



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter May 2025

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When I read through the draft of this month's email, the thing that struck me was the long list of events going forward during May. Listed here are all of the 'one off' events during the month. Our regular sailing events on Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening are all additional to the 'one off' events.

We are very lucky to have all of these options available to us – there really are events for everyone, from the experienced racer through to junior sailors and including those who just want to come for a sail, cruising, during the weekdays.

If I were to pick something out something to highlight, it would be the Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions. Tuesday has always been a night focussed on the juniors and the less experienced and I believe we should respect that. Thursday has a little more focus on a longer and more tactical race but it is still a very friendly evening and everyone is welcome.

What links these two evenings is the tremendous atmosphere in the clubhouse afterwards. This is amplified by some really tremendous food after racing. I am writing this on Friday following eating at the club the previous evening. Everyone I spoke too commented on how tasty the food was and that you would have to pay as much as three times the price for the same quality anywhere else.

Subject to demand, food will also be available on selected Wednesdays from 7th May so watch the website and social media for details and timing.

Whilst not everyone can get to the club on a weekday evening, for those of you who can, I can not recommend it more highly.

I look forward to seeing you there !

Ken

May

- 3 Discover sailing volunteers needed
- 3-5, 10/11 Windsurf Instructor course
- 6 Inclusive sailing
- 6 Tuesday U19 youth coaching (5.30pm)
- 7 Wednesday evening food and social
- 8/9 RYA Powerboat 2
- 10 Aero open
- 13/14, 20/21 RYA Adult Dinghy
- 17/18 RYA Adult Start Windsurfing
- 17/18 Day 2 Safety club safety duty
- 21 HANSA open
- 24 Saturday Club Starts
- 28-30 RYA Youth Stages 1,2,3
- 31/1 RYA Powerboat 2

DISCOVER SAILING at Notts County Sailing Club
Near Hoveringham (12 miles east of Nottingham) NG14 7JX (turn off at gate)
3rd May 2025
10am to 4pm free entry

Try sailing and our onshore windsurf simulator

Just bring:

- Shoes that can get wet
- A waterproof top
- Hat and sunscreen

We shall provide buoyancy aids (for adults and juniors)

We shall have lots of information stalls, about joining, junior offerings, RYA courses, disabled sailing (Sailability) and plenty more

Next Saturday

www.ncsc.org.uk
or
<https://www.rya.org.uk/start-boating/discover-sailing>



June

- 3 Inclusive Sailing
- 6 Family Pig Racing Social (Friday)
- 21 Windsurfer open
- 28 ILCA Training day



Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

A few days to go to Discover Sailing on 3rd May. We still need volunteers to assist with onshore jobs and Instructors to take visitors out sailing. There is plenty to do, instructors and safety, registration, parking, membership, buoyancy aids, setting up and taking down (Friday and Sunday), pontoon control ... and general help including chatting to potential members. We also want to see your family and friends or colleagues at the club to 'have a go', see what we are all about, and why we enjoy sailing. Please remind them it is happening.

Catering: Catering (breakfast and lunch) will be available Sat 3rd & 10th May and every Tuesday, Thursday evening and Sunday. Wednesday evening catering and social (all welcome) is due to start 7th May.

Boat Park Manager: Thanks to Jake for his time and effort sorting out the boat park. Jake has started a new business, so he no longer has the time to act as Boat Park Manager. We are pleased to say Phil North, a long standing windsurfing and dinghy member, has taken over. The same email address can be used boatpark@ncsc.org.uk

Next Social – Pig Racing is on 6th June so get the date in your diary and [book here](#). The cost is £12 for adults (£7 for under 13s) for food and pig racing. The event is aimed at the whole family as a light hearted social evening. Food on the night will be bangers and mash or vegetarian equivalent.

Dogs on Lead: The nesting season is under way and there are ground nesting birds around the club ground. It is illegal to disturb a birds nest, so please keep dogs on the lead wherever there is a risk, especially down the track and around the small lake.

Social media: There are a number of members' social media accounts using NCSC or Notts County Sailing Club (or similar) in their name. These are a useful way for members to communicate with each other. The Exec should be aware of all these groups so that they can keep a register which should include the administrator of each group. This applies whether the group is on WhatsApp, Facebook, X, Instagram, Blue Sky or similar. It is also important that an Exec member is included on each channel and is aware of what is being said. This is because a channel which includes NCSC or Notts County in the name would be considered to belong to the club. Email: info@ncsc.org.uk

Reminder on recycling: Please read the simple notices above the bins and try to be environmentally friendly. No food waste in the unlined bins, glass bottles are separate, and other recyclables should be placed in the blue unlined bins. Anything in the black bin bags goes to landfill.

Barrier near club: You may have noticed the gate has now moved close to the electric barrier. This is because the posts in the old position have subsided and there isn't an easy way to stabilise them. The key is unchanged. All legitimate users have a key so please lock the gate if you may be last person to leave.

Club clothing: club branded clothing is available from this supplier <https://www.nottscounty.stitchprint.co.uk>

Paddle UK There is an opportunity to volunteer as a driver (expenses paid) for Paddle UK (formally BCU). This is likely to involve driving in Europe and being away for several days. If you are interested contact the Training Principal at principal@ncsc.org.uk

Prometheus Sailing There is an opportunity for charters and sailing courses (larger boat cruising) at a discount through the club with Prometheus Sailing. If you are interested please contact Martin Hayhoe (or email info@ncsc.org.uk and we will pass the message on).

Training

An initial group of Dinghy (**Adult & Junior courses**), Powerboat and Windsurf (**Adult & Junior courses**) are on SCM (see links in text), more to follow. There is space on an **Adult Start Windsurfing course** 17/18 May. We need volunteer instructors and PB2 drivers / and safety crew for junior dinghy courses at end of month.

Wing Surfing courses: We are in the process of gaining recognition to teach RYA Wingsurfing. It would be helpful to know demand within the club. Please register your interest via [Sailing Club Manager](#) or by emailing Principal@ncsc.org.uk.



Above Inclusive sailing 6th May & 3 June



*Above: Sailing in April
Below: Windsurf, dinghy and powerboat courses this month*

