



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 6th March



HEADLINES

- ⇒ Welcome to Mike Warbrick, our new Commodore!
- ⇒ Sarah Norbury picks up award at RYA Boat Show (and Mike Owen picks up a new crew!)
- ⇒ Great turn out for Dinner Dance & AGM
- ⇒ All Fleet Training Day - 14th March
- ⇒ Lark Open - 21st & 22nd March




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Duties this weekend

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Spring (2)	David Perrins	Graham Bower	Nick Brandon	Ian Dowell
Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
James Nixon	Jean Nixon	Volunteer Required	Martin Evans	Dave Croxford

All Fleet Training Session - 14th March, 10am

The next all fleet training session will be on Saturday 14th March. The focus will be on starting and the session will start at 10am.

Lark Open - 21st and 22nd March

It is two weeks until the South Staffs Lark Open weekend, the first of the 2015 season. South Staffs are hosting the first of the newly formatted Lark Great 8 Series. Smaller series, higher profile events & greater competition. 7 weekends and a national championships in total.

This weekend promises to offer great racing, and a social evening TBA. If people require crews, boats or helms please contact me and I will try match people and boats via email: will_croxford_91@hotmail.com or phone: 07966738540.

If any non-sailors would like to get involved, volunteers are always useful on the day. I am currently short on galley if its beneficial to anyone to fill/swap a duty, or help out.

Will Croxford
Lark Fleet Captain

GP14 Events

Shustoke are holding a GP14 open meeting on Saturday 21st March, this is the same weekend as the Lark Open so if you aren't sailing in that this could be of interest. There will be three races which will be held at 11.30 am, 1.30 pm and 3pm, entry £5.

The Midland Areas at Chasewater are only 3 weeks away, the link is [HERE](#). There is an entry form but online entry and sailing instructions will be coming soon.

Spring powerboat courses

Course 1: RYA Level 1 Saturday 11th April (9am ~ 4pm). No previous experience needed.

Course 2: SSSC Safety boat - Thursday 21st May, theory (7-30pm - 9-30pm) and Saturday 23rd May, practical (9am - 4pm). RYA L2 needed.

Course 3: RYA Level 2 - Saturday 30th May and Saturday 20th June (both days 9am - 4pm). RYA L1 needed.

If you are interested in doing any of the courses please put your name on the appropriate list on the course notice board (on the right of the white board) in the club house.

The courses are free, but log books (£5) & course booklet (£10) will be needed for Level 1 and Level 2 respectively. Applicants need to be 16 or over and be able to attend all sessions.

Further courses will be held in the Autumn.

Steve Finney

Power Boat Training Co-ordinator

AGM



Around 80 members attended the AGM on Tuesday (3rd March) to welcome in Mike Warbrick as Commodore, Annette Fitzpatrick as Vice Commodore with Martin Warburton moving to Rear Commodore. The new Social team is Lisa Carpenter and Clare Waymont with John Billington stepping into the role of Treasurer and Chris White and Michelle Evans joining the General Committee. Three members were given Honorary Membership: Mike Moscardi, Brian Hudson and Jim Hunt and John Edwards was thanked for his contribution as Treasurer.

Just a quick note to thank everyone for the fantastic collage of photographs of my year as your Commodore that was presented to me at the AGM, it is such a lovely memory of what has been an amazing year for the club. Claire and I wish Mike and Dawn every success for their year, we are sure they will have as much help and support as you gave us, it is really appreciated.

Thanks again for a wonderful year.

Martin and Claire



Good News Friday Submission Deadline

If you have anything for inclusion in Good News Friday please submit it to publicity@southstaffsailingclub.co.uk (this goes to Neil Hawkins and Michelle Evans) by 9pm the day before (e.g. **for next week, submission deadline is 9pm 12th March** for 13th March's newsletter), we cannot guarantee any items submitted after this will make that week's GNF.

Best of the Web

As the build up to Open Day and the Push the Boat Out events continues you will start to see more promotion on the Facebook page and Twitter as well as in Good News Friday so please help to promote these events to your family, friends and work colleagues. As Junior and Youth recruitment is a key focus of both events the web pages are (slowly!) being re-vamped, please have a look at the new Junior page [HERE](#) and the Case Studies [HERE](#) and if you have any feedback please email or speak to Michelle at the club.

Steve and Robin were interviewed by the RYA this week about why club's should take part in the RYA Honda RIB Championships and featured in the RYA eNewsletter. The article is also on the Club website [HERE](#).

And finally...we hear that the bandana tying class on Saturday went down a storm....



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

Social Dates

- Tuesday Night Dancing - 10th March
- Lark Open Social - 21st March
- Tuesday Night Dancing - 24th March
- Sarah Norbury fundraiser - 14th April

Racing Series Information

Spring Series Details
(March - April - May)

	Total Series Races	Races To Count
AM Series Races	10	5
A Series Races	10	5
B Series Races	9	4

Sunday 8th March

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	2	11:30am
A Series Race	2	1.45pm
B Series Race	2	3.30pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Spring Series](#)
[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)