



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 1st May



HEADLINES

- Honda RYA Youth RIB Challenge Areas TOMORROW, come and support Aga!
- BBQ on Sunday after James Beattie Trophy at 6pm, only £5
- Powerboat Safety Course on 23rd needs more members signed up to run
- Next all fleet training session 9th May - mark roundings



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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	James Beattie Trophy	Martin Evans	Niall Toolan	Piotr Czartolomny	Malgorzata Surgiel
Tuesday	Tuesday (3)	Mike Owen	David Langford	John Duke	Martin Temple
	Galley Supervisors	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Tara Temniuk	David Whatton	Simon Massey	Terry Edwards	Darren Heath
Tuesday				Terry Edwards	Darren Heath

BBQ on Sunday - from 6pm

The Club is throwing a BBQ on Sunday following the James Beattie Pursuit Trophy. It's open to all so even if you're not racing why not come down. The cost is £5 per head and any profit will be going to Sarah Norbury as part of the Club's support for her GBR 420 campaign this year.

The weather forecast for the evening is currently predicted to be dry and sunny from about 6pm and BBQ expert Nick Brandon will be our Al Fresco chef for the evening. With the bar fully stocked with the finest Joules bitter and cash and carry wine, ditch the roast and dine in style!

To give the social team an idea about numbers please click that you are going to the event on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/844755345602834/> or email the social team (Clare and Lisa) on: social@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

Honda RYA Youth RIB Challenge Area Championships - Saturday from 10.30am

Following on from Kamila Czartolomna's win at the national finals last year, South Staffs is hosting the West Midlands regional Honda RYA Youth RIB Challenge Area Championships tomorrow (Saturday).

As Kamila won the over 13 age group in 2014 the rules prohibit the Club entering anyone into the over 13's this year but fortunately the Czartolomna family is full of powerboat driving talent with Kamila's younger sister Aga representing the Club in the under 12 category.

The action kicks off from 10.30am and will run until about 1pm if you want to come along and cheer on Aga!

If you want to know more about the Honda RYA Youth RIB challenge you can read an article encouraging club participation by **Robin Harper and Steve Troke** [HERE](#).

Beginner's Blog

If you were wondering what it's really like to Learn to Sail at South Staffs? Well wonder no more, sailing journalist and current Level 1 student Karenza Morton will be sharing her experiences over the next few weeks in a Beginner's Blog, thanks Karenza!

About six months ago I decided I'd talked the talk for long enough, it was now time to start walking it – yep, eight years after submerging myself in a career in sailing, I was finally going to do my Level 1.

So, aided by a little bit of 'gentle' persuasion from Tony Hotchkiss, last Wednesday (22 April) I sailed out into the South Staffordshire sunshine for the first time.

Well I say 'sailed' it was more stuttering, stalling and not being very good at steering, but I was waterborne! I was stumbling, if not quite walking, the walk. I'm the first to admit I couldn't have had a better first experience. I've been on plenty of boats before, but being put in charge of the tiller and being told to sail across the wind for the first time, was a whole different ball game. Yet my instructor Mark was unfailingly clear, concise and, most importantly, patient.

I'm a bit of a one for beating myself up if I'm not the World's leading expert after one attempt so there was plenty of "I can't do this," "I'm never going to be able to do this," "There's too many things to think about!" being spewed from my negative mouth. Mark wasn't having any of it, however. For every Morton muttering, there was positive encouragement, a demo here, an explanation there.

Read the full Blog and find out how Karenza got on in week 2 [HERE](#).

Junior Sailing

Second hand sailing wear sale

The juniors will be holding a second hand sailing wear sale this Sunday from 9:30am to 12:00pm. If you have any surplus waterproofs, wetsuits, buoyancy aids which might be of interest to new club members please bring them along on Sunday and let Tim know how much you would like for them. Please check back at the end of the morning to see if your items have been sold so that unwanted clothing is not left at the club.

Junior Newquay Weekend

Deposits of £10 per child are required by Sunday for this weekend away on 13th/14th June. If you missed the briefing about this weekend last week we will mention it again at Juniors this Sunday.

