



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 17th July



HEADLINES

- > No galley on Sunday - teas only
- > 3rd race THIS Sunday, Ladies Race
- > Mr & Mrs Trophy THIS Saturday 4pm
- > Good luck to Sarah Norbury at the 420 World Championships in Japan
- > Shipwrecked Commodore life rafts to safety



RACE RESULTS

FULL SAILING CALENDAR

HERE

JOIN THE FORUM

IN ADDITION TO THE FACEBOOK PAGE, WE HAVE A MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP FOR POSTING PICS, CREWS & HELMS NEEDED, ASK QUESTIONS etc.

WEATHER FORECAST

HERE

Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Saturday 4pm	Mr and Mrs Race	Terry Edwards	Adrian Wheaton	Mark Fleming	Melvyn Davies
Sunday	Summer (5) + Ladies Races	Martin Warburton	Colin Slevin	James Croxford	Chris Jones
Tuesday	Tuesday (14)	Darren Heath	Adrian Wheaton	Derek Fleming	Cobby Johnson
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	No Galley - Teas Only	Simon Massey	-----	Will Croxford	Nat Bundy
Tuesday	-----	-----	-----	Will Croxford	Nat Bundy

Mr & Mrs Race and Social - from 4pm THIS Saturday

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 (race starts at 4pm).

Afterwards enjoy a meal (Indian takeaway) followed by a game of Mr & Mrs based on the game show. Contestants will be from the first three winners of the on the water race. We know they can sail together but do they really know each other?! Social starting at around 5.30pm, this is a free event so why not pop along for a drink and a chat!

No Galley on Sundays for the Rest of the Summer

From this Sunday until the end of August there will be no food served on Sundays, only teas so please remember to bring a packed lunch!

Commodore's Day Round Up

Last Sunday saw another Commodore take his place in South Staffs history. Following in the tradition of arriving in a mode of transport not previously used, Mike and Dawn built the anticipation up to fever pitch with their epic row across the reservoir in a life raft. After valiantly battling into the wind for 20 minutes it was time for the emergency flares to be deployed and the safety crew towed them in.

Once on shore Mike recounted his tale of their shipwrecking to applause from the crowd. Following the PM race the Vice Commodore **Annette Fitzpatrick** took the helm with games on shore and a spot of blind folded land skating for Mike. Eventually there was water flying everywhere (with Clare and Mark in the mix and looking quite at home soaking wet!) and lots of laughter.

As for the racing it was a good day for the Goodheads with the Commodores Bottle Race won by **Neil Goodhead** and the H.V. Gough Trophy going to **Ollie Goodhead** and **Dave Young**. In 2nd place **Mike and Liz Senior** won the J. Clement Jones Commodore's Salver and the Commodores Novice Salver went to **Clare Waymont** for her improved helming. As a special last prize Annette awarded Mike a new pair of shorts to replace his most loved and well-worn favourites before he headed back into the life raft and let the juniors ram their Toppers into it!

A fantastic day was had by all but on a more serious note. it has been a while since we 'named and shamed' in GNF but the Commodore's arrival on Sunday is surely one of the worst cases seen to date! No wonder it look so long to get across the water with Mike leaving Dawn to paddle on her own.....



Thanks to **Pitor Czartolomny, Tina Temple, Will Hawkins and Roy Alexander** for sharing video clips and photos from the day, head over to the [Facebook Page](#) to have a look.

Pro Am Round Up

The annual Pro-Am Race took place this week with am crews and helms paired up with a more experienced sailor for a taste of racing. Congrats to Am Helm winner **Clare Waymont** with her Pro Crew of **John Billington** and the Am Crew winner was current Level 1 student **Lisa Pugh** with Pro Helm **Mike Senior**.

There are some great video clips from the night that will go up on the Facebook Page by tonight (thanks to **Pitor Czartolomny** for sharing) so check back later to see yourself in action.

GP14 Round Up

Welsh Area Championships - Llandudno

Three South Staffs boats made the fleet up to 19 at the Welsh Areas last weekend at what was a good but windy event won by Sam Watson and Andy Hunter. Positions for the South Staffs boats were as follows:

- **Dodge** and **Sam Pickering** 4th
- **Toby Taylor** and **Steve Parker** 9th
- **Nick Brandon** and **Lisa Carpenter** 16th

Youth Championships - Winderemere

South Staffs was also well represented at the Youth Champs 4th and 5th July, you can read a write up of the event by **Will Hawkins** [HERE](#).

