



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 10th April



HEADLINES

- > Junior Training starts THIS Sunday, 9.15am start. Race Coaching starts Thursday 16th April
- > Open Day a great success, thanks to all who spread the word and helped out
- > Sarah Norbury THIS Tuesday 14th April - talk from Sarah, games & music
- > All Fleet Training, Upwind Session - 18th April, not to be missed!



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Sunday 12th April - Calf Heath Trophy Details

Three Class Races, two to count - with a trophy for each class.

Race No	Start Time
1	11:30
2	1:45
3	3.30

For more information about the Calf Heath Trophies and a bit of history click [here](#)

Duties this weekend

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Calf Heath Trophy	Tony Hotchkiss	Brenda Hotchkiss	Steve Line	Gary Bryan
Galley Supervisors	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Brian Bates	John Edwards	Volunteer NEEDED	Cobby Johnson	Vicky Ford

Open Day

The publicity worked, the helpers worked, (very hard). The wind worked just enough, and no one got wet. Even the sun eventually decided that South Staffs Sailing Club was the place to be. It was a great day with the usual South Staffs clubhouse buzz present in abundance.

The visitors were many (90 in total!) with several enthusiastic enough to sign up for a "learn to sail" course on the day. This included a

number of families and juniors expressing an interest; we look forward to seeing them again on Sunday mornings for junior training.

As the commodore I had felt it was my duty to be involved with the shore side meet n greet team and not to disappear off in a ship. The good intentions lasted a couple of hours but when a work colleague arrived with his son the temptation was too great. So I enjoyed myself all afternoon helping the team with the trips around the bay.

A special mention to all Tim's juniors who raised lots of money for the RNLI with their 6 hour sponsored sail and boosted their own funds with their cake stall.

A very big thank you to all involved for a very successful event. There is a great write up about the day with a video of some on the water action [HERE](#).

Push The Boat out is our next big event that is open to the public, this will be an Under 18s taster day (although we welcome parents and those who want to get back into sailing along too). There are some flyers on the shelf by the bar, please help promote the event by taking some and handing them out to anyone you think might be interested.

Mike Warbrick
Commodore

Sarah Norbury Social - 14th April, 8pm

It wasn't long ago that our own **Sarah Norbury** was sailing an Optimist at the club. Now she represents Great Britain all around the world! Sarah will be coming along on 14th April to share her story and inspire others.

For current juniors and youths in particular this will be a really great opportunity to come along and meet Sarah and find out where sailing could take you. The whole evening will be a family fun night with a talk from Sarah as well as a 'Heads and Tails' game, raffle, music from the house band and cheese and biscuits.

There is a small charge of £2 per person but this promises to be a great night for all. Please come along and show your support for Sarah!

So that we have an idea about numbers please sign up this weekend when you are at the club (sheet is on the board opposite the galley) or you can email the social team to let them know on social@southstaffssailing.co.uk or get in touch through Facebook or Twitter.

Junior Sailing

Sunday morning junior training starts again this Sunday, juniors please try and arrive by 9.15 so that we are all kitted up and ready for a briefing at 9.30.

After the overwhelming interest in junior sailing at last Saturday's open day we are expecting lots of new faces. If any instructors/club members are interested in helping get these new recruits started on their sailing journey, we can always use some extra help, particularly for the 1st few weeks of training. Please speak to Tim C if you would like to help.

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.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the juniors and their parents who helped out with the open day, taking visitors for boat rides, talking to potential new members, selling cakes and participating in the sponsored sail. The Junior cake stall made £61 for Junior Funds, and the 6 hour continuous sponsored sail made over £285 for the RNLI. A fantastic effort all round, you were a credit to the club.

Tim Coleshaw
Junior Organiser

All Fleet Training Sessions - 18th April

The first two all fleet training sessions of the year have proved really popular with all who have attended. The next session is a must for all as it will be focusing on upwind sailing. The session will cover tacking, lay lines, boat trim as well as tactics and will be an excellent chance to get some small group coaching from South Staffs' most experienced sailors. The session is open to all and will start at 10am.

Chris from Dinghy Tech will also be there with a selection of English Braids and other kit. If you have anything specific you would like Chris to bring with him please give him a call in advance of the day on: 07966687785.

Best of the Web

Thanks to everyone who shared the **Open Day** info on Facebook and Twitter, the day was fantastic and also provided a great opportunity to get some more publicity for the club. If you've not already seen it there was a great write up with a video clip in the **Express & Star**, you can see that [HERE](#) and there was also a story published on the **RYA website** about the open day and learn to sail courses which you can see [HERE](#). The next big promotion will be for the RYA Push the Boat Out event on 16th May which will run as an 'Under 18's Taster Day' so please help again by passing on a flyer (on the shelf next to the bar) and sharing the Facebook posts that will go out in the run up.

Sarah Norbury has been competing in the **RYA Youth Championships** this week, at the time of sending she was leading the 420 event but you can check out the final results [HERE](#) later today.

Congrats to **Jonathan Woodward** who came 31st out of 62 boats who sailed in the **Solo Spring Championships at Draycote Water Sailing Club** last weekend, the race report and some video clips from the event are on Yachts and Yachting [HERE](#).

GP14 Fleet Weekly Email - With plenty of complaints from GP14 Fleet Captain Mark Fleming about being tired now he has entered 'the real world', there were fears that after a busy weekend down at the Club he might have just been too tired this week to type his fleet update email. However, be assured, this was due to a temporary email problem and normal service will be resumed shortly! You can still contact him directly if you need a crew or helm for this weekend.

And finally...Last week in our '**Name and Shame**' feature we reported on some helm laziness leading to the over-working of his crew. This week we have been alerted to some blatant crew laziness. At the Open Day on Saturday Keith Macaulay was spotted literally with his feet up and directing his junior crew to chauffeur him around the reservoir...(nothing to do with the logistics of getting a grown adult in the front of an Oppie at all!)



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

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 Nichols (a.k.a. Bat Man?!).

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

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Social Dates

- Sarah Norbury fundraiser - 14th April

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 16th April** for 17th 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.