



News April 2017

Notts County Sailing Club

Expanded and Refreshed – Club House



You will have noticed the clubhouse exterior has changed completely, the green wooden panelling was removed and the insulation layer upgraded and now covered by a light grey fibre concrete weatherboard which won't rot and is low maintenance. This new panelling provides a new and refreshed look to our exterior. There are new double glazed windows and doors and particularly exciting are the expanded facilities. Two extensions

have provided us with a superb training room / club room expansion and a long overdue extended ladies changing room with a bonus of a balcony for the sunset!

The Training room / extension to clubroom has new internal bi-fold doors to allow us to increase the clubroom capacity easily or close off as a classroom. The room has been in constant use since it opened in early March, with Topper National Training, RYA instructor course, Wayfarer Cruising Conference, RS400 coaching and of course our instructor update evening where 30 people fitted in with ease. It is equipped with a 50 inch LCD screen with computer and camera leads and a large magnetic whiteboard. We are evaluating how this new space can best be fitted out for maximum utilisation. The training room is already proving popular with club groups and we have introduced a booking system via the training secretary, naturally priority will be given to formal training sessions.



The ladies changing area has an additional electric shower and much more space to spread-out. Whilst construction is complete and the floor is laid – club members will now be working on fitting out with benches and shelves. Volunteer carpenters please report to Nicki Theokritoff!

The Race Office has had a complete make-over with new access doors & double glazed windows and a more ergonomic storage & work station design. This has enabled two new shower cubicles to be fitted in the men's changing area.

Finally you will have noticed new stairs and a balcony on the car park side of the club, along with new windows making the clubhouse warmer. With the re-cladding the opportunity was taken to replace our ageing shower boilers with new self ignition and frost protected water heaters.

This £219,000 project has been funded from reserves built up over the past 7 years and a £75,000 Sports Lottery Inspired facilities grant. Our reserves are now low and we are working on a tight budget so further investments will be limited and contributions by all members with their time and expertise will be greatly appreciated.



This has been a major project in the planning for nearly 3 years and a comprehensive programme of design / tender & construction over a 5 month period. Not only does it modernise the look and appeal of the club we hope the expanded facilities will serve members for many years to come.

Events April

1st April – First Aid course
1st April – Fitting Out Supper
1st April – Barrier code changes



8/9, 22/23 & 29th April:
Adult Dinghy Level 1 & 2 learn to sail course [Dinghy training](#)

[training](#)

15th April onwards – Youth Squad [Youth squad](#)

10-13th April (Mon to Thur) Junior Easter courses – full

24th April (Monday) HONDA RIB Challenge training starts, please fill in form and send to Training Secretary. [link to form, rya site](#).



Racing Series [racing](#)

19th April – Wednesday Windsurfing starts

20th April – Thursday Evening Racing Starts

25th April – Tuesday evening starts

29th April – Saturday racing starts

30th April – Sunday Main class series starts

30th April – All 2017 boat park stickers to be in place to retain your space.

Notices

Volunteers wanted for Monday 1st May to help paint the ladies changing, green areas of clubroom and conservatory, and touch in please turn up in painting clothes – start 9.30am Buffet lunch provided for helpers!



Volunteers wanted for **Push the Boat** out on Saturday 20th May, we need people to welcome visitors, hand out and act as shore crew, sail boats (instructors generally), encourage potential members and generally help out. All day if possible Saturday 20th May (or if not half a day). Ross Ryan, the Commodore is co-ordinating the event, which is our big chance to involve more in our wonderful sport, linked into a National initiative by the RYA. We shall have some A4 sheets for you to put up at work / local shops / notice boards or just hand out to friends in the clubhouse in the weeks before. A poster is enclosed with this mailing, please print out and put up where you can.

We hope to include “Cake by the Lake” – so do bake a cake and donate to this fund raiser and of course consume much of others baking!

Notts County goes wild in the country Spring Bank Holiday [link](#)

Thinking about nature, the environment whilst at the same time having fun, thrills, spills and racing for all levels of ability. Families particularly welcome with face painting, build a boat, camping, barbecue, the Ragged Rascals and the return of the silent disco. Tickets on sale from the bar from April 10th

Access to clubhouse and barrier code: The barrier code is due to change on 1st April. Members can collect their boat stickers (which must be on your berth by the end of April) and the new codes for the barrier – from the bar on Sunday’s, ideally around lunch time. Please open the new car park door inward, if you push it 90’ against the wall it stays open. When leaving please pull too and ensure it locks, try the handle, if you can still get in press the ‘Y’ key this should re-engage the lock. It is essential we keep the clubroom secure if you’re not sure please ask a Exec member to show you .

Honda RIB Challenge: This is an RYA initiative aimed at 8-12 and 13-16 year olds, to encourage excellent boat control. The club runs training, culminating in our best two competitors going through to the Regional finals on 1st July at Staunton Harold SC, the winners of the regional finals go to Southampton for the finals, the winner gets the club a new boat and engine. It is fair to say that many who have done the event have gone on to become very competent RIB drivers. Please book on now so we can line up instructors. [link to form](#)

Willow Farm: The club is intending to run a full sailing course with Willow Farm Primary School on Wednesdays in June and early July. In order to introduce 30 children to sailing we need instructors and powerboat drivers (RYA Powerboat 2 or above). The dates are 7, 14, 21, 28th June and 5/12th July, if you can only make one or two days it would be useful, please contact the Training Secretary who will liaise with the SIs.

Training: If you know someone who is wanting to do a Learn to sail or more advanced course please will you ask them to book early, it helps us resource instructors, if the booking is last minute we can not always accommodate them. There are some 2017 Training leaflets in the clubroom and conservatory, please ask if you can distribute a few. they have this years dates on.

Bar: We need some volunteers to open and close the bar, and preferably run it during club days, ie on Sundays. If we don’t have some volunteers coming forward there will be times after racing when the bar is shut.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

1st May – Bank Holiday and painting interior of clubhouse – 9.30 start.

2/3rd May – RYA Powerboat 2 [powerboat](#)

6/7th May – Scorpion Inland Championships

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



13/14/20/21st Powerboat instructor course

20th May - Push the Boat out [Info](#) (see Notices)

22nd May – New Members evening – anyone who has joined in last 12 months please come along and meet club officials and discuss how to get the best out of the club .

26th to 29th May – Annual Spring Regatta Notts County goes Wild (see Notices)

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