



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 31st July



HEADLINES

- ↳ No galley on Sunday - teas only
- ↳ Sarah Norbury finishes 5th at 420 Worlds in Japan
- ↳ South Staffs on tour to the Lark and GP14 Nationals this weekend, good luck guys :)
- ↳ New Beginner's Blog entry!



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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Summer (7)	Roy Alexander	Colin Slevin	Robin Harper	Frank Causer
Tuesday	Tuesday (16)	Roy Alexander	Garry Bryan	Adrian Walker	Robin Lowery
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	No Galley - Teas Only	Simon Scott-Brown	-----	James Croxford	-----
Tuesday	-----	-----	-----	James Croxford	-----

Beginner's Blog - New Entry!

Last Saturday saw another cohort of students pass their Learn to Sail Level 2 course with flying colours. Roy Alexander and the rest of the instructors continue to inspire and enthuse students with a love of sailing that will hopefully last a lifetime. This year we have been trying to capture the experiences of our newbies with a Blog on the website. This week we have a new entry by Chloe Dawson and have also received a lovely letter of endorsement from student Mike Bradley.

You can read both [HERE](#).

Blue/Green Algae Health Warning

Poisonous blue/green algae has recently been seen in the water at the club and as the weather warms up it is increasingly likely that this will be found.

As a precaution please read the following advice and information:

- **It is for individual members/parents of children to decide for themselves whether to sail or not (not the Club)**
- **Dog owners;** please be especially careful not to let your dog drink, go into the water or lick anything that has been in the water. The algae can be fatal to dogs
- Don't forget to wash your hands after sailing or whenever in contact with the water
- Don't forget to wash clothing and gloves that have been in the water
- There is a fresh water hose (it's kept where the safety boats are stored) available if you want to hose off any clothes that have been exposed to the water
- Don't swim in the lake (capsizes excepted!)
- As the algae concentrates at the water's edge parents please ask your children not to play there or on the beach areas by the jetties

Further information on blue/green algae and possible infection from Weil's disease can be in the leaflets and information sheets on display at the Club.

South Staffs on Tour

It's been a busy week as part of the Club's secret mission for global domination and today we bring you an update from the Canadian outpost, a Japanese success story, Cornish weather news and pictures of some very big boats!

Firstly we've had this quick update from Canada in from **Anne and Dave Pugh**:



Sarah Norbury popped into the Club on Wednesday following her and Mari's 5th place (joint 4th on points) at the **420 World Championships** last week. Sarah said she was really grateful for all the support from the Club and is looking forward to the 420 Europeans in Bulgaria. You can read an interview with her talking about the Worlds [HERE](#).

Four South Staffs sailors headed off to the **Enterprise Nationals** in Looe this week. Thanks to **Karen Alexander** for acting as our roving reporter posting daily updates in the Facebook Group:

- Sunday and Monday: High winds, rolling waves and lots of rain - race officer decision no more racing today.
- Wednesday - after 3 races yesterday. Choppy shifty lumpy waters with moderate breeze. 68 boats. 1.5 hr races. Good to be out. Mixed results for us, **Julie Moore** and **Neil Bowden**. 3 races planned again today.
- Thursday - after 8 races currently **Jonathan Woodward** and I (**Karen**) are in 9th place overall. With prizes today for 3rd and 5th places in races 7 and 8.
- Prizes too for **Neil Bowden** and his helm John Berry for 2nd in Bronze fleet in race 8 today. One last race planned for tomorrow (Friday) but current forecast is very light.

We will share the final results on the Facebook page as soon as they are in.

Although not sailing in the **America's Cup**, there was a contingent down spectating last weekend and **Tony Hotchkiss** sent in a review and some great pics of the racing:

A few of us went to Portsmouth at the weekend to see the first round of the America's Cup Challenge. There are 6 teams competing and unlike the America's Cup proper this is a fleet race rather than a match race. All the boats are identical (nearly) foiling 35ft catamarans with awesome performance until they come to tack or gybe!

