



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter October 2024

Commodore

I have just got back from home on Sunday afternoon after spending most of the weekend at the club. Let me share with you a few personal thoughts.

Firstly on Duties. I must re-iterate Kevin's comments on Duties below. Duties on the water are absolutely key to the successful enjoyment of the club by everyone else. It's inevitable that from time to time the unforeseen happens, if that is the case please contact us as soon as possible. You might email the race officer, the duty secretary, or in the limit info@ncsc.org.uk. This weekend one rib driver, who had previously confirmed attendance did not show up. It was fortunate that we had three drivers rostered and the wind was light. Had that not been the case, the participation and enjoyment of others might have been compromised.

Secondly on 'One Design Racing'. This weekend's competition enabled fleets of RS600s Aeros and Solos to compete with each other on an equal basis. We hold similar events for other classes during the year.

We are very fortunate at Notts County that we support 'One Design' class fleet racing. In class racing the competitors compete boat for boat on an equal basis which is the truest and most rewarding form of competition.

Our fleet racing series comes to an end in October and the Winter series begin. Even here the most critical thing for me is to compete with the other RS400s

Enjoy the rest of the season
Ken

October

- 5th University Taster Day
- 5/6 No food
- 5/6 RYA powerboat 2 course
- 12th RYA First Aid Course
- 12th Youth Race Squad (YRS) U13 (newcomers) and U 19 start
- 19/20 Last races in main series
- 21to 26 RYA Dinghy course
- 27. Frostbite & Oakleaf start



Top: Junior open start. Above left: Rebecca Ogden (3rd) at Aero Open. Above right: Jamie Mawson, the National Champion from Notts County, winning the RS600 Open. Below: John Tailby (3rd in Solo fleet) in foreground in Solo Open.

November

- 2 RYA First aid
- 9 ITCA Topper training
- 16/23 U19 youth training
- 16 Windsurfing meal (book here)
- 17 AGM at club
- 23 RYA First Aid
- 30/1 Midlands Topper RTG



Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

Catering: Our new caterers have started. Hopefully you have sampled their food already. Details and the weekly special is on this [page](#). We have also put a [questionnaire on the website](#) so Debs and Maddy can provide the food you, the membership, would like. The club pays for kitchen equipment and gas and electricity, which is why the prices are less than those at a commercial cafe. We are also considering pre booked Sunday lunches between say 1.30 to 4pm for winter series. Please let us know via questionnaire or email if you would like this.

The caterers have a prior engagement on 5/6th October 2024 so will not be providing food that Saturday and Sunday.

Winter Sailing: We are now into the winter sailing schedule. We can sail on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays in October (plus all the days at half term) and Wednesdays and Sundays after 1st Nov through to 2nd February. We have requested some extra days and these are posted [on this page on the website](#). The extra days include many Thursdays in October and both half term weeks.

AGM Notice: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Sunday 17th November at 16:00 in the clubhouse. Any formal proposals or nominations must be with the Honorary Secretary, Nicola Willars, secretary@ncsc.org.uk by 27th October 2024 before 16:00 (email is fine but please ask for a receipt to check it has arrived). The papers will be emailed to members and will also be available on the website here (after 3rd Nov). You will need to sign in to see them.

Duties: A reminder please check your Spam folder (online) for duty notifications and please confirm acceptance of your duties via Sailing Club Manager (SCM). Emails are sent out well in advance and then reminders follow just before the duty date. Engagement with the duty system is essential for the smooth running of the club.

Training:

The Club Safety Duty course allows you to drive club powerboats and provide safety cover. The course is split into 2 days, Day 1 is driving, Day 2 covers safety and rescue. There are no certificates, this course is for club boats only. Dates: Day 2 - 7th Dec 24, Day 1 - 11th Jan 25, Day 2 - 12 Jan 25, Day 1 15th Feb 25 and Day 2- 16th Feb 25. [Please book on](#) (its free). Provided numbers are known we can accommodate up to 12 per course

October RYA Dinghy courses: We are intending to run an Adult Level 1 and 2 course in October half term. The level 1 course in particular has plenty of space, and we can accommodate more on level 2. Some volunteer instructors and safety crews are needed. Volunteer support welcome. [Booking here](#). There is also space on [First Aid at end of November](#).

Volunteer Opportunity: Our Training Secretary, Fiona, has done a great job organising our training sessions and managing SCM Sailing Club Manager (SCM). Fiona wishes to reduce her commitment and retire within the next year. We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to take on this rewarding role! If you have a passion for sailing, enjoy supporting training programmes, and are competent with computers, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact [Fiona](#) or the Principal or Chief Instructor. What's involved: Supporting and organising sailing training courses, managing our sailing club's training system (SCM), collaborating with chief instructors and the training team.

Sailing Committee

The Saturday Stanier race series finishes on 19th October. The Sunday Main Class and Wadsworth series finish 20th October. The Winter Frostbite Series starts on 27th October and run until December 22nd.

NCSC has offered to host the Aero Women's National championship in September 2025.

If an injured person is rescued in a safety boat, please will crews disembark them on the pontoon used by Sailability next to the Flying 15 launch ramp. The ramp connecting it to the shore is far safer than the Aquadock pontoon, particularly when water levels are changing.

The University Dinghy sailors & Windsurfers will be running taster sessions and trials at NCSC over the weekend 5th October.



Above: The Solo start at last weekends open.
Left: Aero class racing in that unusual occurrence - rain