



News November 2016

Notts County Sailing Club

FLEET RACING AT THE CLUB



Over the last 5 summer months we have enjoyed 21 weeks of exciting class racing. The standard of our Summer series is one of the highlights of our club activities. Competition between similar boats provides for some exciting moments on the water and placings in our main series have in some cases, been determined by the very last 42nd race ! The race management of 8 starts, keeping track of 60 + competitors and determining appropriate finishing laps, is a challenging feat for our Race teams ... but we manage it every week... brilliant !



This year 263 sailors took part in our Sunday main series with 73 adding to participation in the Wadsworth handicap racing. Saturday's has seen 142 sailors take part in the afternoon handicap racing which includes 31 Juniors many of whom have been coached by experienced Sunday racers. Our club has developed &



nurtured several generations of highly skilled racers and the core of this is built around our class racing (including windsurfing) . Sailing can be enjoyed in



many forms and we all love the thrill and excitement of getting on the water. The close competition involved in class racing can bring out the demon's in some of us and on

occasions we need to remind ourselves it's all a bit of friendly fun ! ... or perhaps it's about the array of silver ware offered out at our annual awards & dinner dance (Saturday 25th Feb a date for your diaries). The fleets are nurtured



by our volunteer Fleet Captains – who are ever keen to help you grow within a fleet or even try and entice you into the fold. I hope those of you in the menagerie class don't feel left out of this feature as you've clearly decided not to follow the crowd and selected a boat that has more appeal to you. From the ranks of this broad based group of boats builds up our future fleets.

Diary dates

4th Nov Bonfire Sausage Sizzler

Family friendly, low key evening at club. 6.30pm, sausages & soup - £3 - and if the wind is in right direction (so we don't damage anything) a Bonfire. Bar open. Please contact Nicola Willars at scorpion@ncsc.org.uk to book



Saturday 12th November: The 'Laying Up Supper' and Windsurfers supper, combined.

Traditional Pauline roast dinner, with all the usual gorgeous trimmings! Come and enjoy a lovely evening to celebrate all our sailing endeavours and catch up with old friends. Contact info@ncsc.org.uk to book, pay on night.

Thursday 24th Nov – Club AGM

A chance to get an update on the administration of your club from Executive Officers. There are vacancies on the committee for Social Secretary and Treasurer, so if you'd like to know more about these roles please speak with a Flag Officer. The meeting starts at 8pm sharp, and only proper business (see Constitution) put forward by 3rd Nov can be considered at the official part of the meeting. However after the formal meeting is a question and answer session, where any points can be raised, and will be considered by the relevant committee.

Notices

Newsflash from the Sailing Committee.

A full meeting of your sailing committee was held on Thursday 13th October. Please note that full minutes of all SC meetings are published on the club website but here are a few snippets of interest from the meeting....

Club Calendar

The full programme of sailing and training events was reviewed and approved for 2017, these are being loaded onto Sailing Club Manager.

Winter Open Event – County Cooler - 11/12th Feb

We intend to hold a two day open meeting in February 2017 - currently has the working title of "The County Cooler". It is hoped that this will form a mini series with a similar event being held by Staunton Harold SC "The Staunton Blaster" with the results from both events counting towards an overall prize.

Inner Distance Mark

Many moons ago, the sailing committee recommended that the IDM should no longer be deployed as it was largely unnecessary and had a tendency to cause confusion. Whilst there are occasions where the IDM has its use -eg marking the gate when the committee boat needs to be moved to another finish mark or to finish a pursuit race - it has been decided to remove the IDM from the lake thus taking away the temptation to use it when it is really not needed. It will be prominently positioned on the bank so if any RO's feel that they will need it then it can be picked up by a RIB and positioned as required. We do ask though that if used, please remove it again after use and put it back where you found it.

Dave Snutch - Sailing Sec

Duties for 2017

During this year we have transitioned towards managing duties through the [Sailing Club Manager](#) (link to instructions) – portal (Hopefully you have logged on by now!). For the coming season we will be adopting one of the options this new system provides ie the facility to "volunteer" for duty dates . You will in due course be sent detailed instructions but essentially once the portal has been enabled for "volunteering" you will be able to scroll through next seasons sailing programme and select your duty dates directly ... on a first come first served basis. This will help members select their most convenient dates. It's intended this facility will be opened to members during November so do [log-into Sailing Club Manager](#) and view next years sailing calendar with your diary in hand so you can start planning your duties for next season. Those who don't self book will be assigned the remaining dates by our Duty Secretary as previously but through an email notification. Please let the Vice Commodore know if you are having any difficulties with logging onto Sailing Club Manager.

Club Video

Have you see our [club video](#) please share with your friends on Facebook and elsewhere and thanks to those who took part.

Building works update

Members coming down to the club over recent weeks will have noticed slow progress following the digging-up of an electrical cable resulted in some redesign work for the steel superstructure . These sections have been on order for several weeks and should be installed soon and the construction of the building start to progress more rapidly. We will update the page on website soon.

Future Events for your Diary

Saturday 10th December:

The Children's Christmas Party, with special guest!

Lots of fun and games and making activities. 2-4pm and it's free! Just bring a plate of food and a wrapped present for little people to share. contact social@ncsc.org.uk

Sunday 18th December:

Everyone Christmas Fuddle! Bring a dish and join in the festivities! Really hope we can make it a great occasion. Please note racing is back to back on this date, so Fuddle normally starts between 2 or 3 pm. Pauline doing breakfasts.



Saturday 31st December:

New Year's Party at the sailing club. Camping inside available for those without a camper so you can really let your hair down but still be around on the Sunday for the first sailing of the New Year!

Times and further info will be available for all these events nearer the time. (see Social page & Facebook.)

social@ncsc.org.uk

First Aid courses

The club runs the one day RYA approved First Aid courses. Priority will be given to instructors requiring the renewal, but club members are welcome. There is no charge for club members. Please fill in form and contact trainingsec@ncsc.org.uk to check availability.

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