



Notts County SC News - March 2022

(Vice) Commodore's Briefing

As I write this, I imagine Martin sitting under a palm tree in the sunshine, wearing a garland of flowers, drinking beer! He will be back early March. The weather this afternoon has been really sunny and pleasant which is real appetiser for the Spring and Summer to come.



The Club has not been closed during January and February, we have run successful open meetings in January and most recently a Topper traveller meeting in February. We have also run a variety of training events. The really obvious thing you will see when you come to the club is the results of the work undertaken by members at the working party. It's made a real difference – sincere thanks to all involved.

The club has supported Nottingham University Sailing Club to run both Dinghy and Windsurfing events. It's nice to see some of our younger members who have gone away to University in other parts of the country come back with their respective teams for this event. Watching them is a reminder for some of us of our team racing days – a long time ago!

More hard work has been undertaken by the club's committees and preparations for the coming season are largely in place. Details of immediate events are set out in the newsletter and further details are on the website. There are a couple of areas where we are still looking for help which I would like to highlight, transition training and the bar. Again details below.

Two exiting things to look forward to ! Firstly we have a new and enthusiastic Social Chair in Rachel, you will find in the newsletter her initial plans. Secondly, we will soon have a new and refreshed website.

Ken Twemlow

Key dates - [See SCM for full calendar](#)

March

5/6th RYA Feva training
6th [Spring Black & White series starts](#)
13th & 26th Club Safety Boat Course
(book via ryapowerboat@ncsc.org.uk)
19/20th RYA Senior Instructor Course
26th RYA Disability Awareness Course – free to members book via sailability@ncsc.org.uk
26th Topper Regional training

April

2/16/17/18 Powerboat instructor Course
11-14 [Adult and Junior Courses](#)
16th Saturday Stanier starts
17th Main Series Starts
19/20/21 Evening racing starts
23/24/30/1 Assistant instructor course
30/1 RYA Powerboat 2 course

Future dates for diary

13-15 May - Social weekend, incorporating new members with Saturday and celebration of 2021 season Awards.

2-5 June - Celebration of the Platinum Jubilee 'Street Party' and on and off the water entertainment for all.



Safety cover at toppers and Katherine Gunn concentrating - Both at Topper traveller event



Please be aware the confidential barrier and club house code will be changed on Monday 7th March. Members who have paid for the 2022 season will be notified by email. Please do not give this code out even if you think someone is a member. [Visitor code \(login required - changes 7/3/22\)](#)

Exec Notices

Sailability disability awareness course, Sat 26th March 10am to 4pm at the club. Please book via sailability@ncsc.org.uk

The **Yearbook** is available to collect from club.

Bar: We are changing the way we operate the bar on Sundays and Thursdays. From April 1st we will have a rota to operate the bar with either individuals or groups volunteering. The role includes operation of the bar on the day including closing up the bar and clubhouse. This will not count as a sailing duty. If there are no volunteers, the bar will not open. Please contact vicecommodore@ncsc.org.uk for information.

Duty: Duty allocations are now well underway. Please check your emails for the allocation notice, including in your spam. Please respond promptly so that we know that you have received the message. There are still gaps for volunteering on your preferred days, mainly in the second half of the season.

Website: work is well under way for a revised and updated website, which should make information easier to find. We hope to launch it in the very near future.

Social

What's On? Lots of events being planned – watch the website and future newsletters. Rachel, our new Social Chair would welcome the input of members, please contact her via social@ncsc.org.uk

Draft dates: see calendar on p1, plus:

15-17 July - Sailing Regatta weekend will include a fun packed social and entertainment pick and mix

26-29 August - Bank Holiday mini break social weekend

9-11 September - Indian Summer social weekend

Membership: A warm welcome to our new members in February: Brian Hopkinson (bird watcher), Katy/Richard Morris and family (from our RYA course), Michael & Cheryl Mosley (senior social), Graham Young (hadron sailor), Victoria and Alex (junior who attended our open day 2021).

Sailing Committee

Signing on for races: Please remember to sign on for each race using the paper sheet on the desk near the Race Office. Club SI

Transition Training: Moves are being made to organise Transition Training for club members who wish to improve their racing skills. The first step is the Race Coaches course arranged for 14th /15th May, which is oversubscribed, however if you are interested contact info@ncsc.org.uk. More importantly we are looking for someone to coordinate the sessions (no need to be a coach or instructor). If you are interested, please contact vicecommodore@ncsc.org.uk

Race Officers: We are short of Race Officers, especially on Sundays, and would like to train more. Please contact John Sears if you would like 1 – 1 training on running races–Race Officers who regularly race on Sundays should shoulder a fair share of the burden and undertake at least one duty in the season on Sunday.

Tuesday evening coaching & race team training: Ian Firth is co-ordinating Tuesday evening racing which will be a great opportunity to receive race coaching and also gain experience as a Race Officer. We are planning a “Rusty Sailors” session on one or two evenings to help those who have been away from sailing rig their boats and get back on the water.

Winter events: Thanks to everyone who did Safety and Race team duties for the County Cooler and Topper Traveller events. Both required considerable endurance to stay out in windy, wet and cold conditions. The University of Nottingham ran 128 races for 24 teams over the Snakebite team racing weekend despite Storm Eunice. See full reports on the Club website.



Thanks to all at the work parties in February. Middle - Snakebite saw 120 university team races in 2 days

Training

At the full training meeting the following key points came out:

- Update and thank you evening is likely to be on Fri 25th March, invites will come out soon.
- Club safety boat course is on 13th and 26th March please book via training@ncsc.org.uk
- Instructors: in order to not be allocated other duties please volunteer immediately on Sailing Club Manager all the dinghy rota training dates are up now.

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