# Notts County Sailing Club Tuesday evening racing guidelines 2025

## Aims for Tuesday evenings

Tuesday evening racing is aimed predominantly at beginners, improvers and juniors, providing a fun and safe environment for them to improve their sailing and racing skills. All members of NCSC can enter provided they accept the concessions required on the water to meet this aim. Experienced sailors who are keen to help and pass on their knowledge to others are particularly welcome to participate.

Please be aware that many of the participants are inexperienced with basic boat handling skills and limited knowledge of the Racing Rules. Ideally there should be a courteous, relaxed and helpful environment on and off the water. Please be lenient and tolerant when claiming rights under the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Tuesday evenings are a social occasion with the opportunity to exchange experience and knowledge of sailing etc. with fellow racers. The Galley and Bar are available to facilitate this. Please be mindful that Juniors are present.

## Race Management

Tuesday evening racing is a run by the Tuesday race Volunteers. They provide the Committee boat Race Team to run the racing. These duties are often over and above the normal duty quotas they do as NCSC Members**.** Safety boat duties are provided by volunteers signing on via the SCM Duty roster in the same way as duties in other Club Race series and events.

The scoring of the series will be administered by a voluntary scorer agreed with the Sailing Secretary. Handicap results will be calculated using the NCSC 2025 Portsmouth Yardstick handicaps and will be published via the Club website.

All entrants will be categorised as Novice or Experienced. Normal club definitions of Junior and Adult will also apply.

Experienced sailors will be defined as anyone who has qualified in the top 3 **overall** of any Club series in previous seasons **or** finished 3rd or higher in 3 of the 2024 Tuesday races. Other Sailors will be deemed Novices unless they declare themselves Experienced

Entrants may request the Management group to review their given category not later than 6 weeks prior to the last intended race of the series.

## Club Owned Boats

Club Topazes, Optimists and Toppers are available for use during the races by members who do not yet own their own dinghy. This facility should be viewed as a stepping stone to purchasing your own dinghy. Dinghies MUST be prior booked through the NCSC Training Secretary (Fiona Grayton).

There is no hire fee for this session. Sailors must ensure the dinghy is cleaned down and equipment stored correctly after use. Failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of this facility.

## Cruising

Tuesday afternoons and evenings provide an excellent opportunity to sail without the pressure of racing. Even while the racing is underway there will be plenty of space on the main lake to cruise around. In the evening there will be safety boats on the water to help anyone in difficulties. There will be plenty of knowledgeable sailors to help with questions you have about sailing, rigging and anything else to do with sailing.

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## Coaching

Experienced sailors who observe Novices clearly having difficulty are encouraged to provide verbal advice during the race to help at the time and after the race. This is permitted by the Club Sailing instructions on Tuesday evenings. (Altering Rule 41 in the RRS) Continuous coaching of individual competitors in order to give them a better result will not be permitted.