Instructors to take visitors out sailing.

**Membership:** Final reminder that any member who has not paid their fees by 1st March will be deemed to have resigned. Any allocated berths will be released and where required, boats will be moved to a holding area. If you have paid and not received an email confirmation of payment or have a query please contact Kathryn with urgency at [membership@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ncsc.org.uk). The gate and club house code will change to the 2025 members' number soon. An email will be sent to all paid up members. You should never give this out even if you think someone is a member. You can give out the visitors code ([found here](#)), this changes regularly.

**West Lancs Yacht Club 24 Hr Race 13/14th Sept 2025** <https://wlyc.org.uk/wlyc-24-hour-race/provisional-notice-of-race> - Simon Parker's company is hoping to sponsor a Notts County team sailing either an Enterprise or a Firefly. If anyone is interested in being part of our team please contact Simon through SCM (Sailing Club Manager) or you can email [info@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:info@ncsc.org.uk) and we will forward your message.

### Duties for 2025

1. Firstly, thank you to those members who have already volunteered and signed up to complete their 3 duties for the coming 2025 season. This helps to ensure the club's activities can take place successfully.
2. If you have been allocated a duty, please use Sailing Club Manager (SCM) to accept the duty, this saves the Race Officer and the Duty Secretary having to chase you to confirm your attendance on the day.
3. If you cannot fulfil a duty then please use SCM to swap the duty with another club member.
4. Allocation of duties for the remainder of the season is starting now. This is a last chance to [login to SCM and pick the dates which suit you best](#). If you require any assistance with using SCM to choose/accept/swap duties then please [look on website](#) or feel free to contact the Duty Secretary for assistance via [dutysecretary@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:dutysecretary@ncsc.org.uk) and he will endeavour to help.

## Training

The first group of courses are now available to book on Sailing Club Manager (SCM). There are Dinghy, Powerboat and Windsurf courses so far. More will follow. [Please book online via SCM](#).

We are running a Dinghy Instructor (DI) and Windsurf Instructor (WI) course this year. Please send expressions of interest to [info@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:info@ncsc.org.uk). The DI course has a pre-assessment day on 8<sup>th</sup> March and the Course is 7-11<sup>th</sup> April. The pre-requisites are RYA Powerboat 2 (PB2), The RYA online [Safe and Fun Course](#) (safeguarding) together with the relevant level of sailing skill and of course bags of enthusiasm and willingness to teach. Please refer to SCM for further details. All instructors we have updated the Operating Procedures [please read them](#) and sign to say you have on the form before instructing - Thank you.



Above: Prizewinners last year at Awards evening, below: racing starts 2nd March



Above: the rear Commodore enjoying the recent winds. Below Prizes and youth courses from last year.

