



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 5th June



HEADLINES

- > All fleet training session THIS Saturday - downwind and spinnaker
- > Susan Hunter Trophy THIS Sunday
- > New Quay NEXT weekend, sign up sheet on the board
- > Date for your diary - Mr & Mrs race and social 18th July - all welcome, game show and takeaway!



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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

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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Susan Hunter Trophy	Connie Hicklin	Adrian Wheaton	Piotr Czartolomny	Mark Bieganski
Tuesday	Tuesday (8)	Rob Hicklin	Kate Edge	Julie Hicklin	John Edge
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Caroline Brandon	Steve Fairhurst	Kerry Toolan	Sue Jones	Graham Jones
Tuesday	-----	-----	-----	Sue Jones	Graham Jones

Next Inter-Fleet Training Session - THIS Saturday, 10am

The next inter-fleet training session is THIS Saturday starting at 10am and finishing no later than 3pm.

The session will be taken by Chris White who has had a lot of experience as both helm and crew and will provide you will invaluable information and techniques to go away and practice!

New Quay, 12th to 14th June

New Quay is fast approaching and the entry list and the list for the meal are on the club noticeboards. I'm doing the results for New Quay and it would help me a lot if anyone who is planning to sail could email me to let me know (and include the name of their crew and sail number) so I can get the results file set up beforehand and spend more time on the beach when we are there!

James Croxford
jrcroxford@gmail.com

RNLI night - 19th June, 7pm

The Club's annual RNLI fundraising night is only a couple of weeks away. This year's night will be jam packed with a race, cheese and biscuits, a raffle and, back by popular demand, an indoor boat race!

If you can't make the night itself you can still partake in the indoor boat race by sponsoring a race or even sponsoring a boat! Tickets for sponsoring a race can be bought from behind the bar. If you would like to sponsor a boat see Clare Waymont or Lisa Carpenter. Otherwise, turn up on the night and enjoy the fun!

Entry is only £3, there is an entry list on the board or email social@southstaffssailing.co.uk to book on.

Mr & Mrs Race and Social Evening - Saturday 18th July, 4pm race (5.30pm food)

Whether you're married, single or in a relationship, come along to the Mr & Mrs Race Night and watch as married couples battle it out on the water for the coveted Mr & Mrs Trophy.

Afterwards enjoy a meal followed by a game of Mr & Mrs (based on the Mr & Mrs game show) where the contestants' will be from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners of the boat race. We know they can sail together but do they really know each other? Who will be the supreme winners?

There is no cost for this event, but if you would like a takeaway please choose your meal and sign up, all details on the board or email social@southstaffssailing.co.uk to book on.

Topper Open Meeting - Race Report

It was great to welcome eight visitors which made up a total of 15 competitors for this years Topper Traveller race at South Staffs. With the wind swinging back and forth some 90 degrees all day it led to some imaginative course setting. Well done to all of our Juniors who took part, you can read the full race report [HERE](#). The final South Staffs results:

7th (and 1st South Staffs) Kamila Czartolomna
9th Samuel Bailey
10th Jack Fisher
12th Anthony Hatfield
13th Tom Temple
14th = Niall Toolan
14th = Eloise Dowell

Tony Hotchkiss

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

Best of the Web

This is one for the new Learn to Sail guys, and those who still struggle with knots (like me!), the RYA have published a handy clip on YouTube featuring the 7 most useful knots and how to tie them which you can view [HERE](#).

The Notice of Race has been published for the **OK Dinghy** British National Championships at Weymouth, the event will run from Thursday 27th August to Sunday 30th August 2015, more details [HERE](#). There is also some news and a preview of the re-vamped OK Dinghy magazine [HERE](#).

Lark Great 8 Round 3 at Lyme Regis this weekend more details [HERE](#)

GP14 Masters at Chase Sailing Club, this is a two day event, details [HERE](#).

And finally....being on safety duty on a light wind day can be a little dull but even so there are a few 'regulars' that provide master classes on the capsizing drill to keep us entertained. This has resulted in a new competition as "quick get the boat up before she comes with the camera" can be heard shouted frantically. The Number 1 spot, and Capsize King crown, goes to Nick Brandon who is so quick he usually evades the being caught on camera. Graham Bowers and Mark Nichols however still need a bit more practice to avoid me!



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

Atlantic Rowing Charity Challenge

Although this is not about sailing it is an Atlantic crossing. The son of a friend of ours is rowing (yes, rowing) from New York to Salcombe. He is with a friend and has had a pretty torrid time so far. This is to raise funds for the Brain Tumour charity in memory of his father who died of a brain tumour in 2012.

See www.oceanvalour.co.uk which has a lot of information and tracking details. They have just been confirmed with the Guinness world record for the greatest distance row in 24 hours, 112.52nm.

If you look at their track you will see they were caught in a large eddy associated with the Gulf Stream and went in several loops for 10 days, until they could get free. They have been at sea 30 days already and are probably only one quarter distance! But at least they are going the right way now. There is a Facebook page for them. Please look at it and send "likes" as they now have a target for 3000 likes by the middle of the month. And if you feel like donating to the worthwhile cause there is a just giving page, link from the website.

Clive & Corrie Williams

Susan Hunter Trophy - Sunday 7th June

For more information about the history of the Susan Hunter Trophy click [HERE](#). 3 PH races, 2 to count

Race No	Start Time
PH 1	11:30pm
PH 2	1.45pm
PH 3	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 11th June for 12th 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.