



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News Friday - 27th March



### HEADLINES

- > Don't forget the clocks go **forward** on Sunday Morning! Don't turn up 1 hour late and miss race!!!
- > Open Day only 1 week away, facebook sharing has had 2,000 views and lots of interest, keep up the good work!
- > Junior & Youth Race Coaching starts 16th
- > Raffle prizes needed for Sarah Norbury Social night



SATURDAY

**04**  
APRIL

OPEN DAY

FULL SAILING CALENDAR



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RACE TIMINGS



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WEATHER FORECAST



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### Duties this weekend

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Spring (4)	John Billington	Sue Billington	Bob Haldane	Martin Temple
Galley Supervisors	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Mark Bieganski	Shanette Jones	Tina Temple	Sue Jones	Graham Jones

### GP14 Events - 28th and 29th March

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 **1 week** 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 retweeting the posts so we can try and get as many people there as possible. Thanks to everyone who shared last week's Facebook post, it has had 2,000 views and generated a number of enquiries!

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

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### ***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

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### ***How to become an Olympic sailor? - Social Event, 14th April***

Here is a chance to find out and to help her on her way! Our own **Sarah Norbury** started sailing at South Staffs when she was quite young! Now a 17 year old she has been through the Optimist squads and represented the UK as far afield as New Zealand. She became number one girl in the Optimist worlds and then moved into the 420 where she is now number one girl along with her crew, Mari Davies.

So what does it take to train and sail against other would be Olympic hopefuls? What are the logistics of mixing school, college and sailing to stay on top? How does she get her boat from one place to the next and what does it all cost? We are delighted to say Sarah will come and tell us all about her sailing life on Tuesday evening 14th April. This will include pictures and descriptions of how she got to where she is, so don't miss it!!!

Sarah has achieved so much so far and sails under the banner of South Staffs Sailing Club which helps to promote us far and wide. In 2015 she won the award of West Midlands' RYA Youth Champion, as well as a bronze medal at the 420 Junior European Championships last year, she also representing Great Britain at the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships and won RYA Youth National Championships gold. This year she is sailing for GBR in the Europeans in Bulgaria and the Worlds in Japan, and needs our help to get there! This will be the first of two fundraising events the Club will be holding, the second event later in the year will tie up with the Beattie Trophy on the water. There will be a small charge of £2 per person for the evening but it promises to be a great night and will include:

- Cheese and biscuits
- Talk by Olympic hopeful and South Staffs Sailor Sarah Norbury
- A Raffle
- Heads and Tails Game
- Music from the house band (don't let that put you off from coming!)

### **Raffle prizes needed!**

**If you would like to support this event and Sarah's fundraising we are in need of prizes to raffle off on the night, big or small if you have anything to donate please leave it in the office with a note to say it is for this night or pass it on to one of the social team (Claire Waymont and Lisa Carpenter).**

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### ***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**

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## All Fleet Training Sessions - 18th April

The next session will be focusing on upwind sailing and will run on 18th April.

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## 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](mailto: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](#).

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## 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](mailto:vice.commodore@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk) by **5th April 2015**. For a brief overview of the Log please click [HERE](#).

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## Best of the Web

Please keep an eye out for the **Open day** posts over the next few weeks and if you haven't already please help us promote our amazing Club to all of your family and friends by sharing or re-tweeting, there have been quite a few enquiries this week from people who have seen it on Facebook so thanks to everyone who has shared and if you haven't there's another post coming out later today about the open day.....

Back in 2000/01 one half of the **Canadian branch of South Staffs sailing club (Anne Pugh)** took part in a round the world sailing race in the winning LG Flatron boat and a new clip has been put online that gives a great overview of some of the sailing action. The clip is only a couple of minutes long but is well worth the watch you can check it out [HERE](#).

South Staffs continues to receive good promotion from **Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent** with the club featuring twice in their latest newsletter. You can read the articles and the rest on the newsletter [HERE](#).

**Lark Open** - 7 visitors and 12 South Staffs boats took part in the Lark Open last weekend with Stuart Hydon holding off the South Staffs front runners to retain his title. There is a write up on the Yachts and Yachting website which you can view [HERE](#) and there are some great pictures from James Croxford that are on the Club's [Facebook](#) page.

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](mailto:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk)

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## 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](http://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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## Social Dates

- Tuesday Night Dancing - 24th March
- Sarah Norbury fundraiser - 14th April

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## Racing Series Information - Spring Series

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

## Sunday 29th March

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	4	11.30am
A Series Race	4	1.45pm
B Series Race	4	3.30pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Spring Series](#)

[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

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## Good News Friday Submission Deadline

If you have anything for inclusion in Good News Friday **please submit it to [publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk](mailto: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 2nd April** for 3rd April'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.