



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter April 2025

Commodore

A couple of months ago in this Newsletter I talked a little bit about the changes being made around the kitchen. You will all see that this work is largely completed.

All of the changes we have made have been driven by the fact the Club is a Registered Food Business. As such it is essential that we comply with all of the associated regulations. Debs Stanton, as our Caterer, is responsible for everything which happens in the kitchen.

We have installed a roller shutter between the clubroom and the kitchen, clearly defining the area which must be controlled from a hygiene point of view. There are also strong and understandable rules to safeguard those who have allergies. The rules mean that any food taken into the kitchen must be controlled and its origin recorded.

Outside the kitchen there is a new Hot Drinks Unit with its own sink. People can continue to make their own hot drinks and then use the new sink to wash the mugs.

All of these regulations apply 7 days a week, regardless of whether catering is run for a profit or on a volunteer basis. Following very detailed discussion of all the possibilities Mandy Davie and Rosie Payne have decided to step away from Tuesday Night Catering. I am sure you will all join me in thanking them for the many hours of hard work they have put in over the last few years.

Our Caterers, Debs and Maddy Stanton will now take over the Tuesday night catering.

I also think that this is the right place to let everyone know that over the last few weeks there have been a number of problems related to the equipment in the kitchen. All the equipment belongs to the club and the issues have been completely outside the caterers' control. Be assured that I have been working with Steve Gill to resolve the issues in the short term and also to ensure that permanent solutions are in place for the longer term.

Finally A few of highlights !

When you come to the club, you will notice the new decking on the rear veranda. The wooden decking could be very slippery when wet and there were signs of rot in some of the older sections. I am sure you will join with me in thanking Steve Gill and his team who have installed the decking as volunteers making this significant investment affordable.

The RYA has confirmed our status as a **Pathway Club** for our Junior Race development activities. We are one of only 6 Clubs in the Midlands. This status reflects our investment and commitment to junior racing over a number of years - much of which is focused on the Youth Race Squad

The Youth Racing Coordinators, Gordon Burton and John Gathergood supported by the Vice Commodore and the Sailing Committee are busy finalising the 2025 programme of activity.

Saturday 29th March saw the Club's Awards Evening. A fantastic social event organised by Jon Willars. 54 members enjoyed a marvellous meal prepared by Debs, Maddy and Belinda followed by dancing 'till late.

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April

- 3 New rules evening
- 7-11 RYA Dinghy Instructor course
- 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
volunteers needed
- 3-5, 10/11 Windsurf Instructor course
- 6 Inclusive sailing
- 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

Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

Rules Evening on 3rd April at 7.00pm at the club, all are welcome. The evening will include an update on the new rules followed by a question and answer session. The evening will be presented by Stephanie Gunn who is an RYA National Judge. There is no charge to participants!

Boat Park: Unfortunately due to increased work commitments Jake Willars has reluctantly stood down from his role as Boat Park Manager. Jake has done an excellent job. Jake will install the 2025 birth stickers and update Sailing Club Manager. Sadly this means we are looking for a new Boat Park Manager. Jake is happy to ensure an effective handover. Anyone interested in taking over the role should contact commodore@ncsc.org.uk

Discover Sailing on 3rd May. Neil Chadborn, the Vice Commodore is coordinating the day. Neil is seeking volunteers to assist with onshore jobs together with Instructors to take visitors sailing. There is plenty to do, safety, registration, membership, buoyancy aids, setting up and taking down and pontoon control are just some examples. It would be lovely to see members' family and friends or colleagues at the club to 'have a go' and to see what The Club is about. We enclose a poster, if you can print it (or collect a copy from the club) and put it up on local notice boards – with permission of course.

If anyone has a gazebo we can borrow for the day please contact Neil Chadborn (vicecommodore@ncsc.org.uk) We need a couple of additional ones (club ones are in use for membership and registration).

Sailing committee: three significant changes made by the Sailing committee for the Summer Main and Winter series.

1. We now have an Early and a Late Summer Main series for each class to give competitors more opportunity to qualify for at least one of the two. The format and race times are the same for each. Dates are shown on the SCM calendar.
2. The Winter series starts 12th Oct so has been extended by 2 weeks, finishing the Summer Series earlier.
3. The number of races to count in the Winter Series is now 1/3 to give more opportunity to qualify.
4. Juniors can elect to have their own start in races series by filling in the right hand two columns of the signing on sheet. ROs please check the sheets before beginning the start sequence for each race.
5. Please help single handers who are launching by pulling their trolleys clear of the water. This reduces the risk of accidents when boats are returning to shore.

26th April Sailability The Sailability Group invites anyone interested to come along to try their boats. This is open to volunteers, such as instructors or helpers or indeed anyone else interested. The day starts at 10am.

Clubhouse Walls: As you can see the clubhouse has been decorated and looks much tidier. There are to be no plaques or anything put on walls, windows or doors etc without express authorisation from the Commodore. There are notice boards provided which should be used in the first instance.

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)

  More information including location

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



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

Above: Poster enclosed to advertise our open day please put on any notice board you can at work, village etc



Above: The awards evening, well attended and a great evening. Below: The balcony team on Tuesday, and bottom Plenty of courses to sign up to, photo shows Instructor course in progress.



Training

Courses are now on Sailing Club Manager (SCM) and this includes Dinghy, Powerboat and Windsurf courses. More will follow. Please book online via SCM.