



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter May 2024

Commodore's Briefing May 24

As many of you will know, at the beginning of the month a member suffered a very serious medical event whilst sailing at the club on a Friday afternoon. I am delighted to relate that the other members present responded fantastically to the situation, and undoubtedly saved the members life. The casualty was brought ashore, given first aid and taken to hospital by ambulance. I am delighted to say the casualty, whilst still in hospital, is recovering.

This event highlights the fact that none of us are too far from danger and that many of the things we enjoy increase the risk. At the sailing club we are all individually responsible for our own sailing craft and our own health and ability (Club Rules No 7 refers). The decision whether to sail is a personal one. In our heads we should carry out a risk assessment taking into account the conditions. the level of safety cover available and other people either on the water or at the club.

Following a review of the incident there are a few things the club is doing to reduce risks further (numeric locks will use the gate code):

- Quicker access to the fuel store and Rigidflex via a key safe on the fuel store - saving vital minutes if a boat needs to be launched in an emergency.
- A locked case for the defibrillator outside the clubhouse. We will give the Ambulance Service the code.
- We will keep a card with defibrillator emphasising that Notts County Sailing Club is on the Emergency Services Database, plus any other key instructions.
- Please keep the relevant **what3words** for the clubhouse **/// surreal.against.rekindle** and the turn off by the works **/// downs.album.summit** in our phones should we need them in an emergency.

Finally I would encourage everyone to take the RYA First Aid Course run at the club. We were fortunate on this occasion that there were a number of members present who had done so. I believe that the outcome would have been far worse if those members had not responded so well and put their First Aid knowledge to vital use. I hope I have spoken personally to all those involved but I would like to extend my thanks once again to all those who responded so effectively..

I would like to thank the retiring Boat Park Managers. Jill and Steve Lowe for all the work they have done in recent years. Jake Willars will take over as Boat Park Manager. Please work with Jake to support him in this important task

Here's to warmer weather !
Ken

May 2024

- 4/5/6 [Scorpion Open & Youth Open](#)
- 11, 18, 25 [Sat RYA Youth course \(stage 1 & 2\)](#)
- 15 HANSA Open (volunteers needed)
- 18 [RYA First aid](#)
- 18 [Awards Evening](#), meal and awards all welcome
- 26/27 [RYA Powerboat 2](#)
- 27/28 [RYA Start Windsurfing](#)
- 29/30/31 RYA [Youth](#) and [Adult](#) courses



June

- 1/ 2 [Club Safety Duty Course](#)
- 1 Saturday Club starts
- 8/9 Topper Midland Champs (club racing sun pm only)
- 15 on [RYA Adult Dinghy Course \(1 & 2\)](#)
- 22 [Windsurf open](#) & meal (roast and sweet all welcome)

Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

Awards Evening – This is one of the key socials of the year. Everyone is welcome whether you have won a prize or not, there will be a finger buffet and desert provided by an outside caterer. Camping is permitted. [See here for details](#) of evening. We need bookings by next Tuesday **7th May 2024** so please **book now** – depending on numbers there may be some late ticket availability.

The Hansa Open 15th May is an all day event. **Sailability** : If any volunteers are looking to upskill - to DI, SI, or PB2 we will look at arranging opportunities. Contact sailability@ncsc.org.uk

WhatsApp and Facebook groups and similar: we know there are a number of small groups of members with social media groups, if any are named NCSC or Notts County SC and so specifically associated with the club, a flag officer or senior club officer should be on the group as Admin, because anything said on the channel could be construed as approved by the club. Obviously this would not apply to groups not specifically associated with the club. The club has a main [Facebook](#) page which has all the official club announcements and media, please do follow this.

Trailer Park: There are 40 unmarked and unidentifiable trailers, you have all received an email explaining these will be scrapped/ disposed of on 1st June 2024 if not claimed. Please mark up your trailers in the next few weeks if you haven't done so. If you haven't received the email (22/4/24) please check your spam online and allow the club email address or ask us to resend. This also applies to the windsurf container.

Food on Saturdays: There have been so few takers for food on Saturdays that Pauline will not be providing food until Saturday 1st June when Saturday Club starts.

Training: Availability on RYA May courses (as of 29/4/24) links in diary (above) or book online ([list here](#))

Spring Bank Holiday week – plenty of space on **youth courses**

27/28 May – Spaces on **Start windsurfing course**

26/26 May – **RYA Powerboat 2 course**

There is also a club **Safety Duty Course** (Free) on 1 / 2 June

We also need instructors so please sign up – thanks.



Book Awards evening tickets here

RYA dinghy courses under way, Windsurfing course booking fast Racing on first Main series



Sailing Committee

The Sailing Committee received a report of unacceptable language directed toward a Junior during the B&W series. Please give Juniors (and adults!) sailing during a race consideration for their level of experience and restrict verbal interactions to a correctly worded hail. See [RYA Race Charter](#).

The Solos have relinquished their fleet status and are starting in the Menagerie fleet in Sunday Class races. The Juniors now start 3 minutes after the ILCAs.

Revised 2024 Portsmouth Yardsticks and list of the scorers for the Summer Series are on the notice board in the Race Office. James Logan is offering to train members on Sailwave. Please contact him or John Sears if you are willing to learn (sailingsec@ncsc.org.uk).

The Scorpion Youth event is on Monday May 6th after the Scorpion Open on Sat / Sun. Members below the age of 23 may take part. See John Tailby. The lake is open to casual sailors that day.

All the [club dinghies](#) are available for daily or longer term hire including the three Club Fevas. See Glyn Ritchie, Stephanie Gunn or Phill Dyne.

No public open day is planned in May this year. Instead Discover sailing will take the form of **Taster sessions** of an hour each for members of the public. These will be run by The Training Section alongside some of the planned adult courses. Details and booking arrangements will be publicised in due course.