

News June 2017

Notts County Sailing Club

Running the Club - How does our club function?



The club organises an array of activities in order that we can all enjoy our sport. This is achieved through members volunteering their time and energy to fulfil certain tasks.

We have 3 committees that focus on specific aspects of the club organisation.

The **Executive Committee** manages the affairs of the club and set's out rules & policies which are embodied into our constitution. It manages the finances, aspects of membership, the maintenance of the buildings and grounds. It formulates a development plan and communicates to members through our website and newsletters. Members can write to the Executive via the Club Secretary or indeed speak to an Executive Member or Flag Officer. It is chaired by the Commodore and meets every 6 weeks.

The **Sailing Committee** is responsible for organising all activities that take place on the water, it develops our comprehensive sailing programme and has representatives from all the recognised fleets ie the "Fleet Captains". It is responsible for developing the duty rota so we have sufficient volunteers to run organised events. It also looks after race results and any disputes over racing conditions or race management and looks to develop skills across these aspects within the club. It is chaired by the Vice-Commodore supported by the Sailing Secretary and also meets on a 6 weekly cycle. If you have ideas about improving our sailing programme please speak with your Fleet Captain or directly with the Vice Commodore/ Sailing Secretary.



As a RYA recognised Training Centre we have a **Training Committee** that organises a range of internationally recognised training courses and manages the club boats. It seeks to encourage members to enhance their skills and accreditations and brings in valuable revenue into the club. It is Chaired by the Training Principal who works closely with the Chief Instructors and our Senior Instructors in the delivery of club courses. The Training Secretary provides important administrative support and is often the first point of contact for those interested in taking up places on our courses. The committee meets 3 or 4 times per year.



The Bosun is responsible for the upkeep & repair of our motorised craft and buoys around both lakes and works with all 3 committees. Every member makes a contribution by undertaking race duties or running courses and coming forward on the dates set aside for work parties / maintenance tasks and this volunteering is a major part of helping the club to run smoothly. The committees are really grateful for the support you offer on these occasions.

Our Sailing Club has been recognised by the RYA 3 times in recent years for being one of the outstanding clubs in the country. To achieve this recognition takes a lot of organisation and dedicated support by a vast number of people. We can all be proud of our club and the special friendly atmosphere we try and create for the enjoyment of all ... things are not perfect but together we can continuously improve and perhaps you might come forward to help resolve those little imperfections!

Events in June

7th Windsurf Start course (full) to 28th June

7th June – 12th July (6 Wednesday's) Willow Farm Junior School (any volunteer Powerboat 2 or helpers would be welcome) – Contact Sarah at trainingsec@ncsc.org.uk



10th Adult Dinghy Learn to Sail (till 24th) - still space available.

Saturday Club now started running through month



17th Windsurf Open with meal after (all welcome to meal) - Information



24/25th ITCA Topper Regional champs (Sunday sailing will start later – see Race Notice Board) - Club t o p p e r s w e l c o m e information

Notices

Memoires of a Regatta Organiser Ade Jones (Vice-Commodore)

I am sat here writing this piece for the newsletter after a hectic 5 days. Friday setting up the regatta, Saturday-Monday at the Regatta, Tuesday packing up the regatta and Tuesday evening the sailing committee and back to work today with a really warm feeling. My abiding impression of these few days is what a great group of club members we have. Of course, the various flag officers and committees are mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter but it is so much more than that. Friday setting up the marquee, members appeared from nowhere to help raise the marquee. Members took the day off work just to help set up. Whole families pitched in to decorate the club-house.



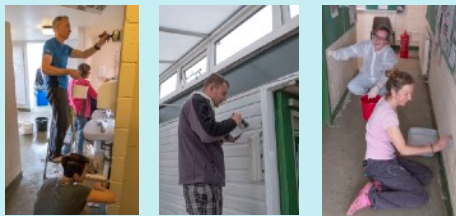
The photos show a fraction of the helpers, inc Ade doing the results

There may have been a duty roster for the weekend but so many extra people just stepped up and helped. After the winds of Saturday, volunteers just offered to come back to help on Monday. Members climbed into safety boats, tidied up the clubhouse, organised games and events, pitched in behind the bar, stepped in to face paint, ran a bird walk, organised a bat talk, ran a CSI game, took photographs, the list goes on and on. Even when it was over and everyone was tired, members stayed to help clear up.

Back on Tuesday and the club was full of members putting dye in the water, taking down the marquee, trying to fix Stoke Ferry and sorting out the clubhouse. Tuesday evening and the sailing committee is in full swing, Karen Ferrar is running the Tuesday night food and the racing team are busy. Not one of these people are paid, yet they, YOU, make this club the great community it is. So, don't be shy, let's celebrate this. Those of you looking to get more involved don't be bashful and think you have nothing to add; just step up and let's make Notts County even better. Thanks also to our sponsors Allen Brothers, Morton Boats, Noble Marine, Gill and HB Clark for their contribution.

Open Day success !

Saturday May 20th saw the club buzzing with 300 people (visitors & club members) joining in a fabulous day of sailing activities. Thanks to an array of helpers who helped to promote our sport and the club resulting in 12 new members joining on the day or signing up to training courses and we even got a promotional slot on Notts TV !



come soon !

Conservatory transformation Thanks to the team of painters & decorators who help "refresh" the conservatory & Ladies Changing on May 1st ... a new colour scheme and a new layout ... a new water fountain to

We hope to organise a windsurfing instructor course in August, please contact info@ncsc.org.uk if you are interested (and look at RYA prerequisites)

FUTURE DIARY DATES

2nd July - Laser Open - [more info](#)



8th July - 3 Clubs Champs at Notts County NOR will be on Opens page. This event is meant to encourage mixed ability and age teams from each club (Girton, Hykeham and NCSC) to try racing at other clubs.

15/16th July Seamanship / spinnakers course

22nd July Junior Open (normal sailing) NOR will be on Opens page.

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