



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 29th May



HEADLINES

- > Topper Open THIS Saturday, come along and support SSSC's future stars!
- > SSSC GP14 Sailors win Scottish Open
- > Daytime helpers needed in June for KAA (formerly Westcroft)
- > Following the Beginner's Blog we now have the Instructor's perspective!
- > All boats should now have a boat park tag, please keep to your space



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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	Summer Series (1)	Martin Evans	Lucy Evans	David Jakeman	Lynda Jakeman
Tuesday	Tuesday (7)	Dave Young	Seonaid Young	Mark Fleming	Helen Duffy
	Galley Supervisors	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Suzanne Edwards	John Edwards	Mark Ireland	Pete Fairhurst	----
Tuesday	-----	-----	-----	Rob Hicklin	Julie Hicklin

Top per Open Meeting - THIS Topper Open Meeting - THIS Saturday, 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.

There will be some good competition between our juniors so 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

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 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

Beginner's Blog - Instructor's Revenge

For the past 5 weeks we have been following Karenza's progress on the Level1 Learn to Sail Course culminating in the capsizing drill last week.

Instructor Mark Nichols got only glowing reviews from Karenza (I am assured that no money changed hands!) and her inner chimp but what did Mark think of Karenza as a student?! Find out [HERE](#).

This article also appeared in yesterdays issue of the SASSOT newsletter - read [HERE](#)

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

Best of the Web

For those brave few who dared to venture north of the border it was the **GP14 Scottish Open** last weekend at Castle Semple Sailing Club. As usual South Staffs, marshalled by **Fleet Captain Mark Fleming**, were well represented in the 17 boats that took part. Congrat all, write up [HERE](#) and final results:

1st - Mark Fleming & Seonaid Young
2nd - Dave Young & Annette Fitzpatrick
5th - Derek Fleming & Cobby
6th - Nick Brandon & Vicky Ford
11th - Ann Penny (Derwent Reservoir) & Lisa Carpenter



South Staffs on tour...Elsewhere **Mike Owen** took part in the **Hornet Open** at Carsington Sailing Club and finished 7th, one place behind usual GP14 Sailiors (and Nantwich SC's version of One Direction) Sam and Andy. Also out and about, **Jonathan Woodward and Neil Bawden** took 3rd in the **Enterprise Midland Double Chine Series**. Well done all

And finally...it's the Three week #ThrowBackThursday round up

#SSSC runs lots of U18's events (including #PTBO15 16th May) but we always have some big kids!
#ThrowBackThursday
pic.twitter.com/fi0kQrjLnT



South Staffs Sailing 21 May
@SSSCtweet

May '10 #ThrowBackThursday with Martin sailing through gritted teeth & Lucy keeping eyes shut and hoping for the best!
pic.twitter.com/ofQz0bG1kO



South Staffs Sailing 2h
@SSSCtweet

Topper Open this Saturday at #SSSC but will the Stig be taking part?!
#ThrowBackThursday
pic.twitter.com/FSr4LmtGek



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 amjawn@gmail.com

All Fleet Training Race Coaching and Social Sailing Wednesdays

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.

Wednesday night race coaching for beginners and improvers run by Jane Kearney and helpers has now started (Jane is alternating weeks with guest coaches). 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

Boat Park Update



The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that most of the boats in the boat park have developed a red numbered tag on their launching trolley. This serves two purposes - firstly it marks boats that have paid their licence fee for this year, and secondly it highlights the boat park space that has been allocated to this boat. If your boat was not at the club when tags were issued, please email: boatpark@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk and we will get it to you ASAP. There have been a number of boats moved and/or placed in an "empty" space over the last month or two and this has led to confusion and to people returning with their boats to find a squatter in their space. Please do not park a boat in a space unless you have the relevant tag on your launching trolley. If you would like to leave your boat temporarily at the club, please email: boatpark@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk and we will find you a temporary location. If members see a boat in the incorrect space or with no tag on it at all, please also email the boatpark@ address to allow it to be sorted.
Thanks
The retiring and incoming Boat Park Managers

Summer Series Details

	Total Series Races	
	Races	To Count
AM Series	12	6
A Series	10	6
B Series	10	5

Sunday 31st May

	Race No	Start Time
AM Series	1	11:30pm
A Series	1	1.45pm
B Series	1	3.30pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Summer 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 4th June for 5th June'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.