



News - May 26

Commodore

It's an exciting time of the year as we prepare for the start of main sailing season; we've had two events to prepare members for the season. On Saturday 11th Apr we had an interesting session led by Sallie Bowd and Gary Flint who helped us to understand the perspective of people with disabilities including people who use a wheelchair. We discussed how we could make things easier for people with disabilities (including 'hidden' disabilities) – we're pleased to be getting started with our para-pathway initiative. This links to our HANSA race coaching and open meeting on Tues 5th and Weds 6th respectively.

Thursday 16th April Steph Gunn led our racing rules evening, which covered the basics as well as more advanced questions. We're keen to enable all members to improve their knowledge to improve everyone's experience of racing.

Another great event was the yachting evening on Easter Saturday when Emily Hall spoke about her exciting experiences with SailGP yachts. We are proud to be able to offer members experiences of yacht sailing through our new partnership with Trent Offshore Group.

Look forward to seeing you at the Open Day – Discover Sailing 9th May – we would welcome more helpers to show off our club to visitors.

Neil

May

Sat 2 Mon 4	RYA Start and improve wing course
Sun 3	Para Pathway coaching Details
Tue 5	Para Pathway / Hansa Race Coaching
Wed 6	Hansa TT Open Meeting
Thur/fri 7/8	RYA Powerboat 2
Sat 9	Discover Sailing
Sat 9	Saturday Club starts
12/13/19/20	RYA Adult midweek course (Dinghy)
Sat/Sun 30/31	RYA Powerboat 2

June

Tue 2	Inclusive sailing afternoon
Thur/Fri 4/5	RYA Safety boat
Fri 5	YRS Feva training
Sat 13	Windsurf open
Sun 14 & 28	Para Coaching

**RYA
DISCOVER
SAILING**
Get Started

at Notts County Sailing Club
9th May 2026
1030-1600

- Thinking of trying sailing, come and have a go.
- RYA learn to sail courses
- Information on sailing, windsurfing, wing surfing, joining
- Watch some racing & Saturday Club
- Find Out about Sailability (adapted boats)

Try sailing
All ages welcome
Sport for life

Free

Notts County is 12 miles east of Nottingham, find us at surreal.against.rekindle we have a superb clubhouse, lake, safety and a friendly atmosphere. Contact info@ncsc.org.uk or visit www.ncsc.org.uk

Volunteers needed to help at discover Sailing in 9 days time. Posters available on website please distribute, or put up on notice boards etc.



Saturday 9th May bring friends, colleagues etc



Discover Sailing volunteering: Dinghy instructors can help with giving rides, contact the Principal. Windsurf instructors on simulator. Help needed for buoyancy aid handing out and collection, directing and chatting to visitors. Contact Sailing Secretary or Membership secretary so we can add you to the list. If you can't make all day a few hours is fine as it allows others time to relax.

Notices

Discover Sailing: 9th May, this is our big push to get more people into sailing, filling our courses, and membership. We need all sorts of help, car parking, welcome at gate, buoyancy aid, generally talking to people and directing them, so something for everyone. Please let us know if you can help. Saturday Club starts also that day.

Sailability

Para Pathway coaching starts on Sunday 3rd May, [see here for information](#).

This first week of May is **HANSA week**, with Coaching on Tuesday afternoon, aimed at those new to racing, with tips for the more experienced, ready for Wednesdays HANSA Travellers open. We need volunteers for the open as we have 23 confirmed entries so far, efficient launching and help really makes the event go well. The HANSA boat is aimed at all sailors, not only those with specific needs, it is stable, having a keel, and easy to learn in and race with a great Portsmouth handicap (ie you can do well in the races).

Sailing Committee

- First pair of back to back races in the Main Sunday series ran well in light and variable conditions. Feedback from most competitors was positive. Sailing committee will evaluate after a season's experience in a variety of conditions.
- Reminder to parents and designated carers to supervise their youngsters in the changing rooms to ensure their safety and good behaviour, eg before and after Saturday club, Development & Youth race squad activities. All under 18s should be supervised whilst at club (unless on RYA courses).
- Jon Willars plans to run more Informal race training days aimed at members who are new to racing. He will tailor the coaching for those who have completed our Learn to Sail courses.
- We will be demonstrating model boat sailing during Discover sailing. The Sailing Committee have been asked if this can be supported as a regular activity at the club.

Training

Dear All. Training is off to a good start for the season but we can always do better. There are spaces on our **mid-week May Adult Learn to Sail courses** - a great and relaxing way to learn with some very experienced instructors. We have spaces on our Youth May week dinghy courses during half-term and are currently aiming to run Stage 1, 2 & 3 and possibly 4 depending on interest.

Finally we have spaces on our **early May mid-week adult powerboat 2 courses** (7th/8th) and the **RYA Safety Boat Course in early June** - links on Calendar or previous page.

Look out for more courses later in the year for all our disciplines - Windsurfing, Windsurfing, Dinghy and Powerboat. Please register interest helps us plan courses. (Register interest is dated 31st Dec - not actual date as SCM requires a date)

Instructors, Training Rib drivers and helpers - we now have two school visits planned during the week on **June 26th and July 1st**. Anyone who has been involved with these will know how much fun they can be and how rewarding - please sign up via SCM or contact Adrian at Principal@ncsc.org.uk to volunteer or find out more.

Swim Safe Instructor

Training 26th May - last call for instructors to undertake the face to face training on the morning of the 26th May. If there is insufficient interest we may need to cancel. If you can't make it there is the option of on-line training - email Adrian at Principal@ncsc.org.uk to register your interest

General

Please keep dogs on lead from the barrier to the tree on the corner as there are easily disturbed rare ground nesting birds and we want to give them a chance and of course dogs on lead round the clubhouse.

Your club needs you! We need a new Trophy Steward contact Kathryn for information. (membership@ncsc.org.uk)



Above: Para training session.
Below: Sail GP talk, Sunday sailing in spring series, the main series have now started. A Wing Instructor practising for the course this weekend which I full. (Please register for next one)