GP14 Nationals - 2nd to 7th August

The GP14 Nationals are only two weeks away now! This year they are being held at Brixham Yacht Club between 2nd August and 7th August. The details and link to entry is [HERE](#). There is a good entry as usual from South Staffs (represented in 13 out of 40 boats so far) and live daily updates will be provided by Michelle on the GP14 website, twitter and through South Staffs social media so you can follow the action even if you aren't there (or you won't be able to escape it depending on your perspective!)

Lark Nationals - 1st to 7th August

The Lark Nationals are only a couple of weeks away now and cheaper entry ends on the 19th July. They are also opening the event up on a per day basis so you can enjoy the championship buzz with great sailing and socials for just an open meeting length of time (£30 per day). The association are also reporting that there are a number of helms still looking for crews so if you want a sail get in touch via their Facebook or Twitter. You can enter [HERE](#) with updates on our sailors shared via social media.

Sailor of the Month

The votes are in, drumroll please.....due to some strong recent performances in his OK, **Matt Bates** is the Sailor of the Month and proud new owner of a pretty pink burgee! Congrats Matt.



Painting Opportunity

It is planned to paint the committee boat next week. I am looking for volunteers to help finish off the prep work and then put on a couple of coats of paint. I can arrange to have all equipment available and so should be able to set up working parties to suit most times that you might be available. If you can mail me on bosun@southstaffsailingclub with your availability, I can set up a rota.

In parallel we will be rebuilding the gearbox and so hopefully will get the boat back on the water by the end of next week or early the week after.

Can I also ask that as and when you see anything not working or not right on any of the club boats, please let me know on the same mail address so I can get things fixed quickly.

Steve Baker
Bosun

Help Needed!

Can anyone help convert a VHS training video to DVD? If you can please contact **Roy Alexander** at the Club or by email: realexander@tiscali.co.uk

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.

South Staffs on Tour

Now summer has well and truly arrived (or possibly packed up and gone) and members will be going off on holiday, why not pack your South Staffs t-shirt and send us a picture?! Prize at the end of the summer for the best South Staffs on Tour photos, try and get your t-shirt and location in and post on [Facebook](#), tweet [@SSSCTweet](#) or email: publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

Best of the Web

Sarah Norbury and her crew Mari Davies have arrived in Japan for the 420 World Championships, you can follow the action live on Twitter using the #420worlds hashtag or by visiting the event page [HERE](#). We will also keep you updated via social media and GNF.

South Staffs got a mention in the RYA Midlands Newsletter this month in an article about The Old Joe Team Racing event that was held at the Club over the New Quay weekend. You can read the article [HERE](#).

Capsize of the Week

Although the weekend yet again featured some swimming from capsize regulars Mark Nichols and Nick Brandon our attention has been bought to a newcomer (although I understand this is a return to a previous favourite pass time). Unfortunately he escaped the glare of the camera but congratulations **Martin Evans**, two weeks in a row, will next week be third time lucky and caught on camera?!

And finally....it's time for a three week **Throwback Thursday** round up.....

 South Staffs Sailing @SSSCTweet 25 Jun #SSSC taking part in the Southport 12hr race on Sat #ThrowBackThursday to 2012 and another load of trophies won! pic.twitter.com/FsUeYpPDxo	 South Staffs Sailing @SSSCTweet 2 Ju #ThrowBackThursday all the way back to last Saturday! #congrats to team #SSSC on 2nd, write up: yachtsandyachting.com/news/183928/	 South Staffs Sailing @SSSCTweet 9 Jul Commodore's Day on Sunday #ThrowBackThursday to 2010 but which has been your favourite 'arrival'?! pic.twitter.com/fmNi6cjVsG
		

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 19th July

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	5	11:30am
A Series Race	5	1.45pm
Ladies Race	1	3:30pm

Pamela Waine Trophy - TROPHY INFORMATION PAGE

To be held 19th July 2015. Race to start at 3:30pm.

Mrs H.V. Gough Ladies' Trophy

To be held on 19th July 2015. Race to start at 3:30pm. Both helm and crew must be female. One P.Y. race. Sailed in conjunction with the Pamela Waine Trophy. This trophy was presented by Mrs H.V. Gough for the Ladies Race in 1956.

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 23rd July** for 24th 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.