



Notts County SC News May 2021



May Dates for your Diary

3rd May Restart sailing for all members new and old – come down for help from more experienced members [link to info](#).

8th May – Sat club restarts – [contact and page](#)

9th May – Main summer racing series starts

17th May – Step 3 out of lockdown. On-Site Policy and guidance may change [see Covid page](#).

22nd /23rd May – Scorpion Open Online entries through the Scorpion Association website, there will be an online briefing, camping permitted on Saturday night. Contact Nik Nicholls [Details here](#).

31st May – Charity Race – At Easter 2019 we had a highly successful charity race for club members, the plan is to repeat this on Mon 31st May. The event is a one-off, open to all, novices and experts alike, with multiple (if lowly) prizes galore. There will be a handicap race in the morning, earliest start 1100, then a personal handicap pursuit race with start times determined by the race team taking into account the first race's results. It is light hearted, not serious racing. The voluntary entry fee will go to charity. Camping Sat/Sun.

Forthcoming events for the diary

Topper Open 19th /20th June (no Stanier or Wadsworth) club racing not before 13.15 on Sunday.

HANSA fun day 8th June (normal sailing) This is for Club members to "Have a go" in one of 6 Hansa 303's available. You can experience them as a sailor, a volunteer or an instructor. Rigging advice and sailing support are planned. There will be an opportunity to race in a no pressure, fun environment. Please contact sailability@ncsc.org.uk to book.

HANSA Open 9th June The NOR will be online shortly. Our 2 boats are already booked.

22nd June - Bleasby school visit (tbc)

29th June - Windsurfer Open - no Stanier

3rd July Junior Open – normal racing

10th July - Discover sailing - open day

17th July - 60th Anniversary Celebration, more on the website soon.

Commodore's Commentary

You know when the sailing season is really getting going when the weekday evening series start, which they have now. After a most satisfactory, but undoubtedly short-lived, period at the top of the Thursday evening series I am looking forward to getting back to the regular sailing events throughout the week, as I know many others are. It has also been very noticeable also that the SUP community, nascent only last summer, has blossomed into a big thing at the club. Both of these are great illustrations of how we are developing as a club – making the best use of our great facilities for members and visitors.

We continue to work on the club's infrastructure last weekend and I'm sure people coming down to the club, some after a long time away, will notice the great developments. [report on 24th April](#)

The roadmap out of the pandemic appears to be holding up, and long may it do so. A summer staycation is something we can all look forward to; we continue to have restrictions in line with the guidance, but the steady journey back to normality (whatever that really is) is happening. Along with getting going again on the water, we are looking to host some special events over the next few weeks; a Return to Sailing day on May 3rd, an open to all charity race on May 29th and a celebratory party in the grounds on July 17th – all dates for your diaries.

The generous support from so many people to get the club ready for what is certainly setting up to be huge year is greatly appreciated. I look forward to making this a summer to remember, for all the right reasons.

Yours. James



Please note everything [underlined links](#) to more information and please like our Facebook page & Twitter page for latest news [Twitter link](#) [Facebook link](#) . The News page (linked from www.ncsc.org.uk has events and photos. See Calendar for future events.



Notices

Covid: Covid relaxations details for Stage 3 have not been published yet. It is likely the bar will start at Stage 4. The general use of the clubhouse for changing and other activities is continually under review, for latest information see club's [Covid page on the website](#).

RYA Regional Judge Courses & RYA Regional Race Officer

Course: Please see [this link for information](#) on these excellent courses run by Nadina. The Race officer course is due to be at Notts County in May.

Training : Both the June adult courses are full. There are 2 places available on the Junior 1 (Summer half term) course in the oppie group for younger children and 2 places available for older children on the Junior 2 course in the Toppers. This course is held alongside the adult weekend course. For more information and links to the course applications – please go to the [training page](#). We also hope to run a windsurfing course on Tuesdays in June.

A couple of 'please don'ts': The commercial **waste bins** adjacent to the fuel store are for disposing of sailing club waste only. It is regularly at capacity for the weekly collection. Please don't use the facility as an alternative for going to your local tip to dispose of domestic items. The **fresh water supply** to the club shouldn't be used for car, van or motorhome washing. We need to minimise treated water and chemical run offs into the lake to help prevent algae and weed growth, and, in any event – we are on a metered supply so unnecessary use of water just adds to the costs to be covered by all our memberships.

Work and Ways Job-Jars: We have created a number of job-jars describing works that are in the club's development plan that you can help with, either individually or as part of a team. These can be done at a time to suit you – any necessary instructions and equipment will be provided. Please see this [link](#)

Project works at the club: The works and ways team have (literally) moved hundreds of tonnes of earth to restructure the main car park, sort the access roads, clear tree lines and improve the boat park. We have a new pontoon arriving this month and, we hope, a reconstituted Flying Fifteen jetty in due course. To support the finances behind all this we have been very successful in getting some grants, much of credit for this goes to our Treasurer, Ross, and the supporting team, and we continually look for more.

Membership & Boat Park: Since November 2020 Steve and Jill Lowe have managed our [boat park](#). We have less than 25 berths currently available, therefore if any members are intending to release their boat berths please let them know. If members require additional berths please contact them prior to arriving at the Club. Next month we are going to ask members to label road bases with their membership number. (Labels to be provided). Please do not move road bases into berth spaces. Contact boatpark@ncsc.org.uk

Welcome to new and returning members: Jesse Taylor & family, Ruth & Terry Pennick, Steve Watson, John Harper & family, Fiona Thornewill & family, Neil Clingan & family, John Ward, Rachel Repper & family, Haydn Parmenter, Sam Buchan. Any queries on membership contact Kathryn on membership@ncsc.org.uk

Duty Secretary's Plea

It's great to see so many people back on the water sailing but, no surprise, that means a really urgent prompt to ask for more duty volunteers.



As you will all know we have posted in the calendar a start to all the usual sailing series up to the projected end of Covid restrictions on June 21st. For the present we are not allocating duties, but relying on volunteers, given that there are continuing Covid concerns. So...

- If you are now registered to sail in one of the series it is incumbent upon you to volunteer for at least one duty before 21st June and preferably two or three otherwise we simply cannot run the races and there will be cancellations (but it doesn't matter whether or not you volunteer specifically in the series you have entered)
- If you are just enjoying casual sailing with the benefit of safety cover the same applies
- If you haven't started sailing yet we would still appreciate volunteers to fill the gaps now

You will know from previous newsletters that the club has adopted the [RYA guidelines](#) on Covid safety for mixed household crews for safety boats.

We have also decided that a specific Safety Officer role is not required, except for Open Meetings. Responsibility for safety is with the duty team on the day, led by the Race Officer. This will hopefully make it easier to fill the vacant safety boat duties.

At present we face the prospect of having to cancel racing on certain days as there are insufficient volunteers signed up to make it feasible to run the event. It is intended cancellation will be announced on Facebook post and on the website (www.ncsc.org.uk) as a line on the front page, around 24 hours prior to the race, though we would prefer volunteers to come forward.

Before too long, assuming the Covid restrictions continue to be lifted, we will start allocating people to duties, reverting to the basis of expecting each sailing member to do at least three duties in the course of the year.

Martin Read - Duty Secretary