



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 3rd July



HEADLINES

- > GP14 Youth Championships THIS weekend, good luck team SSSC!
- > Team SSSC finish 2nd at Southport, congrats guys!
- > Sign up now for Pro-Am Race, 15th July
- > OOD Training Day, 26th July
- > Discounted entry to Lark Nationals



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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Summer (4)	Mark Nichols	Clare Waymont	Steve Troke	Melvyn Davies
Tuesday	Tuesday (12)	Derek Fleming	Cobby Johnson	Clive Williams	David Langford
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Caroline Brandon	Andrew Gayler	Janica Gayler	Annette Fitzpatrick	Michelle Evans
Tuesday	-----	-----	-----	Annette Fitzpatrick	Michelle Evans

GP14 Youth Nationals - 4th & 5th July

The GP14 Youth Championships will be taking place this weekend at Windermere Yacht Club with SSSC represented by Meg (helm) and Connie Hicklin (crew), Will Hawkins (crewing for Pete Mackin) and Hayley Ramadhar (crewing for Richard Abendstern). You can follow their progress on the Club Facebook Page and Twitter with live (ish) updates throughout the weekend.

Meg Hicklin recently wrote an article about the Youths to try and encourage more youngsters to take part in the event, you can read the story in Yachts and Yachting [HERE](#).

Southport 12 Hour Race - Review

The annual Southport 12 hour race took place last week with roving updates on the day from Neil Hawkins and an unsuspecting holiday maker who kindly provided the on water photos. If you've not have a chance to look yet there are some great photos and video footage on the Club Facebook page and the write up in Yachts and Yachting is [HERE](#). The best of which was the half time interview with Mark Ferguson and Sam Mourinho. Although both declined an interview after the event stating that the referee was biased Fergie did release the following statement for the Monday morning papers:

As I am sure many of you know after tracking social media this weekend, a team of juniors went up to the 12 hour race to compete and try to win back the trophy. We managed 2nd and although we came away disappointed, I am proud of the team and how they dug in until the end - even when things weren't going their way. Congratulations to:

- Will Hawkins
- Megan Hicklin
- Chloe Macauley
- Hayley Ramadhar
- Oliver Goodhead
- Annie Hicklin

The juniors are a big part of the South Staffs success and they again showed how good they all were, pulling large amounts of time out of other teams throughout the day. Unfortunately, the consistent 12-16mph winds took their toll towards the end and we couldn't hold on, but these youths will be back. They are far too good not to be back!

Thank you to the juniors who raced for representing South Staffs so well and also thank you to all those who came and supported them for the weekend. I know that it was much appreciated.

A final thank you to Steve Parker for lending us the boat for the event. Also note, we had the same amount of trophies as 1st place! I cannot say in words how brilliant these youths are and to come away from the event disappointed with 2nd place shows that these guys are all going places!



Pilot Repairs - Volunteers for painting required

The Pilot has had to be taken out of the water to stop it sinking and also to fix the gearbox. The plan is also to paint the outside of the hull at the same time. If there are any volunteers happy to wield a brush to do this please let Steve Baker know? He is planning one primer/undercoat and then 1 or 2 top coats after some cleaning up and sanding to get rid of the tyre marks. With some help it should be possible to get the Pilot back on the water soon.



OOD Training Day

The Club always needs as many members as possible to be confident in running race days as OOD. Bill Bradburn has very kindly offered to run an OOD Training Day on Sunday 26th July.

Please contact Bill (william@bradtech.ltd.uk) if you'd like to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn/re-learn/hone your OOD skills.

RIB sale - RYA Midlands page

The Club is currently looking to sell one of its RIBs following Kamila's win at last year's Honda RIB Challenge. Details are on the RYA Facebook page so if you know of anyone at another club who may be interested please go onto Facebook and [share this post](#).

Cross Channel Sailing Opportunity

Sea Jay's (used previously by members) are running a cross channel cruise on Sunday the 12th July returning on Friday the 17th at approx 1400. Subject to wind weather and tide some of the Ports which you will visit, include St Vaast, Cherbourg, Alderney which is the most Northern of the Channel Islands as well as Sark, Guernsey and or Jersey.

The object is for you to experience some long distance sailing whilst enjoying being abroad and having time to explore ports visited. Needless to say you can also practice your sailing skills. Alderney and Sark are quite stunning with the most amazing beeches and coastal walks.

St Vaast is the Oyster capitol of France so some delicious seafood is on offer.

For more information or to book please call Charles Jouning on 07764 357451.

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](#).

