



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News Friday - 17th April



### HEADLINES

- > All Fleet Training, Upwind Session - TOMORROW, not to be missed! 10am, bring lunch
- > Sarah Norbury night a great success
- > Please pick up your Membership Address booklets from the Club
- > Welcome new members! Learn to Sail starts on Wednesday



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### Duties this weekend

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Spring (6)	Clive Williams	Chris Jones	Robin Harper	Frank Causer
Galley Supervisors	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Corrie Williams	Tina Temple	Volunteer NEEDED	Chris White	Nicky Booth

### Sarah Norbury Social

For those that attended the Sarah Norbury night we hope you enjoyed it and thank you to all that contributed to the event, whether it was by contributing prizes to the raffle or digging deep into your pockets!!! We raised an amazing £400 which was a great achievement and Sarah and her family were very grateful (see Tweet below from Sarah):

#### Tweets

 **Norbury Davies 420** 15 Apr  
@420Norb\_Dav

Thank you @SSSCtweet great band, great evening and great cheese !! #sssc thank you for all your support !

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Thanks need to go to Graham Bowers for the Heads & Tails game and Phil Barnfield for persuading so many people to part with their money in the cheese auction (you've missed a vocational calling there we think!!!) and the band for the great music! Also thanks to Michelle for the publicity and Amanda and the Norbury family for helping us to set up. Also thanks to all that donated to the raffle prizes and for those that won prizes we hope you enjoy them. I would love to have been a fly on the wall to see the reaction of Graham's wife when he went home with his prizes of a bottle of Moet and satin bed sheets ;-)

Here's to the next social and if anyone has any suggestions that they would like to put forward please let either Lisa or Clare know and we will see what we can do ;-)

**Lisa and Clare**

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### ***All Fleet Training Sessions - Tomorrow 10am!***

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. Only drinks will be available so don't forget to bring lunch along.

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.

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### ***Membership Address Booklets***

These are now available at the club, so could as many people as possible pick their copy up from the club in the next week or two?

### ***New Members***

The Learn to Sail Courses are about to start and this means an influx of new faces. I am sure everyone remembers it can be quite daunting to become involved in an established club so if you see someone around that you do not recognise please introduce yourself and say hello.

The courses will run on a Wednesday evening although we will also be trying to encourage everyone to come down at the weekends and to social events. Given that Tuesday sailing is about to start, that is a perfect excuse to change your beer drinking night to a Wednesday (or more likely have two beer drinking nights), so why not come down and help create the buzzing and welcoming atmosphere that we do so well!

**James Croxford**

Membership Secretary

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### ***Duties 2015/16***

The end of April is fast approaching - any duties not covered by then will be allocated. If you still haven't signed up for any or all of your duty commitment, please do so as soon as possible to avoid duty allocation (you will be responsible for fulfilling these or arranging for someone else to do them on your behalf).

Note: The above does not apply to new members joining the club via the Learn-to-Sail courses.

Please contact me via email: [martinjlichfield@gmail.com](mailto:martinjlichfield@gmail.com) or mobile: 07805 056797 if you have any problems using Dutyman or are not clear on anything.

**Martin Lichfield**

Duty Co-ordinator

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### ***Best of the Web***

We hit the **500 follower mark on Twitter this week!!!** Thanks to all club members who follow on Twitter (and Facebook), we also have a lot of other sailing Clubs and local media who follow the us so it is a great platform for promoting what we are about to the wider community. 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 Twitter and Facebook posts that will go out in the run up.

It's that time for our regular three week #ThrowBackThursday round up, we have a great archive of images on the Club website but always welcome submissions for this or any other feature so if you have any blast from the past photos (a few baby photos would be fun!) please send them through.

**South Staffs Sailing** @SSSCtweet 26 M  
 #ThrowBackThursday all the way back to @larksailing Open last weekend! @yandyfeed write up: goo.gl/iXFSFa pic.twitter.com/Z5RoiPaktQ



**South Staffs Sailing** @SSSCtweet 2 Apr  
 Apr 2012 #ThrowBackThursday to @BritishSailing @470Sailing double Olympian Joe Glanfield visit #sssc #inspirational pic.twitter.com/IEeW8rVi0v



**South Staffordshire Sailing Club** April 9 at 10:56am  
 #ThrowBackThursday the only downside to getting involved at #sssc as a junior is that it means there are pictures of you around the club looking very fresh faced!



And finally...over the past few weeks we have been 'Naming and Shaming' the ruthless exploitation of your fellow sailors. This week we have turned our attention to righting the boat, proving that there is no gallantry in Mark Nichols' boat Mark relaxes in the water leaving crew Clare to single-handedly sort the boat out....



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)

**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**  
 Mobile: 07980 869 518  
 Email: [jeremy.irelandjones@akzonobel.com](mailto:jeremy.irelandjones@akzonobel.com)

**Spring Series Details**

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

**Sunday 19th April**

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	6	11:30am
A Series Race	6	1.45pm
B Series Race	6	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 23rd April** for 24th 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.

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