



# News - March 26

## Commodore

It's been a busy February – despite club sailing being quiet, there has been lots going on – off the water as well as on the water! Over two weekends University have been busy with dinghy team racing (Snakebite) and windsurfers (Pondlife). Snakebite involved 17 teams competing – which made good spectating for some club members. Thanks to all members who supported these events and thanks Keith and Carol for catering!

Off the water – we were pleased to host an 'RYA Connected' event where Ben Hodgson led discussion with members of regional clubs about club development plans and sustaining membership. This was timely, as we are currently considering NCSC Development Plan – this is available on the website: <https://members.ncsc.org.uk/Club/development-plan> please have a look and send us your views. A key part of our development is our change to charity status – this is progressing, and we will let you know when we are ready to announce our Extraordinary General Meeting where all members finalise this decision.

Most importantly, several members attended the RYA Dinghy and Watersports Show last weekend in Farnborough. I was very proud of the club as we were one of four clubs to receive Para Pathway status. I was pleased to receive this certificate from Nick Scott, head of racing at RYA, along with Anne Clark, Logan Bell, Marie Pears, Deb Pennington and Ross Ryan. The Para Pathway has similar aims to the Youth Pathway and will encourage people with disabilities (including sensory and 'hidden disabilities') to join in racing at the club and travelling to events. However, the highpoints of the Show, for me, were seeing Logan on stage, describing his experience of para sailing at Rutland and Notts County, in a session chaired by World Champion para sailor Hannah Stodel. Logan won a Rising Star award and we are pleased that he is keen to encourage para sailing at Notts County. Then in the afternoon John Sears received a National RYA Individual Award in the Unsung Hero category. Well done John – for all your excellent volunteering, coordinating all racing at the club as Sailing Secretary, and in the past Duty Secretary!

## Work Party this Saturday 28th February 9am

There are lots of jobs to do both inside and outside, and if you can bring tools and gloves as outlined on the [page linked here](#) that would help. 9am onwards report to clubhouse for a bacon cob.

## March

- Sun 1 Spring Series starts
- Sat 7 [NCSC Driving skills](#)
- Sun 8 [NCSC Rescue skills.](#)
- Sat 14 [RYA First Aid course](#)
- Mon-Wed 16-18 [Wing Instructor Course](#)
- Sat 21 [Informal Race training](#)
- Sat 21 [RYA First Aid course](#)
- Sat 21 [Awards Evening](#) book via link
- Mon 30 RYA Dinghy Instructor course starts

## April

- Sat 4 [Big Boat sailing evening](#) Sail GP and Yachting talks book via link
- Wed 8-10 Easter [RYA Junior start Racing & Stage 3 or 4](#)
- Sat 11 RYA Disability Awareness course (tbc)
- Sat 11 onwards Informal Race Training (Adults)
- Sat 11 onwards [RYA Adult Dinghy Level 1 & 2](#) courses
- Thur 16 [Rules evening](#) (all welcome) 7pm
- Sat 18 Stanier starts
- Sun 19 Sun Main series starts
- Tue 21 Tuesday evening starts
- Thur 23 Thursday evening starts
- Sat 25 Sailability Try our boats
- Sun 26 NCSC Rescue Skills



Top: Notts County getting Para Pathway Award.



Left: John Sears getting RYA National Unsung Hero Award, and Logan Bell the RYA National Rising Star award.

Congratulations all

Thanks To Kathryn Ryan for photos

# Notices

2026 AWARDS EVENING 21ST MARCH



Book online



Welcome

## Socials

We look forward to welcoming you to our **2026 awards night on the 21st March** to celebrate the achievements of the 2025 season in our clubhouse. Everyone is welcome please [book here](#) via SCM

Heads up on **4th April is the Big Boat evening**: A talk on SailGp the 50 ft high speed catamarans racing at Portsmouth and a talk on Yachting opportunities at club. Tickets £5 adults (Cheese and wine) and free for under 18s. [Book here](#).

An evening on big boat sailing Sat 4th April 2026 7pm at Notts County SC



7.30pm Sail GP talk



8.30pm Yachting opportunities



Handbooks are available at club and are online on Policy documents page.



## Sailing Committee

- Black & White Pursuit race will be 75 minutes duration. New start times with 2026 PY handicaps will be displayed on the Race Office Notice board and linked on website after 23rd February.
  - Arbitration & Rules evening on 16th April at 7pm in the clubhouse.
- Thanks to the following volunteers:
- Youth Race squad being run by Beccy Dickenson & Sarah Venning
  - Informal Race training being run by Jon & Jake Willars.
  - Saturday club being organised by Jenny Alexander-Brown.

Interclub Winter series has final event the Burton Blizzard 7th & 8th March.

**Catering** Keith and Carol will commence breakfast and lunches from Sunday 1st March throughout the season and on a Saturday commencing from 18th April.

**Mid-week catering** will be trialed Thursday & Tuesday evening food. Continuation will be subject to numbers eating, so please support Keith and Carol. We shall review take up after the first 4 weeks.



## Training

There are lots of training opportunities coming up in the next few months. Details and booking via the website and linked on previous page but the highlights are:

- Club safety boat courses March 7th/8th - places are still available. The 8th is also for people who want a refresher.
- RYA First Aid courses on 14th March & 21st March places available.
- RYA Youth stage 3 & 4 and Start Racing in the Easter Holidays 8-10th April - places available.
- Adult learn to sail course in April weekends. Other dates are also on the website including an adult mid-week dinghy course in May.
- RYA Powerboat 2 course 7th/8th May.

## The individual showers within the men's changing room

are being refurbished. The inclusive changing room is available as an alternative, however those with mobility issues have priority in this space.



## Membership

The 2026 members gate code will change in early March and all paid up members will receive an email advising of number.

If you have not paid your membership fees please contact [membership@ncsc.org.uk](mailto:membership@ncsc.org.uk) urgently to maintain access and use of the facilities.

## Sailability - save the dates

- RYA Disability Awareness Course 11th April (tbc) at the Club House - free and open to all Club members. This course is an excellent, we highly recommend all instructors, helpers and committee members to attend, all members are welcome.
- 'Try our boats' Saturday, April 25th from 10.30