



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News Friday - 22nd May



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- > Racing on Sunday and Monday this weekend
- > Race coaching with Jane Kearney on Wednesdays, 7pm
- > Topper Open meeting 30th May
- > Weekday volunteers needed for KAA (formerly Westcroft) in June
- > New Boat Park Monitor



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IN ADDITION TO THE FACEBOOK PAGE, SSSC IS NOW USING A MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP AS ITS FORUM FOR CREWS & HELMS NEEDED/ LOST PROPERTY/ASK QUESTIONS etc.

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WEEKLY BLOG BY A LEARN TO SAIL STUDENT

◀ WEATHER FORECAST ▶



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### Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Spring Series (10)	Andy Stewart	Will Croxford	Martin Lawrie	Michelle Evans
Monday	BH Series & Peter Waine	Derek Fleming	Cobby Johnson	Piotr Czartolomny	Malgorzata Surgiel
Tuesday	Tuesday (6)	Mike Senior	Nic Booth	Steve Troke	Garry Bryan
	Galley Supervisors	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	James Ashworth	Graham Hickman	John Fergusson-Cooper	James Croxford	-----
Monday	DRINKS ONLY	Elaine Fleming	-----	Pete Fairhurst	-----
Tuesday	-----	-----	-----	James Croxford	-----

Please note, no Galley on Monday, just drinks.

### Sailor of the Month

Congratulations to Annette Fitzpatrick who has won the coveted pink burgee and the award of Sailor of the Month for her improved handicap. Well done Annette.

### **Parking on Gailey Lea Lane**



As a result of a lack of visibility of vehicles travelling down the lane, there have been a couple of near misses for members exiting the gate adjacent to the club house (the area in red on the picture).

Members and others are parking in the no parking area next to the pedestrian gate, giving no clear view up the lane. Before there is a serious accident, could we ask all members to make use of the correct parking area accessed via the bottom gate please.

Thanks you for your co-operation.

**General Committee**

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### **New Quay - Dolphin Watch Boat Trip**

As part of "Junior New Quay" (which is proving very popular) our Juniors and their parents are going Dolphin watching on the Saturday (13th June) morning, for a one hour trip.

They have kindly invited anyone who isn't sailing to join in. The cost is £8.00 (max) per person, exact time and meeting place will be decided nearer the time.

If you'd like to book a place please let either Mel Haldane or Amanda Whitehouse know ( you can let us know by email on [amjawh@gmail.com](mailto:amjawh@gmail.com)

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### **Topper Open Meeting - Saturday 30th May, 10.30am**

The Topper Open Meeting is taking place at the club on Saturday 30th May. It will be great to have a large turnout from South Staffs juniors/youths. We have a number of boats available for the day so all those who have regularly been sailing Toppers should have a boat available to take part. Entry is £10 per boat with bacon butties available on arrival and lunch all at South Staffs great value prices!

The first race is at 11.00am then lunch and two back to back races in the afternoon with the briefing at 10.30am.

For those a little old for a Topper why not come down and watch the South Staffs stars of the future showing off their sailing skills!

**Tony Hotchkiss**

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### **Daytime Volunteers Needed to Help Out With Special Needs School Sailing**

KAA (formerly Westcroft) are in need of some help with volunteers. Chris Cook has worked and volunteered for many years to support Westcroft/KAA and the Club has been grateful for his help. However, Chris has recently got a full time job, in which we wish him well. This has left a gap in our staffing for our activities with the Special Needs Schools.

If anyone, particularly our retired members or students who have finished exams, would like to help driving a rescue boat and supervising 2 or 3 Access dinghies could they please **e mail: [gaileylake@gmail.com](mailto:gaileylake@gmail.com) or contact Mike Davies 01785246537 or Wendy Shipley 07737776885.**

Our most pressing needs are on Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 3pm throughout June, even half a day will be a great help and you will find the experience very rewarding.

**Chris Beddow**

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### **South Staffs Juniors Push The Boat Out**

South Staffs Sailing Club's Juniors welcomed over 50 guests to their taster day on Saturday (16th May) as part of the RYA's annual Push The Boat Out event. Thanks to everyone who came down to support the event and in particular to all of the Juniors who took the lead in greeting and taking out visitors you did a great job! We had new recruits turning up on the Sunday. The day was nice and relaxed and there were lots of smiling faces, you can read a write up [HERE](#).

