



# Notts County Sailing Club

## Newsletter November 2025

### Commodore

The AGM is nearly upon us which will be another significant day for the club. The business to be conducted will all be set out in detail in the papers for the meeting. I will pick out two things.

Plans for conversion to a charity have been progressing but progress has been far slower than I had hoped. This is largely due to issues with our landlord who must agree to give a lease to the charity which will be a new legal entity. I will give more detail on this in the Commodore's Report and at the meeting.

Nicki Theokritoff is standing down from the committee after many years. There are details of his role elsewhere in this newsletter but I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank him for the enormous contribution he has made.

It does not feel more than a few days since James Logan asked me to step up as Rear Commodore. Having done the job before, I was initially reluctant but then I am easily flattered. I have to say it has been a very rewarding few years. The Sailing Club is a far more complex organisation than it was when I was first a member of the Executive Committee 20 years ago. It can be a challenge at times but I would encourage anyone to get involved in the running of the club.

In particular I have to thank all the members of the Exec who have lived with my style of management for the last two years. In particular; Nicola (with the minutes) and David (with the Newsletter) who have come to know, but probably not love, my corrections and modifications. I thank you both, especially, for your patience. I am also very indebted to Susan for proof reading the newsletters and other documents.

On a personal note I would like to thank all of you who have wished me well during my recent hospitalisation. Sadly sailing, for me, is out of the question until, at least, April next year. To the 400 fleet, my message is – I will return! I am delighted to be handing over to Neil. I am sure he will make an excellent Commodore and I wish him and his team every success. I can echo David Cameron's words here – 'I was the future once !'

Best wishes to you all.  
Ken

*Right: First aid course with our treasurer, and an Instructor learning about defibrillation under the watchful eye of recently qualified First Aid Instructor Olly. There are more courses in Spring. Like all RYA courses please go on the waiting list if you can't book so we can contact you when we arrange a course.*

### November

- 1 RYA First Aid Course
- 1 Dinghy Instructor pre assessment
- 9 AGM motions to Hon Sec
- 29/30 ILCA Regional Training
- 30 AGM

### December

- 4 Lunchtime social for retired members
- 21 End of year Social (with Santa) after back to back races

### January

- 1 First of Year race



*Above: Jake Willars on his way to winning a well attended Solo Open. Below: the excellent Bullseye social in October.*



## Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

**AGM:** Sunday 30th November 2025 at 4pm in the Clubhouse. Any Motions (see constitution) such as proposed changes to the Constitution and nominations must be emailed to the Honorary Secretary (or posted) to arrive by 4pm on 9th November. A Notice with agenda, any motions, nominations or other formal business will be emailed to all members on or before 16th November. For general discussion points and feedback there will be Part B after the formal business. If there is topic you would like to raise, please email the Honorary Secretary before 28th November. It is useful to have notice of these points to allow any relevant facts to be gathered together. Papers relating to the formal business will be on members' area of the website (sign in required) [here](#) after 16/11/25

After many years on the Executive Committee including a stint as Commodore, Nicki Theokritoff has decided to stand down as Projects and Environmental Officer. Nicki has led many of the infrastructure projects over the last few years. His contribution has been incalculable. In addition Nicki has been responsible for our relationship with the Refuse Contractor and other environmental issues. For the Project Team Nicki is supported by a group of volunteers. If you are interested in this most important role please get in touch with Nicki, Ken or Neil.

The role of Sailing Secretary has grown over the years and it would be really helpful if John could share the load with someone. There are two tasks in particular. Firstly, we have an increasing number of Class Associations and other groups wishing to run training sessions on our lake. Secondly there is the task of preparing the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for our open meetings. If you are able to help with either of these important tasks, please contact either [John](#) or [Neil](#).

Winter is here with the potential for gales, please ensure **your boat is properly tied down** with correct knots and good quality rope. You are responsible if your boat damages anyone else's boat. If you go on the water please bear in mind that it is now cold. **Be aware of the wind chill and the water temperature.** Make sure you are sailing within your capabilities and wear appropriate clothing.

**Don't forget to put 21st December** in your diary. There will be a Christmas Party, at the club after racing. The two races will be held back to back as in previous years. There will be a short pause so those racing or on duty can pack up boats. Keith will be providing food which you can buy on the day and Santa will be paying a visit.

The RYA is organising a Midlands Region - **Women on The Water Day** on 22nd November at Northampton SC, book [here](#). The day is aimed at women who may be interested in the RYA Dinghy or Powerboat training pathways.

For those members who may be interested in Yachting, [Nautical Training](#) has a range of courses, including RYA Day Skipper, available in Newark.

The Thursday Group: On Thur 4th Dec there is a retired members social starting at 11:30, all welcome, bring food, bar open.

A reminder that any near miss, incidents and similar should be reported on the online form available [here](#), or a paper form which should be posted to the Safeguarding/Health and safety officer.

**Code of Conduct** We have reviewed the code of conduct to remove some inconsistencies and also to add further guidance on matters onshore and around the clubhouse. The Code of Conduct can be found [here](#).

**Tractor** Unfortunately the tractor continues to have serious problems with its brakes making it unsafe to use. Nicki Theokritoff is exploring the possibilities to fix it. In the meantime, the key has been removed because there is a significant risk of an accident if it is driven in its current condition

## Training

Beverly Law has retired as Training Secretary, we thank her for her contribution. We are looking for someone to fulfil the role, please contact the [Principal](#) to find out more. The majority of next years 2026 RYA Courses are now live and bookable.

## Sailing Committee

**Re-scheduled Scorpion Open meeting 8th / 9th November** On Saturday there will be up to 4 races run back to back in pairs, first race 11.00am. On Sunday two races are planned with a break in between for boats to come to shore and observe 2 minutes silence at 11.00am. The second race will start as soon as possible thereafter and should finish before 12.30. Club racing will not start before 12:30.

**Club racing 9th November:** The club races will be 2 handicap starts run back to back in order to finish before dusk. First start will not be before 12.30pm. Note the club will observe the 2 minutes silence on the shore between the two Scorpion Open races.

**ILCA Regional training weekend 29th -30th November.** This is open to members and visitors for a fee. See entry details on SCM calendar. Please note that the coaching will be either side of the club handicap race on Sunday morning.

**Duty crews** Another call out for allocated duty crews to accept their duty via SCM or arrange a swap. This tells the Race Officer and the Duty Sec you will attend. Details of how to do this are on the club website under [Members – Duties information](#). There are vacancies for crews for the rest of the season, for the 1st Year Race and the County Cooler races in 2026.

### Endeavour trophies

The Sailing Secretary is looking for nominations for club sailors who have shown exceptional endeavour in their sailing in 2025. The 3 categories are Junior, Adult dinghy and Windsurfing / Wing boarding. If you would like to make a nomination, please email [sailingsec@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:sailingsec@ncsc.org.uk)



Sun 21st December Christmas Party with Santa. Food available to buy from Keith