Tim Coleshaw

Junior Organiser

Best of the Web

The **Nantwich GP14** Midland Bell event was last weekend, congrats to **Sam Watson and Andy Hunter** (who are also members at Nantwich) for winning the event, you can read the write up in Y&Y [HERE](#).

The annual inter-fleet **Flamank Trophy** took place last weekend, congrats to the **Lark Team** on their win. There has already been some really competitive racing from the **Lark Fleet** this season and if you fancy joining the action and need a boat there are currently two being advertised on the Club Facebook Group.

The Club is in the news again in the **Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent** newsletter as part of the regional Push the Boat Out coverage and also a write up about our open day, you can view the articles [HERE](#).

Congratulations to **Sarah Norbury** who has received a grant from Staffordshire County Council from their Talented Athlete fund. The Club will also be fundraising for Sarah at the Beattie Trophy this weekend to help ensure Sarah can sail at the 420 Europeans and Worlds.

And finally...I (Michelle) spent Sunday on the safety boat gathering evidence for future issues of GNF! For this week I thought I'd hand out a few Virtual GNF Awards.

The first award is jointly sponsored by Rolex and BT (it's good to talk!) and goes to **Mark Fleming and Seonaid Young** for the 'Best Start'. To be fair they did manage to do okay (1st!) in the end despite chatting on shore and starting 10 minutes after the rest of the fleet.

The second award is sponsored by the makers of the TV show Dallas. Showing that family rivalries are alive and well at South Staffs the Bobby Ewing 'Best Protest' Award goes to **Ed Bradburn** for very loudly protesting his Dad **Bill** as they rounded number 4.

The final award is the Monty Python 'Bright Side of Life' Award which goes to **Chris Jones and Dave Morgan**. Before, during and after a swim in what is still very cold water especially when wearing shorts, Chris and Dave maintained smiles throughout showing the kind of enthusiasm for being drowned that South Staffs is famous for! There are a couple of videos and some photos on the Club Facebook page from this weekend and also loads in the gallery on the website [HERE](#).



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

The GP14 Inlands are only two weeks away...

9th-10th May: Carsington Sailing Club, Inland Championships (right on our doorstep and would be great to get a really good turn out from the sailing club!) - more details can be found [HERE](#).

There will be guaranteed high quality racing/sailors to race against and it is local in comparison to last year! It is a great event to experience and if you are available and willing then please do come along. Please note that this is the weekend after the bank holiday. If you can't come and want to keep up to date with the action there will be live tweeting from the event (you will be able to see them on the GP14 website or on Twitter [@GP14Sailing](#)).

Please be aware that that online entry closes on Wednesday 6th May at midnight and the price for entering will be more after this period.

Mark Fleming
GP14 Fleet Captain

All Fleet Training Session - 9th May

The next all fleet training session will be on 9th May with a focus on mark roundings. The first few sessions have proved really useful for those who attended so if you are a perennial mark hitter or just want to improve your speed round this session is for you! Usual 10am start and no galley.

Safety Boat Course - needs more signed up to be able to run!

There are still vacancies on the Safety Boat course which is being held on Thursday 21st May (theory, 7-30pm ~9-30pm) and Saturday 23rd May (practical, 9.00am to 4.00pm) and we need a couple more to sign up for the course to be able to run so please sign up if you are interested.

Candidates need to be 16 or over, already hold a level 2 PB certificate and be able to attend both sessions. If you are interested in doing the course sign up on the poster on the noticeboard on the right hand side of the white board in the clubhouse or get in touch with Steve Finney.

Steve Finney
Powerboat Training Co-ordinator

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 started last week 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

James Beattie Pursuit - Races 1, 2 & 3.

Sunday 3rd May

3 Pursuit races 2 to count.

Race no.	Start Time
1	11:30am
2	1.45pm
3	3:30pm

For further information on the James Beattie Trophy and pursuit racing click [HERE](#)

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 7th May** for 8th May'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.