



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 20th March



HEADLINES

- ;> Lark Open THIS Saturday & Sunday (no normal club racing), 6 Nations Rugby will be on in the bar at the start of the social.
- ;> Open Day only 2 weeks away, help spread the word!
- ;> Junior & Youth Race Coaching starts again from 16th April
- ;> Commodore's Log available to buy



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Duties this weekend

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Lark Open (Saturday and Sunday)	Bill Bradburn	Event Organisers	Chris Beddow	Chris Cook
Galley Supervisors	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Event Organisers	Event Organisers	Event Organisers	Will Croxford	Volunteers Required

Lark Open - 21st and 22nd March

The Lark Open is this weekend! Part of the Lark Great 8 Series this promises to be an excellent weekend's sailing with variable wind expected over the two days and some of that fun 'shiftiness' that we are famous for. The Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race and Poster are on the website [HERE](#).

Entry is £22 racing only. Optional evening food will be an additional £8 per head and the England Six Nations

Saturday

- Registration 9:00 - 11:00am
- Briefing 11:15 am
- Race 1 12:00 pm
- Lunch
- Race 2 & 3 Back to Back

Social from 5pm:

- The final England vs. France, RBS 6 nations match will be on the projector in the background for any sports fans from 5pm onwards.
- Food will be a Indian Banquet supplied by a local favourite restaurant from 7:15pm onwards. There will be a massive selection of dish's to mix and match.
- After dinner the bar will be open and some music on offer.

Sunday

- Race 4 & 5 10:30am
- Back to Back
- Lunch
- Race 6
- Prize Giving

Finally can I ask for volunteers to bring cakes for the Sunday? It is a South Staffs tradition we send our visitors / competitors away after prize giving with a cake for the journey home. 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.

Will Croxford

Lark Fleet Captain

GP14 Events - 21st, 28th and 29th March

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 on 28th and 29th March, the link is [HERE](#). There is an entry form but online entry and sailing instructions will be coming soon.

Open Day - 4th April

The club's **Open Day** is now only 2 weeks away, all the information is on the website, including a poster you can print out and share [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.

If you have a spare hour or two to help out on the day itself, there are lots of amazing opportunities available; support the bar, galley or safety boat teams, help sell the club and our "learn to sail" courses, make, buy and eat cakes in support of our juniors, meet new interesting adventurous people, maybe even introduce more folks to the joy of sailing.

Glorious sunshine blue sky and windy weather has been booked. So come along and help to show just what a fantastic club we have. Save the date Easter Saturday 4th April. Looking forward to a marvellous day see you all there!

Mike Warbrick

Commodore

Spring powerboat courses - starting 11th April

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

Junior & Youth Race Coaching - starting 16th April

The longer evenings are coming and after the clocks go forward at the end of March, evening sailing will soon start. The race sessions for youngsters will start on Thursday evening 16th April at 6.30pm. The aim is to be away from the club by 8.30pm.

This season will see a change to the format we have run over the last few years. Not only will there be training every week for those new to racing but every fortnight we will have an "expert" on hand to guide those already racing regularly. A timetable of these "specialist" training days will be sent out shortly. These may even be a chance for the youngsters to team up in double handed boats?

As many club members will be at the Open Day on 4th April, we will start to register those wanting to attend on that day. To get the best from these sessions regular attendance is required and the reward is improved sailing skills and even more enjoyment from this great sport.

Tony Hotchkiss

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](#)

All Fleet Training Session

A huge thank you to Mike Senior, Ross Kearney and John Billington for providing an excellent days coaching on starting, the day was really well received and the all fleet format seems to be working well. The next session will be focusing on upwind sailing and will run on 18th April.

Commodores' Log (2005-2015)

The Club has produced a Commodores' Log which is a compilation of the club's events and achievements over the past ten years as summarised by our Commodores. It was developed to try to record the history of our club and to compliment the wonderful book compiled by Carole Danbury in 2005 entitled 'SSSC The First Fifty Years'. New members can gain an insight into our history and the more long-standing members can reminisce, hopefully bringing back some fond memories.

The Log was initially produced for our 60th Dinner Dance celebrations but we will now be arranging for a second print run. Each copy will cost £4.50 of which £1.00 will be donated to the RNLI. If you would like a copy you can either put your name down on the list posted at the clubhouse or email Annette at vice.commodore@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk by **5th April 2015**. For a brief overview of the Log please click [HERE](#).

Best of the Web

#ThrowBackThursday has gone all montage in recent weeks, why have just one throwback when you can have many (especially true in the case of the past Commodore's pic)...

 <p>5 Mar</p>	 <p>12 Mar</p>	 <p>2</p>
It was the #sssc Dinner Dance this week but #ThrowBackThursday can you spot yourself at any of these socials?! pic.twitter.com/4LuOD6Xm4Y	#sssc welcomed our new Commodore last week #ThrowBackThursday how many of these & their 'arrivals' do you remember?! pic.twitter.com/1S57qu19db	#sssc @larksailing Open on Sat/Sun #ThrowBackThursday Stuart Hydon won 2014. 2015 predictions? goo.gl/4RHpyH pic.twitter.com/cNqZJ7M1np



If you ever have anything you want to share with other Club members or the world at large you can post directly [Facebook](#), tweet @SSSCtweet or email: publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

2015-2016 Duties

The new sailing year is now in full swing. Please sign up for duties now if you haven't already done so. As previously advised, any duties outstanding after **30th April** will be allocated.

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. Here's the 'signing' process.

- 1). The preferred signing route is now via Dutyman (go to www.southstaffssailingclub.co.uk then Members Area>DUTY Information>Dutyman)
 - 2). If you've forgotten your password there is a reminder option.
 - 3). A hard copy of duty roster is displayed at the Club - you can sign for duties on this but it may not be fully up-to-date; duties booked through Dutyman will take priority in the event of any 'conflict'.
 - 4). If you do sign on the hard copy please let me know via email or text so that Dutyman can be updated.
- Please contact me if you have any questions,

Martin Lichfield

Duty Co-Ordinator

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Them's the Rules...

The rule changes that were outlined at the AGM have now formally been approved and can be viewed on the website [HERE](#).

Lost Property

The latest Lost Property list is now online [HERE](#).

Social Dates

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

No Club Racing this weekend due to the Lark Open on Saturday and Sunday

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 26th March** for 27th 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.
