



Notts County Sailing Club

Newsletter September 2024

Commodore's Briefing Sept 24

By the time you read this we will have said goodbye to Pauline. Truly the end of an era. Pauline has been providing food at the club for the whole of the time I have been a member.

Pauline's enthusiasm and dedication has been boundless. During the search for a new caterer one of the things which we have had to try to portray is the wide range and timing of all of the activities we run. Pauline has always been there when we needed her.

Like many families my children grew up with Pauline's food. I fondly remember the days when I picked them up off the bus in Thurgarton, on a Thursday evening and we then went to order ham and eggs before racing. More recently it is our dog Mostyn who seems to view Pauline with the most affection. He even recognises her car. When he knows that Pauline is at the club he knows there will be a sausage !

Pauline has treated all, but especially the children and all our four legged friends with great kindness over the years. We all wish Pauline a long and happy retirement.

The Executive Committee has agreed that Pauline, together with Colin and Keith, should enjoy complementary Social Membership so we all hope we will see them back at the club from time to time.

I hope to bring news of a new catering appointment very soon.

Ken



Mandy & Rosie the Tuesday night kitchen volunteers, presenting Pauline with £600 surplus from Tuesday evening takings this year; thanking her for her food and contribution over the years

September

7/8 RS 400 Open

7/8/14 RYA Adult Dinghy courses
(Also 15/21/22)

14 Junior Open (normal racing)

27 Solo Class training

28/29 Single hander Open (Sun
2 class races @ 13:15)



Above: Some of the well wishers at Pauline's retirement. Below: Ken, Pauline, Colin and Keith

October

- 5th University Taster Days
- 12th RYA First Aid Course
- 12th Youth Race Squad (YRS)
- U13 (newcomers) and U 19 start



Notices - SCM is Sailing Club Manager

The barrier timings are being changed on 2nd September. Always key the number into keypad. Don't try to follow someone through without stopping. Remember CCTV is operating.

By the time this newsletter goes out, or soon after, the new webcam should be working. We will notify when the webcam is operational on the front page of the club's website.

Some useful contacts (see handbook and website also), please address queries directly to the relevant person:

- Anything boat berth related Jake boatpark@ncsc.org.uk . Remember to trim the grass and maintain your berth regularly, and tie your boat down correctly.
- Anything membership related Kathryn membership@ncsc.org.uk
- Anything related to duties Kev dutysecretary@ncsc.org.uk
- Looking for training courses. Contact Fiona training@ncsc.org.uk Please register your interest on SCM so that we can plan our 2025 provision (or October half term)



Left/right: cocktails, windsurf taster and 6 hour race at Bank Holiday.



Left: 6 hour race, right adult course August, and the participants, instructors and parents at end of the course



Sailing Committee

Autumn Junior/ Youth Race Training

Steph Gunn has stepped back from the role of Youth Racing Coordinator – a big thankyou to Steph for all she has done over the years. Gordon Burton and John Gathergood have now taken over the role. This autumn, there will be an under-13s junior introductory level race group for Topper/Tera/Oppie sailors and an under-19s advanced youth group in ILCA/Laser or similar dinghies. Training is on Saturday mornings, and youth sailors are strongly encouraged to participate in Saturday racing in October and in other club racing over the autumn and winter. To join YRS, please contact Gordon or John directly on youthsquad@ncsc.org.uk. More information can be found on the YRS page on website.

In order to encourage youngsters to try racing the Junior Open is free to 1st timer entry (see inexperienced junior category)

Single hander meeting for Solos, Aeros & RS 600s on 28th / 29th Sept. Club racing back to back Sunday afternoon., 1.15pm 1st start. Social evening on Saturday open to all members with Hogroast on Saturday night. Tickets on SCM.

Sailing committee will discuss Tuesday & Thursday evening racing series next Monday 2nd. Please send ideas to improve either series to John Sears, Sailing Sec.

Thanks to Neil Chadborn & John Tailby for organising **August Bank Holiday** family fun and 6 hour race respectively.

Training:

A big thank you to the many instructors, safety and helpers for the August courses. Over 40 candidates took part over the 6 days in testing conditions.

The September Adult Level 1 course will be combined with the level 2 course due to lack of volunteers.

We are looking at the viabilities of running some courses over the October half term If you are interested in a particular course, please add your name to waiting lists or let us know (training@ncsc.org.uk) if the course you are interested in is not listed. Running a course depends on numbers and available volunteers.

The club hopes to run RYA Dinghy Instructor (DI) course and 2 days of the four day RYA Midlands Senior Instructor (SI) course at the club. If anyone is interested please contact training@ncsc.org.uk