



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News Friday - 6th February



### HEADLINES

- ⇒ All fleet training session tomorrow
- ⇒ FREE Brewery trip on Wednesday!!!
- ⇒ Only 3 weeks until the Dinner Dance, make sure you've booked your place
- ⇒ Please sign up for 2015/16 duties if you haven't already
- ⇒ AGM 3rd March put the date in your diary!



SATURDAY

04 APRIL

OPEN DAY

FULL SAILING CALENDAR

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### Duties this weekend

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Icicle(4)	Ed Bradburn	Roger Evans	Mike Senior	Liz Senior
<b>Galley Supervisor</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>
James Ashworth	Bev Hateley	Volunteer Required	Kate Edge	John Edge

### 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.

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### ***Tuesday Night Dancing, Tuesday 10th February, 8pm***

Tuesday night dancing with Steve and Amanda is back every other Tuesday until the end of March starting this week. Everyone is welcome, all standards catered for and fun guaranteed!!

For those who don't want to dance the bar is still open from 8pm.

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### ***FREE Joules Brewery Tour - Wednesday 11th February, 7pm***

As most people had arranged their own transport for the brewery trip this Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup>) the bus has been cancelled and this trip will now be FREE!!!

The trip will include a **tour of Joules Brewery, free beer and a hot pork bap**. All are welcome and there are spaces available but you need to book on by letting Pete Fairhurst know you will be attending.

There is a beer tasting session starting at 7pm and the tour will start promptly at 7.25pm so please meet at Joules Brewery at 7pm, the address is:

Joules Brewery, Great Hales Street, Market Drayton, TF9 1JP

For more information or to book onto the trip speak to Pete at the club or call on: 01785 601137 or 07910 455220.

**Pete Fairhurst**  
Real Ale Co-ordinator

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### ***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](mailto:realexander@tiscali.co.uk)

**Roy Alexander**  
Principal Instructor

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### ***Dinner Dance - Saturday 28th February***

It's only three weeks until the Dinner Dance now the list is getting full, if you want to attend please sign up, or let Martin know asap. This has always been a fantastic event and it will take place again at The Mount Hotel in Wolverhampton on the 28th February. The Menu is on the website and can be viewed [HERE](#). If you wish to pay electronically tickets are £32.50 each, Sort Code 30 - 18 - 56 Account Number 00786088 please add DINNER as the reference.

**Martin Warburton**  
Commodore

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### ***Sailors of the Month***

With identical improvements in their personal handicaps, the award this month could not be split by the Sailing Committee.

Congratulations to Rob Hicklin and Keith Macaulay (and their Crews !)

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### Best of the Web

Massive congrats to Club member, and 420 sailor, **Sarah Norbury** and her crew Mari Davies, who have both been selected as **RYA Regional Youth Champions!** Sarah for the West Midlands region, and Mari for Wales.

In case you missed it, the new look RYA Midlands eNews is out now with bite size news, updates and events you can check it out!  
<http://ow.ly/lwEKe>

If you have any suggestions or pictures for #ThrowBackThursday please send them through. This week's went right back to the start of the Club, where next week's will go, nobody knows (including me at the moment!)

The image shows three tweets from the account South Staffs Sailing (@SSSCTweet). The first tweet, dated 22 Jan, mentions a Guinness World Record for the largest sailing race in 24 hours. The second tweet, dated 29 Jan, asks if people remember dancing at the club. The third tweet, dated 12h, celebrates the club's 60th birthday. Each tweet includes a small image: a Guinness World Record certificate, a photo of a woman in a dress, and a black and white photo of a group of people.

In the build up to starting to promote the Open Day in April, the Club [homepage](#) has had a little bit of a makeover, what do people think? If you have any comments or suggestions for the website please get in touch either via the publicity email or speak to Martin, Neil or Michelle when you are at the Club.

Keep on sharing your photos, news and events by posting to [Facebook](#), tweet @SSSCTweet or email Michelle: [publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk](mailto:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk)

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### 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

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### 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](http://www.southstaffssailingclub.co.uk) then Members Area>DUTY Information>Dutyman

Please contact me (email: [martinlichfield@gmail.com](mailto:martinlichfield@gmail.com) mob: 07805 056797) if you have any questions.

**Martin Lichfield**  
Duty Co-Ordinator

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### Social Dates

- Tuesday Night Dancing, 10th February, 8pm
- Joules Brewery Tour - 11th February, 7pm
- Dinner Dance - 28th February (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 8th February

	Race No	Start Time
PY + PH Race	5	11.30AM
Class Race	5	1:30 PM

For more information 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](mailto:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk)

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