



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 26th June



HEADLINES

- > Southport 12 hour race THIS Saturday, good luck team SSSC!
- > RNLI night raises over £750
- > Sign up now for Pro-Am Race, 15th July
- > SSSC hosts Penkridge Round Table
- > Discounted entry to GP14 Nationals finishes THIS Saturday



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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Summer (3)	Chris Warburton	James Goss	Mike Davies	Emma Mackley
Tuesday	Tuesday (11)	Chris Warburton	Wayne Whitehouse	Chris White	Liz Senior
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Andrew Gayler	Janica Gayler	Tim Crossley	Chris White	Nicky Booth
Tuesday	----	----	----	Chris White	Nicky Booth

RNLI Night Fundraising Success

The Club's annual RNLI fundraising night proved to be a night of great entertainment, fierce competition and vast quantities of cheese.

The on the water race was conducted in good sporting spirit with John & Sue Billington winning (although they couldn't replicate this success in the indoor Mr & Mrs Race), Sam Thomson & Ollie Goodhead 2nd and Rich Hales & Jane Kearney 3rd.

The indoor racing however was a different story with rivalries pushing contestants to their string twirling limits. With fines available for pumping the indoor boat (dragging rather than winding) we did fear it might be the younger members reduced to cheating but the older members proved the worse! In the Masters race both John Edge and Chris Beddow (who claimed to just be copying John and unaware of the rules) were both slapped with a £10 charity fine and Paul Bottomley was guilty in the Winners race.

Proving that sailing is as much about skill as muscle the Winner's Winner and newly crowned 2015 Indoor Boat Racing Champion was Julie Hicklin. Who wasn't at all excited to win.....



There are videos in the Club Facebook Group and a few more to be added to the Facebook Page over the weekend. Thanks to the boat sponsors (Steve Parker Boats, Skitts Estate Agents, Martin Evans Construction, Dinghytec, 3 B's Farming (Billington, Brandon and Bowers), Golden Oldies (Martin W, John and Mike D) and to everyone who sponsored a race, bought a raffle ticket or bet on a race.

Well done to the Social Team of Clare and Lisa for putting on a great evening, over £750 was raised! (The money for this event will be put together with the money the Juniors raised at the Open Day and over £1,000 will be presented to the RNLI.) Thanks also go to compare Graham Jones, James Croxford, Cobby and Nick for running the betting and the bar team.

Round Table Visit

Last Thursday we had a visit from Penkridge Round Table with 10 sailors and 5 other members arriving just as the bar opened!

Many thanks to the 6 helms (Mike W, Martin W, Chris B, Sam, Will, Mike D) who volunteered to give them a sailing experience with the club benefiting from the community links, learn to sail opportunities, juniors and the bar takings!

As part of the Round Table philosophy, a small donation was generated from the evening which will be put to a good cause in the club. One of their members took 84 great pics which are on Facebook [HERE](#).

(The same photographer was at the club last night as a father of a Penkridge Girl Guide along with 18 other guides - more great pictures from this community event also coming soon....)

Junior New Quay Round-up

The throngs of SSSC sailors at New Quay were swollen this year by 18 junior members and their parents, participating in the 1st ever Junior New Quay weekend.

Early arrivers on Friday evening converged on the harbour wall for fish and chips and some close up views of dolphins in the harbour. On Saturday morning, as the adults prepared their boats on the beach the juniors embarked on a dolphin-watching boat trip down the coast as far as Cwmydu. Unfortunately the dolphins were less obliging this day and none were spotted but we had good views of guillemots and kittiwake which were nesting on the cliffs.

After lunch we moved across to the Cardigan Bay Watersports Centre for an afternoon of sea sailing instruction. Toppers, Picos and Fevas were the classes used and all the juniors had the opportunity to try a different class to the one they generally sail at Gailey. The barbeque planned for Saturday evening was abandoned as the weather deteriorated so we adjourned to the pub for a jolly meal, rounded off with a splendid birthday cake for Harriet Temple. Our final activity on Sunday morning was kayaking, again supervised by the helpful staff at the Watersports Centre before we all headed home to finish weekend homework and catch up on sleep. All in all a great weekend – the Juniors will be back! A big thank you to Mel Haldane for booking all the activities, and also to Alcoa whose generous grant to the Juniors helped to offset some of the costs.



