



# News - Feb 26

## Commodore

Thanks to everyone who helped at the 'small' work party recently. The club was looking great for the County Cooler open after cleaning of windows, changing rooms, bar area, under clubhouse etc. Thanks to Jeff Peters, Jon and Nicola Willars, Nicki Theokritoff, Gerry Ball, Phil Dyne, Nick and Sue Orgles, Deb Pennington, John and Kim Parr, Alison Goodall and others I may have forgotten!! Thanks also to Bosun's buddies for their work behind the scenes, also behind layers of ice! Above and beyond, to maintain Triton committee boat and safety boats, during the 'quiet season'. Also, thanks to two members stepping up as dinghy park managers: Barry Higham and Trevor Lloyd – contact them on [boatpark@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:boatpark@ncsc.org.uk).

We have new noticeboards in the corridor – these will be for club information and information about each of the fleets – maybe with a QR code to link to Whatsapp groups.

We are refitting individual showers in male changing – due to ingress of water. Thanks to Steve Gill for leading this work. Please be patient as contractors come in, to refit. This may also mean that inclusive changing room is more busy. This changing room by the main door is multi-user, eg father & daughter, people with disabilities (including 'hidden disabilities') and people who are transgender (this complies with current guidelines). Please don't leave kit bags in here, to enable full usage.

Lots of events coming up as we look forward to the new season – I hope to see you at:

- **Main work party Sat 28th Feb** – we need as many volunteers as possible please – lots of different jobs to do – inside and outside. There is a list on website which will be updated. We are hiring a tree cutter and driver so will need a large number of volunteers to clear the bushes.
- **Powerboat and safety training** – all members, can benefit – including as a refresher for experienced members. (See dates in panel these are free - members only)
- **Informal race training** 'get your boats out!' Sat 21st March
- Awards evening, on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**Please can members volunteer for these duties**, otherwise they will be allocated:

Sunday 1st March - 2 Rib Drivers and 1 Safety Crew  
 Sunday 8th March - 2 Rib Drivers and 2 Safety Crew  
 Sunday 15th March - 1 Rib Driver and 1 Safety Crew  
 Sunday 22nd March - 3 Rib Drivers, 3 Safety Crew, 1 Race Clerk and 1 Assistant Race Officer  
 Sunday 29th March - 3 Rib Drivers, 3 Safety Crew, 1 Race Clerk and 1 Race Officer

## February

Mon 2	Start of sailing at any time
Sat 7	ITCA Pathway Topper Training
Thur 12	RYA Workshop at club
Sat/Sun 14/15	Snakebite
Sat/Sun 21/22	Pondlife
Sat 28	Train & Volunteer thankyou and CPD(invited)
Sat 28	Work Party ( <a href="#">info here</a> )

## March

Sun 1	Spring Series starts
Sat 7	<u>NCSC Driving skills</u>
Sat 7 onwards	Youth Training
Sun 8	<u>NCSC Rescue skills.</u>
Mon-Wed 16-18	Wing Instructor Course
Sat 21	<u>Informal Race training</u>
Sat 21	<u>First Aid Course</u>
Sat 21	<u>Awards evening /social</u>
Mon 30	RYA Dinghy Instructor course starts



A few photos of County Cooler, top: part of dinghy fleet on start line, with Kevin and Andy on the right in the Fireball off to a good start. Middle; Jake Willars hiking hard. Bottom; Gerry Ball (Vice Commodore) leading the windsurfers

# Notices



Recognised Club

## RYA talks

There are some excellent RYA national Pathway talks being organised online on Tuesday evenings: January to 24<sup>th</sup> March, delivered by experts. The poster with the topics and dates is [on YRS page](#). [Link to talks](#)



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## Training

RYA First Aid 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March, well worth a day even if you are not instructing. Plus we have a Wing Instructor course 16/17/18 March. All course book online on Members area.

**The individual showers within the men's changing room** are out of use due to refurbishment (faulty mixer and damp walls). The inclusive changing room is available as an alternative.

## Membership

Subscriptions are now overdue, and the gate code changes early March so please pay now. If you have't seen your email please contact [membership@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ncsc.org.uk)

## Socials

Please book the Presentation night on 21<sup>st</sup> March as soon as possible for numbers, meal - all are welcome.

## Sailing Committee

**Tuesday Evening Scorer.** We need a scorer to collate and calculate results using Sailwave. Volunteers please let Sailing Sec know.

**Buoy W.** We need a replacement large windward mark for Opens. If anyone knows of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand buoys for sale let Sailing Sec or Bosun know.

**Pursuit Races.** Will be 75 minutes duration with 12 minute initial sequence providing Windsurfer and Non Pursuit handicap starts before the Pursuit countdown.

**Summer Series.** The Morning races will count for one series and the Afternoon races will count for a second. There will be no Early and Late split. There will be 2 shorter back to back races on the last Sunday of each month. They will both count for the Afternoon series. The Wadsworth race will still take place afterwards.

**Snakebite University team racing** takes place on **14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February. Pondlife 21/22 Feb** members welcome to come and watch.

**Rules & Arbitration process Evening** on 16<sup>th</sup> April in the club at 7pm. Led by Stephanie Gunn.

## Training

There are places available on the 7<sup>th</sup> March Driving Course and the 8<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Club Safety Powerboat courses. All are welcome. Those who are already drivers who may wish to refresh their skills and are welcome to attend the Safety (Day 2) Course.

All our other [RYA courses](#) are available to book via SCM. Interested in becoming an instructor please feel free to contact Adrian to discuss.

The invites for our annual thank you evening have gone out. Please reply to Adrian if you and your partner are planning to attend.

## Dinghy Show awards

The club and a member are getting awards on the 21<sup>st</sup> Feb at the dinghy show at 1pm at Sailability stand and in afternoon Ross (as Regional chair) will be down so please see him if you want to attend.



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