



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 28th August



HEADLINES

- > Racing on Sunday and Monday this weekend
- > Tuesday night Series now finished
- > Am Am Race 1st September, race for Learn to Sailors, social for all! Ready to race at 7pm
- > Sign up now for Comedy Hypnotist night 20th October, places limited
- > GP14 Open 5th September



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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Summer (11)	Martin Warburton	Dave Croxford	James Croxford	Kathy Cole-Evans
Monday	Peter Waine (3)	Mike Owen	Marty Whittaker	Mike Whittaker	Cobby Johnson
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	No Galley - Teas Only	Nicky Howard	-----	Cobby Johnson	Vicky Ford
Monday	No Galley - Teas Only	Paul Bottomley	-----	Pete Fairhurst	-----

Am Am Race and Social - THIS TUESDAY, 7pm (on the water)

This event is open to all new sailors and those who would still be considered 'Ams', so if you've done some racing as a crew but not completed any series as a helm (and vice versa) you can give it a go.

The social is open to all and as regular Tuesday night racing has finished for the season why not come down anyway and cheer on the Am Am-ers?!

To let us know if you are coming to either you can sign up on the board or ['Join' the event on Facebook](#) and we will add you to the board.

At the request of several of this year's Learn to Sail group there will be two shorter races to allow crews and helms to swap over if they would like to give everybody the opportunity to have a go.

So that we can fit this in we are asking for competitors to get to the Club by 6.30pm if possible so that we can aim to get on the water at 7pm.

After all that hard work enjoy a BBQ (£5 for the food) followed by drinks at the bar, where you can share your tales with your fellow sailors.

Comedy Hypnotist Night Social - 20th October, 8pm

Minimum number needed so please book now!

The social team are planning a Comedy Hypnotist night on Tuesday 20th October. There has been a lot of interest already but payment in advance is needed to ensure the night can run.

The cost is only £10 for a 90 minute show followed by drinks and rib tickling of the contestants! The show will be performed by Grant Saunders:

Comedy hypnotist Grant Saunders offers a fast paced, roller coaster of a modern stage hypnotist show that will have audiences from all walks of life laughing and talking about it for years.

Grant Saunders is a professional stage hypnotist and is considered to be one of the UK's top stage hypnotists and has spent years perfecting his technique to HYPNOTISE, MESMERISE, ENTERTAIN and AMAZE as he guides you into a world where dreams become reality.

Grant Saunders comedy hypnotist uses the power we all have locked in our minds to create a fun filled, action packed hilarious stage hypnosis show where almost anything is possible.

There is an event on Facebook you can Join to add it to your diary and get updates [HERE](#). To book your place you can give your cash to Lisa or Clare at the Club or pay your £10 directly into the bank account using the following details:

- Account Number: 20022357
- Sort code: 40-10-41

Please make sure there is reference to Hypnotist night on the payment as it makes life easier!

Day Skipper Theory course 2015/16 - Register your interest now!

For those members looking to develop their sailing skills or who are keen to master the basics of skippering something a bit bigger than a dinghy, the RYA Day Skipper course may be of interest.

Working in conjunction with Splash Adventure, the club are looking to arrange a theory course which would be held in the clubhouse over the coming winter months. The courses would be run by Neill Chipping from Splash Adventure and are offered at a very competitive cost for club members as long as the minimum number of students is reached.

There are two options available and dates will be arranged to suit the students subject to availability, hence the reason for booking early:

- o Option 1 - over 6 Saturdays, Cost on the basis of 6 would workout at £260.
- o Option 2 - 16 evenings from 7pm to 9.30pm, Cost on the basis of 6 would workout at £290.

The following are included in the cost:

- o RYA training pack
- o Comprehensive eLearning resources
- o Loan of training almanac & chart work instruments
- o 10% discount on any practical course

If you are interested in attending this course or just want more details, please contact **Mark Nichols**, mark.nichols@carillionplc.com and he will make the necessary arrangements.

South Staffs on Tour

The **Ok** Nationals at Weymouth started this week with the Club represented by **Ed Bradburn** and **Matt Bates**. With two races sailed Ed is currently 13th and Matt is 30th. We will keep you updated over the weekend on social media and if you want to keep track of the results go to <http://www.wsc.org.uk/results> and pick 'International Ok' from the Class drop down menu at the top.

Good luck Club members **Karen Alexander**, **Neil Bawden**, **Jonathan Woodward** and **Julie Moore** who will be taking part in the Enterprise Scottish Nationals this weekend.

Don't forget it's only a couple of weeks until the **Southport 24** hour race(12th and 13th September), even if you're not sailing this is a fun event to come along and support the Club at. Just look out for the big marquee with our sign on and lots of sleepy looking people.

