



South Staffordshire Sailing Club

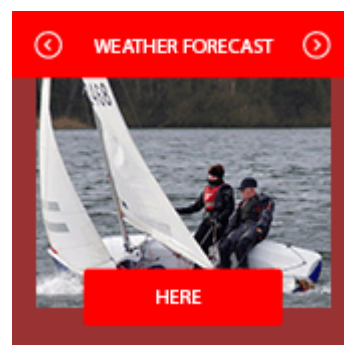
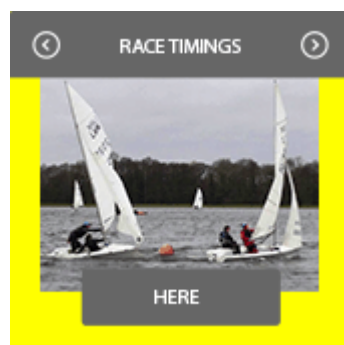
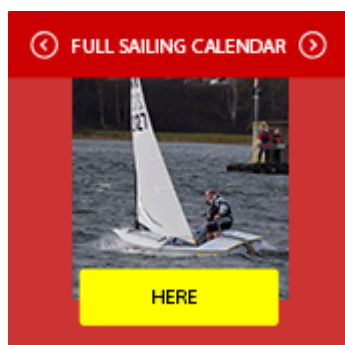
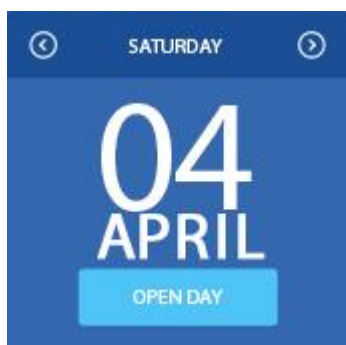
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Good News Friday - 16th January



Headlines

- ⇒ Team racing this Sunday
- ⇒ Quiz night next week
- ⇒ Sign up asap for the Brewery Trip and Dinner Dance
- ⇒ AGM coming soon, have your say!
- ⇒ Don't forget to pay your membership fees by the end of the month
- ⇒ Remember to check your boat is securely tied down



Duties this weekend

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Icicle (2)	Ed Bradburn	Chris Warburton	Neil Hawkins	Will Hawkins
Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Wendy Hollinshead	Bev Hateley	Volunteer Required	Rob Hicklin	Julie Hicklin

Team Racing - Sunday 18th January, 1.30pm

To trial something new, after the 1.30pm race on 18th January there will be a short team racing session in Club Fireflies. The boats will be rigged at lunchtime so we can start shortly after club racing. All are welcome. If you are interested in getting involved, please could e-mail teamracing@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk. We'll tailor what we do depending on numbers. Afterwards there will be a short meeting in the bar to discuss team racing in 2015. Come along if you would like to find out more.

Chris Warburton

Quiz Night - Tuesday 20th January, 7.30pm

The Quiz will start at 7.30pm for 8pm and will be £2.00 entry, four in a team. There are rounds to suit everyone so come along and have some fun. A sign up sheet is on the board at the club.

Honda RIB Challenge 2015 Training Day - Saturday 31st January, 8.30am

After Kamilla's success, we will again be running a programme to identify and train specific youngsters to enter this event in 2015. The first event is a Training & Practice Day on Saturday 31st January - Start 8.30am (prompt) Finish 1pm. There are some specific dates and age criteria to be fulfilled so any queries please read the following document carefully and liaise with Steve Troke - contact details are on the document. Full document with details here - [LINK](#)

Joules Brewery Tour - Wednesday 11th February, PM (time TBC)

Get on board the beer tour bus! On Wednesday 11th February there will be an evening trip to Joules Brewery in Market Drayton, transport included to and from the Club as well as beer and pork baps. The price is to be arranged but will be less than £10 if 40 people sign up. It looks like it's going to be a popular trip so get your name down quick; the list is on the board at the club.

Pete Fairhurst

Dinner Dance - Saturday 28th February

The list for the above will go on the notice board at the club on Sunday, it will take place at The Mount Hotel on the 28th February. Could you sign up please, and indicate any vegetarian requirements so I can confirm numbers. If you wish to pay electronically can you pay the club account Sort code 30 - 18 - 56 Account number 00786088 adding DINNER as the reference. Look forward to seeing you there for another great club event.

Martin Warburton

Commodore

Lost Property Update - January

The Lost Property has been reviewed and updated - [LINK](#) - Please check for leftovers

Return Your SSSC Trophies ASAP!

Could all SSSC Trophy winners please return your trophies to the Club House for engraving, cleaning and presentation at the Dinner Dance by 25th January at the latest.

Best of the Web

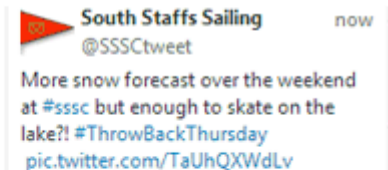
It was the third round of the Blithfield Barrel this week with South Staffs well represented. The overall results so far for those who have sailed enough to qualify are: Sam Watson & Andy Hunter 4th, Mark Fleming & Seonaid Young 6th and Jonathan Woodward 7th, you can view the full results [HERE](#).

