



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News Friday - 8th May



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- > All fleet training session THIS Saturday, 10am, mark roundings
- > Helpers needed for PTBO, 16th May
- > Social Sailing on Wednesdays open to all, galley, safety and bar on just turn up!




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**RYA**  
**PUSH THE**  
**BOAT OUT**

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### Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Spring Series (8) Century Cup	Mark Nichols	Claire Waymont	Martin Lichfield	Melvyn Davies
Tuesday	Tuesday (4)	Robert Hicklin	Kate Edge	Julie Hicklin	John Edge
	<b>Galley Supervisors</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>
Sunday	Mark Bieganski	Shanette Jones	Nicky Howard	Will Croxford	Nat Bundy
Tuesday	-----	-----	-----	Will Croxford	Nat Bundy

### Only 2 Club Races on Sunday....Century Cup at 4pm

Details for 4pm - One P.Y. race. Entries for this race are limited to helms 50 years old or over and the sum of ages of the helm and crew must total at least 100 years. Helm and crew cannot change during the event.

For more information about the Century Cup click [here](#). Can the Billington's win again? Four time winners in five years!

### All Fleet Training Session - 9th May

Did you know, an average South Staffs race can include 30 mark roundings?! This important area of technique will be the focus of the next all fleet training session this Saturday.

If you are losing a boat length every rounding that puts you 30 boat lengths behind where you could have been so this session is going to be really useful. Usual 10am start and no galley. Chris from Dinghytec will be down again with a selection of ropes and other kit.

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### **Helpers needed for Push The Boat Out event - 16th May, 10am to 3pm**

There has been a lot of interest in this year's RYA Push The Boat Out event at South Staffs and, with a focus on encouraging under 18's to get into sailing (and those adults who want to get back into sailing), the day promises to be relaxed, fun and showcase the best of what we have to offer.

To make the event a success we need Club members to come down on the day and be on hand to help out, mingle and be around to talk to prospective junior and youth sailors and their parents. It's a drop in session between 10am and 3pm so if you have any time to spare during the day please come along and show your support. This is a day for members and their friends so if you want to show the Club off to a friend this is your opportunity, all are welcome. There is only tea and coffee being served from the galley so bring your own lunch.

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### **Honda RYA Youth RIB Challenge Area Championships**

The 2015 West Midlands Regional Honda RYA Youth RIB Championships were held at South Staffordshire Sailing Club on 2nd May. South Staffs own Aga Czartolomna won the 8 to 12 years category with Henry Dugmore from Blithfield Sailing Club taking the 13-16 aged group. It was a day for family legacies and sibling rivalries with both Henry and Aga having older siblings who had already represented their Clubs at the National Finals in Southampton before - Henry's older sister Elizabeth reached the finals in 2013 and Aga's sister Kamila won the event in 2014 (and is now the 'face' of youth powerboating with her picture on all of the promotional material!).

Over 20 spectators and helpers turned up from the host club to cheer the two youngsters on and after the event current champion Kamila showed she hasn't lost any of her edge from last year with a quick and controlled display of powerboat driving in the boat she won in 2014. At the prize giving at the end Regional Organiser Steve Troke thanked Tom from the RYA, all of the helpers, spectators and the competitors.

More pictures from the 2015 Regional Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship can be found in our gallery [HERE](#) and a write up of the event can be found [HERE](#). There is also a video of Aga's second timed lap on the Club's Facebook Page. 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](#).

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### **James Beattie Trophy & Sarah Norbury Fundraiser**

The Club was pleased to welcome GBR 420 sailor and SSSC member Sarah Norbury on Sunday as she took part in the James Beattie Pursuit Trophy.

The forecast for the day promised a decent wind and some strong gusts but no one was prepared for the shifts that proved challenging and demanding even for the South Staffs all star cast that included: Sarah Norbury and Lucy Bradburn, Mike and Liz Senior, Chris White and Nic Booth, Dave Young and Ollie Goodhead and Bill Bradburn. 24 boats took to the water for the first race and conditions were fairly tame compared to expectations with the larks and Bill in the OK advancing well through the pack to take the first race. The second race showcased some of South Staffs' famous shifts with those who were able to pick them making big gains and the rest left well behind. Wherever you were in the fleet the second race was hard work! This seemed to put a few off taking part in the third with only 7 boats completing the race.

There was tough competition at the top but in the end it was Dave Young and Ollie Goodhead (celebrating his 16th birthday) in the GP14 who took the trophy with Sarah Norbury and Lucy Bradburn in the Lark having to settle for 2nd. The full results (which Dave Young may well be having framed!) can be found [HERE](#).

The day was the second fundraiser for Sarah who competes as part of the Great Britain 420 squad along with her Welsh sailing partner Mari Davies. The race was followed by a BBQ and Sarah said she had really enjoyed her day's sail at South Staffs and thanked the Club for their continued support. This event and the Tuesday night social have raised around £600 towards to help Sarah be able to compete at the 420 World Championships in Japan this year. There is a letter of thanks from Sarah up on the board at the Club or you can read it on the website [HERE](#).

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### **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.

With big gusts forecast for this week and a nervous Karenza..... see how she got on in week 3 [HERE](#).

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### **Social Sailing Wednesdays**

Why not celebrate reaching the mid-point of a week with a social sail?! Every Wednesday over the summer there is a galley on, safety cover and the bar is open. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a practice on the water and it gives the Learn to Sail class an opportunity to chat to established members. It's also a nice, relaxed way to brush up on your sailing skills if you've been off the water for a while as there are people around who can offer advice.

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### **Best of the Web**

Congratulations to South Staffs members Jonathan Woodward and Karen Alexander on their convincing win in race 5 and their 6th overall place at the Enterprise Inland Championships at Burton Sailing Club and to Neil Bawden on 26th place, you can read the write up in Y&Y [HERE](#).

Yachts & Yachting are currently offering a reduced subscription rate of £9.99 for the first 5 issues, you can view this offer [HERE](#).

And finally...we have heard this week that there is a rare strain of avian flu being carried by the Canadian Geese who regularly decorate our jetties with their deposits. The new 'Canadian Goose Flu' hit the shores of the UK last week and we fear that some of our powerboaters might have been hit by the non-life threatening-at-all-bug. The symptoms are mood swings, excessive spontaneous pointing and flapping like a bird. If you see anyone at the Club displaying these symptoms please treat immediately with a wry smile.



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)

### **The GP14 Inlands this weekend**

Good luck to all South Staffs competitors who will be taking part in the GP14 Inlands this weekend at Carsington Sailing Club near Ashbourne. 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. If you can't come and want to keep up to date with the action there will be social media updates from the event.

**Mark Fleming**  
GP14 Fleet Captain

### **Sunday 10th May**

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	8	11:30am
A Series Race	8	1.45pm
Century Cup	1	4.00pm

For more information about the Century Cup click [here](#). Can the Billington's win again? Four time winners in five years!

**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](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 14th May for 15th 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.

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