



News March 2017

Notts County Sailing Club

University Links

Over recent years the club has developed strong links with The University of Nottingham who use our facilities for both dinghy sailing and windsurfing under a group membership arrangement. There are 2 separate sports groups which are mainly active on Wednesday's during the academic year.

This provides an additional income for the club in return for storage and the use of our facilities mainly at off-peak times. The collaboration has developed over the years with student numbers increasing and several annual events now very much part of our sailing programme. This positive relationship is welcomed on both sides and resonates with our objective to grow participation at all levels, all ages and all abilities.

Every year we host the annual Snakebite team racing, attended by approximately 120 students team racing in Fireflies. This brings top universities teams from across the country to compete in a exciting and entertaining 6 boat format of racing. There is a need for experienced umpires, who give instant decisions on the water in close quarter incidence, so you will often see a red flag go up and a decision as to an infringement and who has to do turns. Watching the top sailors "match race" competitors off the course without breaking the rules is exciting.



Two years ago we had the privilege to host the National finals at the club which increased the scale and complexity of the event running over 3 days.



The collaboration with the students has spread into other activities. We have run RYA start sailing courses with them for students new to the sport. They have had windsurfing courses as well. The University lent us their boats for the Spring Regatta team racing, which is becoming more popular every year. The University also entered the County Cooler and have been known to sail in club racing.

You will often see them practising for team racing near the safety boat moorings on a Saturday or Sunday, especially at this time of year as it is leading up to the finals, and in autumn they are competing across the country. The University Sailing Club now send a representative to many of the Sailing Committee meetings to ensure water use is co-ordinated.

Collaboration with the university has helped in the diversification of club activities and our desire to stimulate participation in dinghy sailing & windsurfing at all ages & abilities.

Events March

4th – Dinghy show visit organised by Ian Ogden (5 places on coach available) £27.40 excluding entry

4th, 18th, 25th March – Club Safety boat course, please book via the form on the RYA powerboat page of the website – its free and gives basic instruction on getting the boats out and using them



5th – Black & White series starts

11/12th Topper National squad training (normal racing Sunday)

4/5, 18/19, 25/26th March – Dinghy Instructor course (full)



25/26 March and **1/2nd** April – Assistant Instructor course – free to members, spaces available.

24 to 26th March – Wayfarer national cruising conference- a chance to learn about some extreme cruising challenges in this versatile dinghy.

Notices

Membership renewal notifications were emailed between 5th & 7th January, if you can't locate yours please follow this link [Renewal notes](#) for some notes. The payment deadline is 1st March 2017, note access to the clubhouse is via a new numeric code pad. The clubhouse code & barrier code and your boat park sticker will be supplied once you renew membership and should be collected any Sunday in March from John Marshal at the club.

Extension update - [latest pictures](#) showing progress over past months. The ladies changing area is virtually complete and fitting out will fall to club volunteers – let Exec members know if you can help. The race hut has been handed back to club members for internal fitting out. The superb multi-purpose / Training Room will be the last area to complete and we will be introducing a booking through the training secretary (a calendar will be displayed), it will be fitted out with a smart TV and connections to HDMI for cameras, computers etc. There will also be a whiteboard, and the remainder of the fit out will happen later in the year.

Upgraded water heaters - The Executive committee decided that the water boilers replacement would be brought forward a year so as to keep the new extension neat (different holes for flue) these are high powered with electronic ignition, so shouldn't blow out and once the new water pump is fixed will be a huge improvement for all.

Duties - Hopefully you have signed up for at least your duty allocation of 3 as the date for volunteering is 1st March 2017 (in 2 days). The Duty Secretary will be filling in vacant positions from members who have not volunteered, please organise a swap on the system and only after that contact the Duty Secretary if there are any issues.

There is a course called SAFE & FUN which all instructors are expected to do. Other members, when having dealings with children 's activities, may find this an interesting course. <http://www.anchortraining.co.uk/instructorlinks.html> , details were emailed to instructors last autumn. If you missed the instructor evening and would like a copy of the powerpoint please contact training@ncsc.org.uk

Fitting Out Supper 1st April – please book by Thursday before 30th March at info@ncsc.org.uk not with Pauline (otherwise it causes confusion) £9 a head children half price

Painting Party - It is intended to have a painting working party on Bank Holiday **Monday 1st May**, to paint the interior aspects of the club house including the gents and ladies changing. Your support on this date will be greatly appreciate and help "lift" the inside of the clubhouse.

The Easter Junior course is full. There are places on the Adult dinghy course starting **8th April**, [forms on website](#).

Organising an event: Please note if you are organising any event at the club you must obtain approval from the following

- Any **water use** (inc coaching etc) - enquire with Sailing Secretary - David Snutch who will put it to Sailing committee.
- **Clubhouse and building use:** Exec committee - enquire initially through Rear Commodore James Logan
- **Training Rooms:** Please enquire through Training Secretary Sarah Read, booking will be shown on calendar in room, if not booked then other use permitted. (RYA courses will have priority).



FUTURE DIARY DATES

1/2nd Dinghy Asst Instructor contact training@ncsc.org.uk

1st Fitting Out supper
1st RYA First Aid Course (contact Training)
1st Club Safety Boat

8th April – **RYA Adult Dinghy** learn to sail course starts (to end of April except Easter weekend)



10-13th April – Junior and adult **Dinghy course**

15th April onwards – **Youth Squad**

24th April Start of Rib Challenge [details](#)

29th April – Saturday Racing - Stanier series starts

[Link to Race page](#)

30th April – Sunday Main Series – Class Racing starts

6/7th May – Scorpion Inland championships and **Open**

13th May – **Saturday Club Starts**

20th May – Push the boat out – our Open day – please help and encourage friends, colleagues and anyone else you know to come and try sailing.

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