



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 13th March



HEADLINES

- ▷ All Fleet Training TOMORROW 10am
- ▷ Lark Open - 21st and 22nd March
- ▷ Please help to start promoting the Open Day on 4th April
- ▷ Powerboat Training dates released
- ▷ Don't forget GNF deadline for submissions is 9pm on Thursday!




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Duties this weekend

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Spring (3)	Ross Kearney	Graham Bower	Steve Finney	Ian Dowell
Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Charlotte Davies	Jane Kearney	Volunteer Required	James Croxford	Volunteer Required

Sailor of the Month

Congrats to OK sailor Graham Hickman who has won the coveted Sailor of the Month award and a new burgee for his improved handicap.

All Fleet Training Session - TOMORROW - 14th March, 10am

The next all fleet training session will be on Saturday 14th March and will be run by Mike Senior. The focus will be on starting and the session will start at 10am and will run until around 2pm. There is no galley so please bring a packed lunch if you are going to attend.

Lark Open - 21st and 22nd March

It is only one week 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. The Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race and Poster have been added to the website [HERE](#).

This weekend promises to offer great racing, and a social evening. 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

Area RYA Honda RIB Championship Finals - 2nd May

This year the Area RYA Honda Rib Championship Finals here again at South Staffs.

The last time we ran this event - back in 2012 & 2013 - it went exceedingly well. The visiting RYA personnel couldn't praise you all or, the Club enough.

If you are able to join the event team please let me know please get in touch so that I can add you to the rota.

Email me on: trokesteve@gmail.com

Steve Troke

If you want to find out more about the event, Steve and Robin were interviewed by the RYA last 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](#).

Did anyone lose an earring at the Dinner Dance?

If anyone mislaid a single earring (two dark blue stones one above the other) at the Dinner Dance please contact me and I will return them.

Martin Warburton

Best of the Web

The club's **Open Day** is only 3 weeks away, all the information is on the website [HERE](#). Regular updates will be going out on our Facebook and Twitter pages so please help spread the word by sharing and re-tweeting the posts so we can try and get as many people there as possible.

The **Dinner Dance** photos are now online, [HERE](#), thanks to photographer Caroline Brandon.

More photos are needed for the rotating image at the top of this newsletter so please keep on sharing your photos, news and events by posting to [Facebook](#), tweet @SSSCTweet or email Michelle:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

Social Dates

- Lark Open Social - 21st March
 - Tuesday Night Dancing - 24th March
 - Sarah Norbury fundraiser - 14th April
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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 15th March

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	3	11:30am
A Series Race	3	1.45pm
B Series Race	3	3.30pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Spring Series](#)

[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

Good News Friday Submission Deadline

If you have anything for inclusion in Good News Friday **please submit it to publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk** (this goes to Neil Hawkins and Michelle Evans) by 9pm the day before (e.g. **for next week, submission deadline is 9pm 19th March** for 20th March's newsletter), we cannot guarantee any items submitted after this will make that week's GNF. There is a publicity schedule so if you have anything you want adding on for promotion in the press, GNF or social media please let us know.