**Tony Hotchkiss**

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

Wednesday night race coaching for beginners and improvers run by Jane Kearney has now started. 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

It was the final week of the Learn to Sail course on Wednesday and Karenza was dreading the capsize drill, the write up of her experiences is well worth a read with week 5 [HERE](#). Instructor Mark Nichols gets a mention as being 'reluctant to get in the water', those of us who have seen him racing will know different!

The next Learn to Sail course starts on 3rd June so if you have any friends or family who are interested please send them the link to the Learn to Sail page: [http://www.southstaffssailingclub.co.uk/page/page.php?editorial\\_id=45](http://www.southstaffssailingclub.co.uk/page/page.php?editorial_id=45)

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## GP14 Fleet Roundup

Three boats attended the Tamworth GP14 Open from South Staffs and there was two boats in the top 3! There was a fleet of 10. Congratulations to Ian Willis & Keith Dutton for winning the event. The results were as follows:

1st - Ian Willis & Keith Dutton

3rd - Derek Fleming & Lisa Carpenter

5th - Nick Brandon & Vicky Ford

Well done to you all and fantastic to see all the represented boats in the top 5. Keep it up!

**Good Luck to Derek, Cobby, Nick, Vicky, Mark, Seonaid, Dave and Annette** going to the Scottish Areas this weekend.

## Mark Fleming

GP14 Fleet Captain

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## New Boat Park Monitor



James Croxford has done a great job recently of getting the boat park plan up to date and issuing boats with 'tickets' tagged onto the boats but the time has come to hand the reins over.

John Edge was the 'willing' volunteer but he did say he would only take the job if it came with an official hat.

John may have been joking but we take all requests to this newsletter very seriously and anticipate seeing John wandering around the boat park shouting 'tickets please' in his boat park monitor outfit.

To avoid getting clamped, if you are planning on leaving your boat out of an allocated space please let John know via the boat park email: [boatpark@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk](mailto:boatpark@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk)

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## Best of the Web

As some of you will know the Club has both a Facebook Page and a **Facebook Group** and as a few people have been asking about the Group recently and how to join I have added a button at the top of this newsletter for the Group and the Page icon is under the headlines box.

The Facebook Page is admin run and is an extension of Good News Friday in terms of the information put on there. It is a public page that current, prospective members and other clubs look at.

The Facebook Group is just for Club members and as it is a Group rather than a Page (it's a Facebook thing!) it means anyone who is a part of the group can post stories and it has replaced the forum on the website over the last 12 months. The Group is a great place to post if you want to find a crew or helm, if you've lost anything, if you want to know if people are going to an event or to share pictures. If you want to join, click on the button [HERE](#) (you must already have a Facebook account) and click 'join' and one of the admins will add you. If you have any problems or want any more information please email publicity.

Club member Nick Butler lowered himself a terrifying 100m from the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth to raise money for the **Brain Tumour Research** charity, if you want to read more or give to his fundraising page [HERE](#).

And finally...we are back to 'naming and shaming' this week. It was noted that during the Learn to Sail course one of our instructors was seen abandoning his recruits to sail on their own while he relaxed on the box....



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	10	5
A Series	10	5
B Series	9	4

### Sunday 24th May

	Race No	Start Time
AM Series	10	11:30pm
A Series	10	1.45pm
B Series	9	3.30pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Spring Series](#)  
[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

### Peter Waine Trophy Details

Peter Waine Trophy is 9 PH races - 4 to count.  
 Run in conjunction with Bank Holiday PY Races (3 Races 2 To Count).

	Total Races in Series	Races to Qualify
Peter Waine Personal Handicap Trophy	9	4

### Monday 25th May

PY Race No	Peter Waine Race No.	Start Time
1	4	11:30am
2	5	1.45pm
3	6	3.30pm

For further information on the Peter Waine Trophy please click [HERE](#)

### 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 28th May** for 29th 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.