



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 30th January



HEADLINES

- ⇒ Don't forget to pay your membership fees by the end of the weekend
- ⇒ Honda RIB Training Tomorrow
- ⇒ Team Racing Session on Sunday
- ⇒ Sign up asap for the Brewery Trip and Dinner Dance
- ⇒ Club training session 7th February
- ⇒ Places available for First Aid course



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Duties this weekend

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Icicle (4)	Graham Bower	Dave Perrins	Neil Hawkins	Sam Thomson
Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Frank Causer	Liane Brazier	James Grant	Sue Jones	Graham Jones

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

All juniors who intend to come to the morning Rib training day please come prepared. The weather is going to be windy, possibly wet and IS GOING TO BE VERY COLD. Remember to bring proper sailing gear - including Spray tops and leggings, hats and snug fitting gloves. Woollen type gloves will keep your hands warmer, BUT we will ask you to remove inappropriate type gloves whilst in the driving seat. These thick gloves will impair your feeling of the controls and allow the controls to slip through your fingers. Very UNSAFE. Finally, If we don't think you are suitably dressed for this session you will be refused the driving section of the day.

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](#)

Team Racing - Sunday 1st February, 1.30pm

After the success of last week's session, after the 1.30pm race on 1st February there will be another short team racing session in the 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 coming along, please could you e-mail <mailto:teamracing@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk> We'll tailor what we do depending on numbers.

Chris Warburton

Team Racing Fleet Captain

Training Session - Saturday 7th February, 10am

'Setting up your Boat and Preparing for the Season'

All members and all classes welcome

The day will feature :

- A brief talk on the use of control lines
- How to set up your boat

Chris from Dinghytec will be on site with a selection of English Braids rope, Allen fittings and a boat load of advice! Lunch will be available.

This will be run by the Fleet Captains and it is open to ALL fleets.

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

Real Ale Co-ordinator

First Aid Training Course □ Saturday 28 February (finished by 4pm)

To all instructors and coaches who need to have or renew their 1st Aid qualification, I am arranging a course for Saturday 28th February, I know it is the day of the Annual Dinner Dance but it should be finished about 4pm.

Please let me know if you would like to take part in the course asap. I will be contacting all the people I know that need the certificate but in I miss anyone please let me know at the club or email me to book on: realexander@tiscali.co.uk

Roy Alexander

Principal Instructor

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 tickets are £32.50 each and 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 and Found

If anyone lost a watch, whilst on duty on the water sometime last year, please contact me as one has been found. If you let me have the make and roughly when and where you lost it I can arrange to get it to you. If I don't hear soon, the watch will end up in the RNLI raffle .

Steve Baker

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bosun@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

Best of the Web

In the build up to starting to promote the Open Day in April, the Club [homepage](#) has had a little bit of a make over in the past week. There will continue to be some refreshing of key pages that potential new members will look at over the next few months so if you have any comments or suggestions please get in touch either via the publicity email or speak to Martin, Neil or Michelle when you are at the Club.

The Club got a mention in the latest Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent newsletter this week, you can view the newsletter [HERE](#).

Also this week, the Lark Association have announced their 'GREATS' series venues and dates, which will see South Staffs host the fleet on 21st and 22nd March. Hopefully there won't be quite as much wind as in the picture on the right from a past Lark event on the sea!

More photos needed! Thanks to everyone who has been sending in photos, I am after some new ones now to keep the rotating picture at the top of email looking fresh every week so please keep sending them through, 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

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

2015-2016 Duties

The Duty rota for next year is now available. Single Members need to complete 3 duties, Joint Members do 5 duties. Student Members are also encouraged to assist with duties. Sunday (and Saturday when there is racing) counts as a full duty, evening racing (normally Tuesday) counts as a half duty. As was done last year, any duties outstanding after 30 April will be allocated. Please book your duties early to get the ones that suit you and avoid allocation. Here's the 'signing' process:

1. A hard copy of duty roster is displayed at the Club - Members can sign for duties on this until the end of February
2. The list will be available for viewing on Dutyman but please do not book duties directly on Dutyman until 1 March
3. Dutyman is regularly updated from the hard copy so members can see what duties are taken/available
4. Anyone unable to get to Club can view Dutyman and contact me with preferred dates which I'll update on both the club hard copy and Dutyman
5. From 1 March, the preferred signing route will be through Dutyman
6. To view Dutyman go to www.southstaffssailingclub.co.uk then Members Area>DUTY Information>Dutyman

Please contact me (email: martinjlichfield@gmail.com mob: 07805 056797) if you have any questions.

Martin Lichfield
Duty Co-Ordinator

Social Dates

- 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 1st February

	Race No	Start Time
PY + PH Race	4	11.30AM
Class Race	4	1:30 PM

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

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