



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News 'Good Friday' - 3rd April



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- > Don't forget there is racing on Sunday and Monday this week :)
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- > Sarah Norbury Social fundraising night 14th April
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	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Spring (5)	Keith Macauley	Volunteer NEEDED	Pete Fairhurst	Annette Fitzpatrick
Monday	Peter Waine Trophy	Derek Fleming	Marty Whittaker	Michael Whittaker	Robin Lowery
	Galley Supervisors	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Suzanne Edwards	Nova Fairhurst	Volunteer NEEDED	John Edge	Kate Edge
Monday	Drinks Only	Elaine Fleming	Drinks Only	Pete Fairhurst	

### Open Day - 4th April

The club's **Open Day** is tomorrow!!!

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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## Resident Membership Update

Following the email of 1st April about the new 'Resident Membership' category that is being introduced to coincide with the building of bungalows adjacent to the Club the developers, Rolf Alpoi, have awarded the first successful application to 'Dorothy' for her application below:

I would firstly like to thank you for offering such support to the elderly members of South Staffs; rounding us up and pointing us in the right direction. I find that of late my underwear is working in a similar vein.

I think my name is Dorothy and I am a long-sitting member of SSSC. I used to be long-standing but due to my age this is no longer possible. This is the first point upon which I would like to build my case for selection. I would be an ideal candidate for sitting in a lake-view apartment and devoting my spare time to maintaining the welfare of the club by propping up the bar at every available opportunity.

This brings me onto point number B. I like beer so would be perfect for taking delivery of said beer and contributing to the safety of all club members by consuming it and reducing the risks of drink-sailing.

Thirdly, having camped between the car park and first properties in my youth I understand the local area and can be of benefit to other residents. I can't remember point number D but I know it was an excellent one! I am a glass half full kinda gal (handy for storing my false teeth) and I will be most obliging in all aspects of my role as a resident-member. I hope you will seriously consider my application.

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## Best of the Web

**GP14 Midland Areas** were last weekend with 12 boats from South Staffs taking part in the event which provided some really challenging sailing! **The race report and full result are on Yachts and Yachting website [HERE](#)** and there are some photos on the Club's [Facebook](#) page as well as loads on Chase Sailing Club's Facebook page. Congrats to all who sailed but a special mention to Sam and Andy (2nd overall), top female helm Meg Hicklin (who was breaking in a rookie crew...) and top female crew Seonaid Young. Bragging rights in the Young household though went to Dave who took 3rd place with crew Ollie and young guns Will Hawkins and 'Slim' Thomson took 14th place and 1st Bronze fleet.

Prize giving for the 2014 Midland Bell also took place at the same event so congrats to Derek & Cobby who finished 8th, Nick & Vicky 7th, Sam & Andy 6th and Ian and Keith 3rd.

And finally, we have started a new 'name and shame' feature for this edition. We've all been there as crew, you feel like you're putting in all of the effort, going that extra mile - doing all of the work while the helm at the back sits there and lightly nudges the tiller. Never before has this newsletter witnessed such blatant crew 'abuse' as this weekend at the GP14 Areas. So for your sterling effort balancing the boat while your helm chillaxes, take a flailing arm bow Sam Thomson.....



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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## 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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## Sarah Norbury Social - 14th April, 8pm

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. 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 (Clare 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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## Going Batty! - 23rd April

The Canal and Rivers Trust will be putting up 30 bat and bird boxes around Gailey reservoir on Tuesday 23rd April from 10am, if anyone would like to come and help get in touch with Mark Nicholls (a.k.a. Bat Man?!).

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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 **THIS SUNDAY**. For a brief overview of the Log please click [HERE](#).

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## New Boat Needed!!

There could be some Good news for someone wanting to sell their boat !!... having sold my boat quicker than anticipated I'm looking to upgrade to a Fiberglass GP14, if anyone is looking to sell please get in touch.

### Jeremy Ireland-Jones

Mobile: 07980 869 518

Email: [jeremy.irelandjones@akzonobel.com](mailto:jeremy.irelandjones@akzonobel.com)

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## Social Dates

- 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 5th April

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	5	11.30am
A Series Race	5	1.45pm
B Series Race	5	3.30pm

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### Monday 6th April

#### Peter Waine Trophy Details

	Total Races in Series	Races to Qualify
Peter Waine Trophy	9	4

9 PH races 4 to count. Run in conjunction with Bank Holiday PY Races

Race No	Start Time
1	11:30am
2	1.45pm
3	3.30pm

For more information about the Peter Waine Trophy click [here](#).

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### Monday 6th April

Three PY races two to count. Run in conjunction with Peter Waine Trophy.

Race No	Start Time
1	11:30am
2	1.45pm
3	3.30pm

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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 9th April** for 10th 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.