Tim Coleshaw

All of the New Quay photos are on the Facebook Page [HERE](#). There is also an album of Junior photos in the Facebook Group [HERE](#). All of the pictures will go onto the Club website gallery this weekend.

Southport 12 Hour Race - THIS weekend

It's the annual Junior 12 Hour race at Southport this weekend. South Staffs will be represented by Megan Hicklin, Annie Hicklin, Will Hawkins, Chloe Macauley, Ollie Goodhead and Hayley Ramadhar under the steely management of Mark Fleming and Sam Thomson. Southport will be posting the lap times online in real time throughout the day so if you're not going you can follow the action here: <http://12-hour-race.uk/2015-live/index.shtml> or keep an eye on the Club Facebook page for updates.

Good luck team!



Pro-Am Race & Social - 15th July

It's that time of year again when our latest crop of Learn to Sailors, and also those who haven't done much racing as crew or helm but want to give it a go, battle it out for the prize of best Am Helm/Crew.

This is a great way to give competitive racing a go and not be worried about being too slow. It's a fun event and each Am Helm/Crew will be paired up with an experience 'Pro' Helm/Crew to guide them through the basics of racing.

Following the race there will be a meal (£5) and the perfect opportunity to get to know a few more people from the Club.

the Social ladies (Clare Waymont and Lisa Carpenter) need to know numbers this week to firm up catering so if you are interested put your name on the list on the board by the bar or email social@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk You can also 'Join' the event on Facebook for updates (and to let us know you're going) [HERE](#).

GP14 update

North Staffs GP14 Midland Bell Open final results congrats to Megan Hicklin and Richard Hales who came 2nd, Derek Fleming and Cobby Johnson who finished 4th. The event was won by former South Staffs members Sam Watson and Andy Hunter, well done all.

This year's **GP14 Nationals** is at Brixham Yacht Club in Devon in August (1st to 7th), after 27th June the entry fee goes up so if you are looking to go enter asap! Link to event page [HERE](#).

GP14 Open

Although not until 5th September planning for the GP14 Open is already underway! An event has been set up on the Club's Facebook Page, if you are thinking of attending you can click on the event and 'join' (or click 'maybe') [HERE](#). Once you have responded it means you get a handy little reminder (not that Mark will let anyone forget!) of the date and notifications when anything is added to the event page. Don't worry if Facebook isn't your thing, updates will still keep you updated via Good News Friday and the Board at the Club.

Best of the Web

South Staffs' own **Sarah Norbury** and her crew Mari Davies head out to Kiel this week as they prepare for their 420 European and Worlds campaign. Good luck ladies and we will keep you posted about their progress.

For those travelling **Solo** sailors there is the Chelmarsh SC Solo open on Sunday, briefing 10:30am £10 entry fee.

For those of you who were following the conversation on the Facebook Group last week about **Jane's strawberries**, straw was supplied by Steve Baker and the plants are growing well! If you're not a member of the Facebook Group it's worth joining. It's a members only forum for crews/helms needed, to post photos, and, for all of your gardening needs!

And finally...three week #ThrowbackThursday round up featuring some now very grown up juniors...

 South Staffs Sailing @SSSCTweet	4 Jun	 South Staffs Sailing @SSSCTweet	 South Staffs Sailing @SSSCTweet	18 Jun
It's almost New Quay time! Sunshine and dolphins or 12ft waves and capsized carnage this year?! #ThrowbackThursday pic.twitter.com/X9Zmrb3dqt		New Quay this weekend, nothing better than eating chips on the harbour wall looking out to sea! #ThrowbackThursday pic.twitter.com/LepDrEMtGo		RNLI night on Friday (7pm) #ThrowbackThursday to 2010, charity bag packing by the then juniors pic.twitter.com/9xsSPnax9v



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

Sunday 28th June - Summer Series Details

	Total Races in Series	Races to Qualify
AM Race Series	12	6
A Series Race	12	6
B Series Race	10	5

Sunday 28th June

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	3	11:30am
A Series Race	3	1.45pm
B Series Race	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 2nd July** for 3rd July'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.