



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News Friday - 15th May



### HEADLINES

- > Push The Boat Out THIS Saturday 10am to 3pm
- > Race coaching with Jane Kearney starts THIS Wednesday for beginners and improvers
- > Social Sailing on Wednesdays open to all, galley, safety and bar on just turn up!



◀ SATURDAY 16 MAY ▶

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PUSH THE  
BOAT OUT**

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WEEKLY BLOG BY A LEARN TO SAIL STUDENT

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### Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Spring Series (9)	Chris Warburton	John Blocksidge	Steve Troke	Roger Taylor
Tuesday	Tuesday (5)	Keith Dutton	Wayne Whitehouse	Dave Jakeman	Linda Jakeman
	<b>Galley Supervisors</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>
Sunday	Tara Temniuk	David Whatton	Steve Fairhurst	Martin Evans	Dave Croxford
Tuesday	-----	-----	-----	Martin Evans	Dave Croxford

### Helpers needed for Push The Boat Out event - Saturday, 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 please bring your own lunch.

## **All Fleet Training Race Coaching - starts on Wednesday**

Starting from this Wednesday onwards there will be race coaching for beginners and improvers run by Jane Kearney. The aim is to be on the water for 7pm, and the coaching will be tailored to the group so it is suitable for all. Even if you've never raced before, be brave and give it a go! If you have anything in particular you would like Jane to work into the coaching please email her at: [jane\\_lark2405@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jane_lark2405@yahoo.co.uk)

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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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## **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.

This week the Learn to Sail class were greeted with sunshine and light winds and a more relaxed Karenza took to the water.....find out she got on in week 4 [HERE](#).

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## **The GP14 Fleet Roundup**

Last weekend was the Craftinsure GP14 Inland Championships at Carsington Sailing Club, 10 of the 24 entrants were from South Staffs representing another phenomenal turn out!

The event was anyone's after the first day and was eventually won by Shane McCarthy & Andy Thompson. South Staffs boasted four boats in the top 10 which was a great effort. The position of all South Staffs boats are as follows:

4th: Sam Watson/Andy Hunter  
6th: Justin Jones/Chris Anderson  
7th: Dave Young/Nic Booth  
8th: Ian Willis/Keith Dutton  
13th: Dodge/Sam Pickering  
14th: Mark Fleming/Seonaid Young  
18th: Megan Hicklin/Richard Hales (Megan also won first female helm - well done!).  
20th: Chris Beddow/Michelle Evans  
21st: Derek Fleming/Cobby Johnson  
23rd: Nick Brandon/Vicky Ford

Can I thank you all sailors and spectators for representing the club and I hope that you had an enjoyable weekend and learnt things from it. You can read the Y&Y write up [HERE](#).

## **Future Events**

There are a few boats going to the Scottish Areas (4 of us!), if anymore would like to attend then that would be great. The social is always great and the sailing venue is also good. Information is below:

[23rd-24th May: Castle Semple Sailing Club, Scottish Area Championships](#)

## **Mark Fleming**

GP14 Fleet Captain

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## **Best of the Web**

The **Lark** Nationals are in August this year and the association has just launched its event page [HERE](#) with online entry coming soon.

The GBR **OK** Association has launched a new eNewsletter, the first edition can be viewed [HERE](#) and South Staffs' Ed Bradburn gets a mention in the Inlands results, belated congrats Ed on 5th.

I (Michelle) did a bit of live tweeting from the **GP14** Inlands this weekend following on from a trial at the Midland areas in April. Hopefully those who aren't attending events and want to keep up to date found this useful? If you have any suggestions of things that would be of interest for live tweeting let me know via the publicity email, I'll be doing more updates from the GP14 Nationals in August.

**Good News Friday is famous!** GNF has been featured in an RYA case study on Club communications, you can read the full article [HERE](#) and if anyone ever has any suggestions for how we can continue to improve how we communicate with you all please get in touch via the publicity email.

And finally...it's another 3 week **#ThrowBackThursday** round up. I'm still disappointed no one has volunteered any baby photos yet for this!

**South Staffs Sailing** 16 Apr  
@SSSCTweet

There are plans for expansion of the #sssc clubhouse this year but who remembers the last time?!  
#ThrowBackThursday  
pic.twitter.com/j5WJY9SeE1



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**South Staffs Sailing** 16h  
@SSSCTweet

Flamank inter-fleet team racing on Sat (always fun to see GP14 sailors in a Firefly!) #ThrowBackThursday pic frm 2010 pic.twitter.com/xP4EaPsPG4



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**South Staffs Sailing** 7 May  
@SSSCTweet

All Fleet Training Session this Sat on mark roundings, 1st rule: enter the mark with boat upright!  
#ThrowBackThursday  
pic.twitter.com/gCIHGEWSGN



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)

### 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 17th May

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	9	11:30pm
A Series Race	9	1.45pm
B Series Race	8	3.30pm

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 21st May for 22nd 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.