Friday was wet. Very wet!! There was just about enough wind to make it exciting but little foiling. There were 2 practice races but we missed the first which Team BAR (Ben Ainslie Racing) won. He only managed 3rd in the 2nd race but the place changing is fast and a 50 metre difference can disappear easily during one leg!

Fortunately Saturday was glorious! The sun was shining and there was a little more wind to allow some foiling. The first race went very quiet as Ben had a bad start and looked to be out of it. On the first reach he put up his Code zero (there equivalent of a spinnaker) and without foiling went from last to second!! A huge cheer erupted and from then on he just wore down the leader to win the race. The second race looked easy. Ben took an early lead but then lost it all and more on the reach! Unbelievable gaps seemed to come and go in the blink of an eye. Each race is about half an hour and the place changing is fast and furious. Everyone covered Ben for the first lap but then he broke away, went the right way and was catching Team New Zealand at the finish to gain second place.

After day 1 Team BAR was leading by 1 point from Team New Zealand. We couldn't stay for the Sunday racing but it appears that our British weather brought winds over 30 knots which is the top wind speed for the event. So no racing! Well worth the journey to Portsmouth to see these amazing boats sailed by the top sailors in the world. Portsmouth must have spent a fortune to welcome all the visitors but the weather must have ruined 2 of the 4 day event. Very glad we were there on Saturday which was near perfect.



Finally, good luck to those heading off for the **GP14 Nationals** and **Lark Nationals** this weekend. Anyone else travelling? Let us know and we will keep everyone updating with your progress and don't forget, we are after pics of your South Staffs t-shirts on tour with you!

GP14 Open

Only 5 weeks away now and there are already 39 people who have 'joined' the GP14 Open event on Facebook. To make sure you get all of the latest updates (and to let us know you're thinking of going) you can 'join' [HERE](#).

The list for the social has gone up at the club so you can sign up there or let us know via email/social media. The cost is only £8 for food and a live band so plenty of cash left for you to buy beer!

Best of the Web

Did anyone guess the owner of the 'Best Sailing Tan' legs as sent in by **Julie Hicklin** last week?! They were in fact mine (Michelle) and I hope to come back from the GP14 Nationals next week with an even better (worse) tan.

Don't forget, if you ever miss an edition of GNF and want to catch up online, they are also saved every week on the Club website [HERE](#).

No entries for Capsize of the Week for this edition but with plenty of sailing happening around the country next week I am sure there will be some contenders. If not there are still numerous un-used pictures of our 'regulars' that are on file. I am open to bribes to delete them!

And finally....it's our regular #ThrowBackThursday round up...



Mr&Mrs Race + Ladies Race this weekend, will Team Hicklin dominate results like 2014?!

#ThrowbackThursday
pic.twitter.com/fqWh2SFhS1



#ThrowbackThursday to last weekend and guess who stayed dry for a change?! pic.twitter.com/b6lEXzqGql



#SSSC contingent off to #GP14Nationals this weekend #ThrowbackThursday to last year's major 'incident'!
pic.twitter.com/YeZWdArnMs



If you ever have anything you want to share with other Club members or the world at large you can post directly [Facebook](#) page, [Group](#), tweet [@SSSCTweet](#) or email: publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

Help Needed & Classifieds

Freesat dish installation help:

Steve Baker is looking for someone to help install a Freesat dish at the Club so if you know how to do this and are able to help please speak to Steve at the Club or email: bosun@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

Firefly boat repair advice:

Tara Temniuk has asked if anyone can give her some advice on replacing the wooden block which is currently holding up the mast in her **Firefly** as this is rotten. If you have any advice please call 07473866722 or message her on Facebook.

Tow Bar For sale:

A6 Audi saloon June 2011 original Tow Bar. Due to my car coming to the end of its lease, the tow bar needs to be removed, interested call 07980 869 518 or email Jeremy.irelandjones@akzonobel.com

Sunday 2nd August

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	7	11:30am
A Series Race	7	1.45pm
B Series Race	5	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 6th August** for 7th August'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.