Congrats to again to Kamila Czartolomna whose Honda RYA Youth RIB Champion win saw her recognised by the Yachting Journalists' Association at a prestigious awards ceremony held this week. Kamila was shortlisted for YJA Young Sailor of the Year. You can read the write up of the event [HERE](#) and **Kamila wrote a short article about the event which you can also read [HERE](#).**

It would appear that recent #ThrowBackThursday's on social media have been mainly focused on the weather, if you have any fun non-weather related pics to share for this feature please sent them through!



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If you have anything to share you can post to [Facebook](#), tweet or email Michelle:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

Membership Renewals

As with previous years, subscriptions are due by 31st January; please do make every effort to adhere to this date. The results secretary has also asked me to remind all members wishing to sail the icicle series that results cannot count until you have rejoined.

Everyone should have received their personalised membership renewal form - if you have not please email: membership@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

There is now the option to include an emergency contact on your membership form. This information is optional, but if you do wish to include an emergency contact, the information will be kept at the club to be used in the unlikely event of an accident.

James Croxford
Membership Secretary

Boat and Sailing Fees, have your say!

The Committee recently set up a small working group to consider the question of boat fees. We would now like your views on the suggestions. At present there is no actual definition of "boat fee" in the constitution or bye laws. The committee propose to introduce a bye-law which will make the existence of the boat fee or boat licence clear and set out what it means.

The question to be decided is to confirm what the boat fee, or sailing fee, is for, and how it should be calculated. The Committee would like to have the views of the membership on these proposals. To view the proposal in full and have your say click [HERE](#). If you have any feedback by all means speak to me, or other members of the rules working group, Mike Warbrick, James Croxford, or Bill Bradburn. Or speak to any member of the General Committee. Or you can post your feedback on the South Staffs Sailing Club Group page on Facebook.

Clive Williams
Club Secretary

Annual General Meeting (AGM) ▫ Tuesday 3rd March, 8pm

We are fast approaching the clubs AGM, this is the event where I complete my amazing year as Commodore and will hand over to Mike Warbrick (my current Vice Commodore). It is also the occasion where club members nominate the General Committee Officers, who are responsible (with assistance from the Sailing and House Committees) for managing the running of the club.

The current General Committee members are very keen to get input from new or additional existing members who as yet have not got involved in this way. As you know we have a fantastic club and are keen that this continues, you all have a part to play in making that happen. If you would like to take a more active role in running the club and join the committee, in the first instance, please make yourself known to me or another member before the end of January (as there is a formal notice period) and we will explain what it entails.

Martin Warburton
Commodore

Annual General Meeting (AGM) ▫ Advance Notice of Changes to Rules

Now that we have started the New Year the thoughts of your Secretary turn to the AGM. There has to be something to look forward to now that Christmas is over!!

"The Unapproved Minutes for the last AGM will be sent to members to be approved at the 2015 AGM.. An advance copy can be found here" [LINK](#)

The AGM is your opportunity to see the annual accounts, to hear detailed reports from the club officers and to question them on the club's affairs. It is also the time when club officers and general committee members are elected.

Now this year to make the meeting even more interesting it is intended to ask for approval to make some small changes to the rules.

You can view the proposed changes to the rules [HERE](#).

Clive Williams
Club Secretary

Give Us Your Money!

My name's Tim Dutton... (brother of Ed, son of Keith for those (many) of you who haven't a clue who I am). I'm studying at Loughborough University and am raising money for Make A Wish Foundation UK through a charity challenge. I have a target of £3050, and any contributions would be warmly welcomed.

As the challenge, I am going to be trekking/dog sledding with a group of huskies 250km across the arctic from Sweden to Norway. Make A Wish Foundation UK is a fantastic cause, so, if you can, donate either by texting 'ERAD55' to 70070 along with an amount to donate ('ERAD55 £5', for example), or go to www.justgiving.com/Tim-Dutton3.

Make A Wish grants magical wishes (possibly final wishes) to terminally ill children, and your generous donations go towards creating a memorable day for the children, to bring a little light into their lives.

Thank you
Tim Dutton

Social Dates

- Quiz Night - 20th January, 7.30pm
 - Joules Brewery Tour - 11th February, PM (time TBC)
 - Dinner Dance - 28th February 2015 (at the Mount Hotel)
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Racing Series Information

Icicle Series Details (January & February)

	Total Races in Series	Races to Qualify
PY + PH Race	7	3
Class Race	7	3

Sunday 18th January

	Race No	Start Time
PY + PH Race	2	11.30AM
Class Race	2	1:30 PM

For more information on on Club racing, click the following:

- [Icicle Series](#)
 - [Beginners Guide to Racing](#)
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Weather Check

Check out the forecasts for SSSC [Metcheck](#) or [XC Weather](#)

Newsletter Stories

Thanks to all of you who responded to our call for content, keep on sending stories in. If you have any comments or information to include in this newsletter e-mail publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

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