



News May 2017

Notts County Sailing Club

Spring Regatta - goes wild in the country

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The Spring Regatta gets back to nature this year and no, that doesn't mean clothing is optional! Rather we want to celebrate our lake and wildlife whilst doing what we love on the water..

As well as the usual mix of racing let's also highlight and emphasise the wonderful nature all around us and take some time to appreciate the glorious setting in which we enjoy our sport and club.



As always, the core of this open event remains the racing. This comes in multiple flavours and is designed to provide something for everyone. New to racing (or never even tried it) then enter the Regatta cup - - friendly short course racing with the emphasis on fun. A more serious racer – join the Commodore's Cup – but remember smiling and fun are the order of the day and novices are also very welcome to join in. This year instead of formal class racing we are going to try a new option – fleets defined on sail type and crew. So, enter a race where asymmetrics compete, single handers of all types mix it up and symmetric spinnakers as ever, look pretty.



Also, new this year Optimist racing for our younger members. Prior experience of racing is not necessary. Finally, the return of team racing - almost the most fun two people can have in a confined space and they get to do it with others. Don't worry that you will need a team or even someone else to enter with, we will create teams depending on numbers so come along if you are up for it.

The weekend as ever kicks off with the Ragged Rascals and their infectious mix of sing-along songs, foot-tapping tunes and the opportunity to turn up with instrument in hand and join in. Mind you if you have no instrument (or indeed musical talent) that doesn't stop you singing along – just ask Viv. On the social side, we have the return of DJ Tim and the Silent Disco – a curious event that must be seen to be believed. Experience the full horror of dad dancing without the sound to drown it out (bar the predictable Mum sing-along). Foodwise we will have Pauline's famous roast, an external BBQ and of course the bar will keep you well hydrated. We also plan to have a series of nature activities including an introduction and update on the wildlife that surrounds us, wakes us in our tents and occasionally joins us in our boats.



We look forward to seeing you in May and hope you will join us. New to the club? No worries we hope to make you feel welcome on, off and occasionally in the water. Tickets now available at the bar or via springregatta@ncsc.org.uk. Camping is free and the weather will be glorious (and we always have wet weather gear!) [more info](#)

Ade & Viv



Events in May

Mon 1st May (Bank Holiday)
Paint & work party 9am
[more info](#)

2/3rd May Powerboat
course cancelled

6th & 7th May [Scorpion Open](#)

6/7th May Powerboat
instructor familiarisation

Wed 10th May- Team 15
start

13th May Saturday Club
starts – [more info](#)



20th May Club Open Day -
RYA "Push the Boat Out",
invite your friends [More information](#)



22nd May New Members
evening (invitations should
be sent but if you have
joined in last two years and
not been to one come along
7.30pm – please let Cathy
Reynolds – Club Secretary
know for catering)

26th to 29th May Spring
Regatta (see opposite)

Notices



Volunteers wanted for Monday **1st May** to help paint the ladies changing and conservatory, please turn up in painting clothes – start 9.00am finish 4pm Buffet lunch provided for helpers! please let commodore@ncsc.org.uk know if you want lunch [more info](#)

Birdwatchers

We are situated in a beautiful part of the Trent Valley which attracts a wide range of interesting birds. As a result there is a small group of regular birdwatchers who have become social members and are often at the club throughout the week. They are always keen to share sightings, so if you are interested stop for a chat about the latest migrating species. Having a presence at the

club, especially in the winter, has been very good for security and the birdwatchers are often the first to report if something is not quite right in our grounds or around the club.

As you drive in to our grounds, on the left you will see a newly formed mud scrape to encourage mud waders. The birdwatchers have also created a “tern island” for nesting birds using our old pontoon in the quiet part of the lake near the gated entrance. In addition they have also put bird feeders near the Flying Fifteen coppice area. These and other land management projects were discussed and agreed by the Executive committee.



FUTURE DIARY DATES

3rd June Laser Novice & Transitional laser coaching (see opposite)



7th June onwards Start Windsurfing (5.30pm) 4 evenings [info & booking form](#)



10th June onwards – Adult RYA dinghy course (3 weekends) [info & booking](#)



17th June Windsurf Open (no Saturday racing pm) [info](#)

24/25th June ITCA Topper Regional Champs, See Race notice board for Sun Racing times.

Our latest news photos and news are on Facebook, please like us to keep up to date. [Twitter link](#) [Facebook link](#)



Push the Boat out & Try Sailing

This is our main chance of the year to introduce newcomers to sailing & windsurfing, and show off our excellent facilities. Please let your friends, family and colleagues at work know they can come down, we will get them on the water in some form and let them have a go. Waterproofs and shoes that can get wet are helpful, and a wetsuit is required for windsurfing.

We also need help from instructors, welcoming party, car parking, handing out buoyancy aids and the like. Please contact the Commodore, Ross Ryan if you can help out sometime during the day.

... Please promote our Open Day. Poster enclosed, please print out (or collect a copy from club) and put up at work, local notice boards etc. [More information](#)

Boat Park stickers you should have collected your stickers and reserved your boat berth by now! There are still 2017 stickers not collected- available from the Bar Sunday's. From 1st May boat berths without a current sticker can be re-assigned by the Boat Park Manager.

Race coaching – Tim Cripps is organising a Laser race coaching day on Saturday 3rd June, designed for novice and improver Laser sailors to increase their sailing and racing skills. Contact lasercoach@ncsc.org.uk to book a place [more information](#).