



# News February 2016

## Notts County Sailing Club

### FEATURE – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The club has a strong family friendly history and we look to encourage adventurous youngsters into the exciting sport of sailing. There are many ways young sailors can take to the water and this feature highlights 3 active groups within the club. Our Training section run a range of RYA courses starting with beginners wanting to “Start Sailing” ( Level 1) and covering the “Basic Skills” (Level 2). These are aimed at those over 8 years old and provide a structured 5 day courses run over Easter and in the summer by club instructors and volunteers ( see training for details .. web link).

“Saturday Club” is run by a keen group of volunteer parents using the club Toppers & Oppie’s - definitely a self-help group that starts mid-May on Saturday mornings and can have up to 35 youngsters from 6 to 16 joining in. This year we are hoping to have a longer season and include the opportunity to try out windsurfing for those with better balance and upper body strength.



Our “Youth Squad” has it’s origins back in 2009 and helped develop windsurfers & dinghy sailors who have gone on to compete at National and International level. It was resurrected in 2013 with a new group of coaches under the co-ordination of Tim Cripps. Squad numbers have

grown from 12 in 2013 to 20 this year. It is intended for young sailors who have their own boat and want to be introduced to racing in a fun & instructive way. Running on selected Saturday’s the coaching sessions precede the Saturday Club racing where the juniors now compete alongside other club racers. [Youth squad page.](#)

Our club is very fortunate to have these 3 vibrant and diverse youth training activities & if you want to join-in as a participant or as a volunteer helper please make contact with the co-ordinators ( Sarah Read – Training , Tim Cripps – Youth Race Squad , Debra Pennington – Saturday Club) – or email the web site at [info@ncsc.org](mailto:info@ncsc.org) . The success of these activities relies on the generous support & commitment of many volunteers.

### Diary Dates



**2nd Feb -  
Season starts**

**20th Feb 2016  
Working Party 9am  
(onwards)**

Important maintenance of grounds including ; Foreshore – profiling & mat laying, coppice / shrubbery - trimming removal , Removal of small



jetty in training lake, general site tidy & clean-up. Bacon Butty for those that turn up in time. (see over)

**21st Feb 2016  
Club Walk & lunch**

Please prebook lunch, by Thursday 18th Feb, with [info@ncsc.org](mailto:info@ncsc.org) (or ring) £8. If you want to come to lunch only it will be around 1pm, it is essential to pre book.

The walk traditionally takes a long route to Caythorpe, where those who wish can have a drink (the Black Horse), then there is a choice of ways back to lunch.



## Rib Driving – Safety Courses - in March Book now

Club Safety courses are on Saturday's in March (5th, 12th, 19th) - everyone should go on this course, especially parents and those who like to cruise - book on with <http://ncsc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Club-Safety-boat-Application-Form-2016-free.pdf> it is free, lasts all day (so come in warm clothing) and it is an interesting and informative day.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AWARDS EVENING – DINNER DANCE - 6.30PM

Tickets are all sold so it's time to brush down those DJ's and try on those new dresses ready for a fabulous evening of fun and celebration, guests arrival from 6.30pm, seated promptly by 7.25pm and partying until 1am. ( Nottinghamshire Golf & Country Club - Post code NG12 3HB)

### Other news items:

Our lease permits sailing at any time from 2nd February through to 1st October, but please do not sail alone and go on the safety boat course if you haven't already (see above). Remember your safety is your responsibility. If we get a cold snap the clubhouse could be drained down in which case there will be a notice on the door, and please remember to lock up including gates if you are last down, we have had a break in recently so please ensure you keep your club secure, and don't forget your keys.

#### 7th Feb

Laser & other class racing. Richard and Sarah Mason (weather providing) are suggesting an impromptu race, please contact Richard Mason direct at if interested by 4th Feb

**13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Snakebite – University Team Racing :** The Nottingham University will be hosting 26 racing teams from across the country in an exciting display of close quarter racing come down to spectate & support our entry. Whilst the water isn't closed you must keep well clear of the Team Racing, and safety cover isn't readily available. Paulene will be busy so if you want food please let her know.

#### 20th Work Party:

Please bring plenty of tools & garden equipment ...eg Chain saws, Loppers, secateurs, bowsaws etc, spanners, hammers, sledgehammers, prise bars, nail pincers/ prybars. Forks, mattocks/ picks, snips, wheelbarrows. Gloves / overalls even your wellies ..waders & Dry suit!

**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - Pondlife** - The Nottingham University windsurfing event. often with demo equipment and some racing and free sailing.

## ASST INSTRUCTOR - 19/20 MARCH, 2/3RD APRIL



This 4 day RYA course will equip you with the skills to help run RYA approved training courses at the club - a great way to pass on some of your skills to new sailors or younger generations. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. This is one of a wide range of courses planned for 2016 more details available on our web pages. [Club Training Page](#)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - 2016

A reminder to please return your membership renewal promptly to John Marshal including your preferred duty dates, if you haven't received a letter as yet please call him. Discount finishes soon.