For those in the **GP14** fleet there is a call for crews for the Irish Nationals this weekend on the [Facebook Club group](#), the event details are [HERE](#). There are two more Championship events left this year the Northern and End of Seasons. The Northern Area Championships are 26th and 27th September at Derwent, details [HERE](#) and the End of Seasons takes place at Hollingworth 17th and 18th October, details [HERE](#).

Best of the Web

If you're into crazy fast big boat sailing and the witchcraft that is 'foiling' **Ben Ainslie** is in action again this weekend as part of the America's Cup World Series. If you have BT Sport you can watch all of the racing live, if not there are repeats on the BBC, a full schedule can be found [HERE](#).

As a Club we might not be getting involved in Bart's Bash this year but members can still get involved by taking part in the virtual race series. It's free to enter and takes part on Sail X website <http://www.sailx.com/> This is a new virtual fleet-racing championship on SailX.com, Six 'Acts' are taking place between September 2015 and March 2016 with rankings for individuals, clubs and countries. The First Act takes place 1st - 3rd September.

Over in the [Facebook Group](#) this week, **Piotr Czartolomny** has posted a video clip with the camera mounted at the top of the sail. If you've not already done so it's worth a look as it is a great angle and one to consider for all you go-pro people.

It was the last Tuesday night race of the season this week with **Mike and Liz Senior** winning the series, John and Sue Billington taking second and Martin and Holly Evans third overall. You can see the full results [HERE](#).

If you're after any new kit Gill have a 10% off offer on at the moment which runs until 7th September, the offer code is on Y&Y and can be found [HERE](#).

And finally...

Four Traumatized in Water Rage Incident

We have been alerted to an terrifying incident of water rage this week that has left some sailors emotionally scarred.

The incident took place on Wednesday 26, August at Gailey during practice race conditions. Eye witnesses have reported that a boat helmed by **Lisa Carpenter** was seen verbally and physically terrorising other sailors with devastatingly minor consequences. The alleged water rage came to light when one of the 'victims' was brave enough to post about the occurrence on Facebook. Since then another witness has come forward with a statement. The identity of the witness has been withheld for their own protection.

"It was the most scared I've ever been on the water," explained Sailor X. "It had been a lovely evening with a decent breeze and everyone was in high spirits – no indication of what was to come. I still get a bit emotional thinking about it, even now. The practice race was underway and I remember glancing round at one point and seeing a boat approaching. I had to do a double take because I couldn't believe my eyes. The helm had horns and wild eyes. Then I heard 'her/it' shouting. I couldn't believe the language, or the sentiment. I was truly shocked and scared."

The Water Police managed to apprehend the perpetrator at the scene. Ms Carpenter, from Stafford, was then detained in the bar for several hours and faced a light beer filled grilling from WPO Graham Jones.

Ms Carpenter has since released the following statement:

"I think I took the spirit of the practice race a little too far when I was coming up to mark 7 to go to mark 2. **Steve**

Horton and Brian Waymont were sailing together and were blocking my way to mark 2.

“As they did not appear to be making any move to turn towards mark 2 a demon suddenly possessed me and I screamed at them ‘get xxxxxxxxxxx xxx out of my way xxxx xxxxx xxxx, I’m xxxxx racing xxxx xxxxx you’re in my xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx way’. I also had a slight tussle, well quite big really, with some newbies when we were head to head with each other and Steve and Brian around mark 2.”

Ms Carpenter went on to issue a formal apology to her victims and added that at least they would know not to get in her way again. Warning posters (see below) are being put around the Club.

If you have been a victim of Water Rage, help and support is available. To be ‘supported’ with some gentle ribbing and sharing of advice please visit the Help and Advice Centre located at the Bar.



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

GP14 Open - 5th September



Our GP14 Open just over a week away now and there has been a great response to the request that people 'join' the event on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/376205849255035/> We now have 47 people who have joined the event so far with 12 maybes. We will use this event to post any last minute instructions or answer any questions people have about the event. If you've not already check out the fun, not so factual, facts posted last week!

There is a social in the evening that is open to all not just the GP14s, the list is on the board at the Club and anyone who 'joins' on Facebook has been added on. It should be a cracking event to watch so even if you aren't sailing why not pop down, grab a tipple and enjoy the show!

Sunday 30th August

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	11	11:30am
A Series Race	11	1.45pm
B Series Race	9	3:30pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Summer Series](#)

[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

Peter Waine Trophy Details

	Total Races in Series	Races to Qualify
Peter Waine Trophy	9	4

Monday 31st August

9 PH races 4 to count. Run in conjunction with Bank Holiday PY Races (3 Races 2 To Count).

Race No	Start Time
7	11:30a m
8	1.45pm
9	3.30pm

For further information on the Peter Waine Trophy please click [HERE](#)

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 3rd September** for 5th September'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.