



Notts County Sailing Club Development Plan v2 – Jan 15

Encouraging and developing current and future sailors.

Present Situation

Strengths

- One of the best midland venues both on land and water.
- Committed well trained volunteers
- New long term lease – 30 years
- Welcoming to new members.
- High quality racing and race management.
- All ages catered for – Saturday Club to U3A.
- Diversity: Socially, sailing skills, types of craft.
- Encourage progression into racing (Saturday and Tuesday)
- Social program
- Size of membership with high numbers of family members
- Good governance
- RYA training establishment
- Excellent role models – national squads, champions, cruising
- Junior club with parent participation.
- Youth Squad feeding youngsters into Zone squads and encouraging 14-25 participation in club racing

Weaknesses

- Clubhouse and facilities showing their age.
- Ageing membership
- Small changing areas especially ladies
- Publicise training
- Pontoons and foreshore, tidiness
- Link between trainees and subsequent future involvement in club
- Noisy clubroom, older members can't hear clearly
- Lack of quality training room, poor first impression and lack of good facilities for all training especially feedback and 'lectures'
- Lack of meeting room for protests.
- Limited dry area for spectators.

Opportunity

- Association with University of Nottingham
- Boat park capable of expansion
- Increase participation across local community groups – including schools.
- Smarten up grounds, clubhouse and foreshore
- Improve changing and boat park
- Improve youth pathway to include race management
- Encourage young volunteers
- Build on social program

Threats

- Blue green algae
- Weed
- Congestion limits activities at times.
- Ageing demographics of key volunteers.
- National decline in sports clubs and sailing in recent years.

Where do we want the Club to be:

- Strong successful club with long term future
- Growing participation at all levels, all ages and all abilities.
- Growing membership
- Committed and involved membership
- Well administered
- Excellent and sufficient facilities, including water
- Strong race programme and participation.

Future development objectives:

- Develop clubhouse to provide training facilities and improving changing by end 2016
- Increase participation across new extended lease terms to 2017 and beyond
- Develop & enhance links with community organisations.
- Increase sail training volunteer base (including SI s) to allow RYA course and trainee numbers to increase. Encourage more members and non members to take courses, especially improvement type.
- Raising standards through fleet specific training days – annual budget assigned.
- Encourage 14-25 year group & disabled
- Develop the youth development progression further and retain and use the RYA Champion Club status (coaches) and encouraging attendance of RYA pathway events
- Improve social participation
- Improve grounds, including access to water via pontoons (foreshore, boat park, etc) development plan for the grounds (2015)
- Become fully accredited RYA Sailability site.
- Formalise U3A activity and increase participation of more mature sailors.

How we plan to get there:

- Sign long term lease (Jan 2015)
- Training and Changing areas – apply for lottery funding to add to our own (estimated £150k needed looking at all funding streams).
- Make formal associations with one other community group or school in 2015.
- Develop relations with The University of Nottingham – target 18 – 25 year olds.
- Collaborate with Notts Scouts to provide sailing opportunity especially for 14-18 year olds.
- Increase membership – RYA “Push the Boat out” – Open day – 9th May 2015
- Increase training pool- additional RYA Assistant Instructor & Instructor courses this will facilitate capacity to run more extensive training programme.
- Fleet Training – publicise to members, each fleet captain.
- Continue develop Youth Training - internal & external coaches, further develop link into Saturday Club.
- Improve Social participation – New Social Secretary appointed 2015 .
- Improve Grounds: Regular working parties – co-ordinated through executive.
- Continue Safety Craft replacement & refurbishment programme.
- Upgrade present pontoons – evaluation of versadock (Small grant Sport England)
- Implement clubhouse upgrade and maintenance program to both improve standard & extend life of building – budget approved 2015-16 £70,000 .from savings
- Sailability – complete self assessment & develop improvement plan.with RYA
- Increase participation through winter sailing programme – 2016
- Full and diverse sailing programme - encouraging greater participation from members.
- Run larger scale “open events” eg British University Sailing Association Team Racing Championship Finals. – April 2015.
- Further develop formal process for dinghy / windsurfer rental scheme to encourage new sailors to participate.

Member opportunities Notts County SC

RYA & Club Website
Initial contact and information

Volunteers
Instructor training
(dinghy, powerboat, First Aid, windsurfing)

Social events
Bar, food etc
Linking all together



Cruising
Windsurfing, Wayfarer cruising, speed ladder, ladies that launch, U3A

RYA Courses Dinghy/ Windsurfing



Powerboat
RYA Level 2 & Safety boat
Club safety boat course
Honda Rib challenge for youngsters

First aid

Improvement
Club improver course (dinghy & windsurfing)
Higher Level RYA courses dinghy & windsurfing (Spinnaker, racing, seamanship, University Sportivate & Team training, Intermediate, Advanced, instructors, coaching by club sailors, coaches etc), Youth Squad & Team 15

Saturday Club
Junior start / improve using parents



Novice & Junior Racing
(Tue & Sat) – formal & informal coaching /courses
Youth Squad leading to Sunday racing and Zone squads

Class coaching / training
(Scorpion, RS 400, Windsurfing, Lasers, Ladies)



Racing
Class & handicap
Sunday racing & Opens
RYA Youth Squad
Annual Regatta
Barts Bash
Race Management
Safety boat