Best of the Web

There has been lots of people getting involved with the Club social media channels this week with **Jimmy Temnuik** sharing photos of the Junior Fun Weekend on Twitter, **Tina Temple** sharing photos on Facebook, **James Croxford** updating the Group about the SSSC team taking part in the Round the Island Race, live event posting from Southport and **Mike Senior** posting live updates of the Tuesday night race and even a 'hello' from the laser sailors at Draycote SC following a post by **Steve Horton**. Thanks all and keep up the good work, sharing is caring!

It has been a busy few weeks for the Club's under 18 sailors with Junior New Quay, Junior Fun Weekend, Youth team at Southport 12 hour and the GP14 Youths this weekend. There has also been good participation in Club racing by some of our younger members. Congrats to **Sam Bailey and Anthony Hatfield** for their strong performances in the Summer AM PY race series, last Sunday they were 4th on the water showing great progress.

This year's **Lark Nationals** is at Saundersfoot from the 1st to 7th August. Under 21s, First Nationals and Students can enter now for £175 if you enter before 19th July, otherwise it's £200. The social programme has been released this week on Facebook:

Saturday - Commodore's reception with buffet

Sunday - Evening at Sailing Club

Monday - Crews Union/Board of Directors

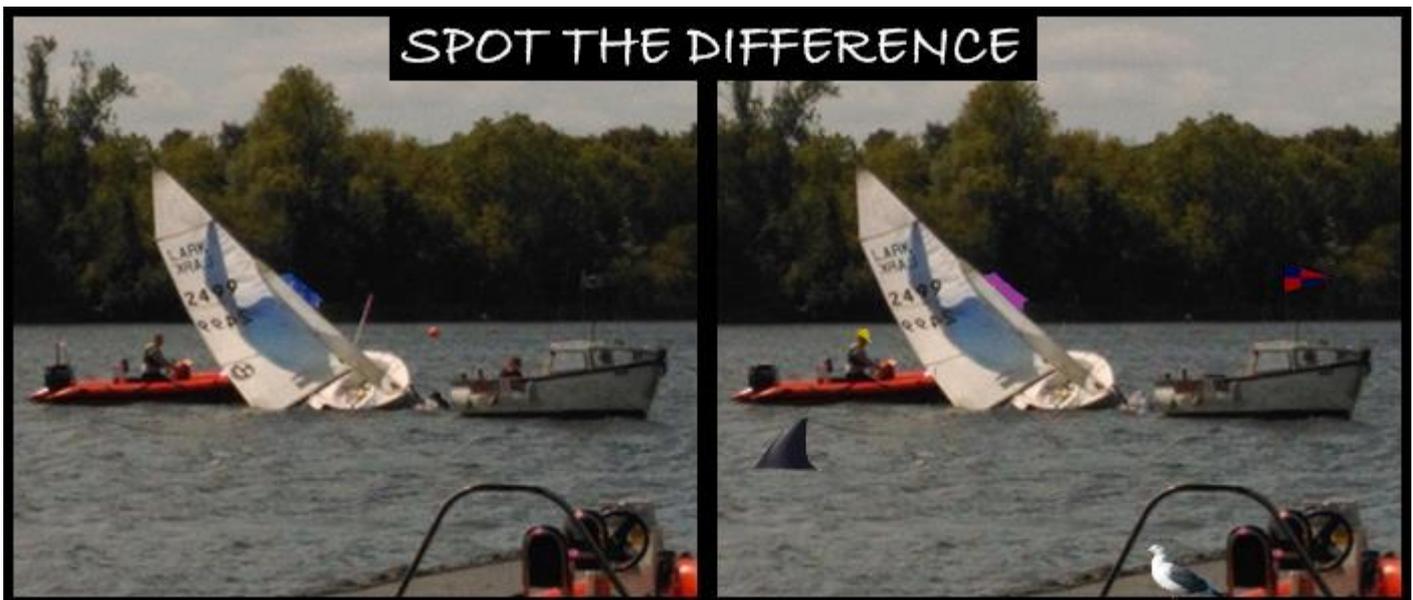
Tuesday - Quiz plus reasonably priced fish and chips.

Wednesday AGM 5.30pm followed by reasonably priced curry.

Thursday - Fancy Dress party, Theme - Wales!!

Friday - Prize Giving Dinner - Dress code Black tie and Boardies or Heels and Hot Pants (Ticket event, tickets sold at entry)

And finally....In recent months this feature has often chosen to poke fun at the unbelievable record **Mark Nichols and Clare Waymont** have for finding their boat the wrong way up. Rain or shine, wind or no wind they never seem to have a dry race. However, last Sunday they enjoyed greatly sailing past me (Michelle) in the water and waving. Given those circumstances it seemed wrong to make them the subject of fun this week so on a completely un-related note, there's a Spot the Difference below. **There are 11 differences** between the two photos, kudos and a virtual high five to those who can spot all 10. Answers on Facebook over the weekend and in next week's GNF.



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 5th July

	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 9nd July** for 10th 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.