



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News Friday - 4th September



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Briefing 10.45am, 1st race 11.30am
- > Sign up now for Comedy Hypnotist night  
20th October, minimum number needed  
esle we have to cancel!
- > There are 3 races on Sunday, not 2 as  
on the website
- > Firefly Match Racing Open  
Saturday 19th September



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A MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP  
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ASK QUESTIONS etc.

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### Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Saturday	GP14 Open	Bill Bradburn		Steve Baker	Lynn Baker
Sunday	Summer (12)	Chris Bish	Rosemary Jones	Adrian Walker	Lisa Carpenter
	<b>Galley Supervisor</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>
Saturday	Claire Warburton	Charlotte Davies			
Sunday	Brian Bates	Mike Patterson	Dawn Allen	Chris White	Nic Booth
Tuesday			-----	Chris White	Nic Booth

Please note, there is a full galley this weekend (6<sup>th</sup>) but there will be teas only next Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>) as it is Southport.

## **GP14 Open - THIS Saturday**

The event is (believe it or not) **this coming Saturday!** All is in place and ready to go. Entry fee is £10 and social tickets are £8. The social ticket includes a buffet and a live band (Absolute Party). Even if you are not sailing, please come down and support the event. I promise that it will be an entertaining day one way or another - weather is set to be dry and 10mph - if the forecast is right, I will be delighted!

Other important information is as follows:

- Registration between 09:00 and 10:30
- Briefing: 10:45
- First Race: 11:30 (first gun 11:25)
- 3 races with two to count
- The social then starts basically as soon as prize giving is over!

**Now for a favour, please can I ask you all to bring cake along for after the racing has finished as we normally do?**

I am looking to beat the number of home entries that we had last year (24 boats last year). Can we do it? I think so. I will appreciate all the support both on and off the water that I get. Let's show our visitors why this club is the main GP14 fleet in (arguably) the UK.

**Mark Fleming**

GP14 Fleet Captain

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## **Am Am Race Report**

Tuesday night this week saw the 'Plus 1' beginners and improvers group take to the water for a two race series followed by a BBQ. A fantastic turnout of 18 competitors took part in the racing with some of those having never taken part in a race before. The evening started off with a short briefing from OOD Tony Hodgkiss, before the group got out onto the water.

The wind was light for the first race with a clean start, although **Dave Morgan** and **Richard Hodgkins** pushed it very close! The standard was good throughout the fleet, Dave and Richard's extra experience showed as they stormed off but **Martin Temple** and **Mike Patterson** weren't too far behind. There were a number who regularly crew in the Club racing giving helming a go with **Chloe Dawson** and **Clare Waymont** together in Clare's Lark and **Lisa Carpenter** in her new GP14 (see Best of the Web below for more info) crewed by **Steve Horton**.

The second race gave crews and helms the opportunity to swap over if they wanted to and by this time the wind had picked up and the rain arrived. Throughout both races the sailors were taking no prisoners giving the Cheer Squad a few scares when coming into marks.

All in all everyone seemed to enjoy the experience, despite the rain! Congrats to Dave and Richard on winning, Martin and Mike on 2<sup>nd</sup>, Clare and Chloe on 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lisa and Steve 4<sup>th</sup>, Arkadiusz and Stuart 5<sup>th</sup>, Tara and Emma 6<sup>th</sup>, Sam and Mike B 7<sup>th</sup>, Dave Whatton and Tim 8<sup>th</sup>, Dave Witten and Brian 9<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully we will now see you all taking part in the Sunday Club racing soon :)

All of the pictures from the racing can be found [HERE](#).

A great evening was had by all, thanks to all of the competitors for giving racing a go, the OOD **Tony and Brenda Hodgkiss**, Safety/On-water Cheer Squad of **Roy Alexander, Mike Warbrick, Mark Nichols and Martin Warburton**. Thanks also to **Nick Brandon** for manning the BBQ and **Claire Warburton and Clare Waymont, Dawn and Lisa** for the food.

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## **Lost Buoyancy Aid**

Has anyone picked up a Black Gill Pro Racer Buoyancy Aid from the Office in the past week by mistake? It belongs to Dave Whitton. It was put in the office on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August by Martin Warburton for Dave to collect but has now disappeared. It is size XL and has a lighter in the pocket at the front. If you have picked it up please can you return to the Club and let one of the instructors or Dave know or email [publicity@southstaffsailingclub.co.uk](mailto:publicity@southstaffsailingclub.co.uk)

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## ***Bank Holiday Racing Report***

Bank Holiday Monday was the last race in the Peter Waine series of 9 PH races with 4 to count and it was run in conjunction with Bank Holiday PY Races (3 Races 2 To Count).

PY Results, congrats to **Mike and Liz Senior 1<sup>st</sup>**, **Dave and Seonaid Young 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Bill Bradburn 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

The Peter Waine PH Trophy went to **Annette Fitzpatrick and Justin Jones 1<sup>st</sup>**, **Chris Jones and Dave Morgan 2<sup>nd</sup>**, **Julie and Meg Hicklin 3<sup>rd</sup>**, **Phil Barnfield and Tim Crossley 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Ollie Goodhead and Sam Thomson 5<sup>th</sup>**.

There was a little confusion on the day with the results due to the discards not being correct so Chris White and Nic Booth enjoyed Chris Jones and Dave Morgan's prize wine!

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## ***Firefly Match Racing Competition - 19<sup>th</sup> September***

If you've not tried match racing before this is great fun and a real test of your tactical skills. You don't need to have a boat to take part as **all boats are provided** so anyone can give it a go.

The races are very short and quick and it is never short of excitement! The galley will be open and it's only £10 to take part (including use of a boat).

It will be a 'Swiss League' format so people generally sail against others of their ability for most of the event.

Last year everyone had 7 races & with longer daylight we hope to complete more this time. Entry for this will be limited so please register with me before.

**Keith Macaulay**

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## ***Comedy Hypnotist Night Social - 20<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm***

**Minimum number needed or else we will have to cancel so please book now!**

The social team are planning a Comedy Hypnotist night on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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, there are posters around the club if you want more information.

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!

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## ***Day Skipper Theory course 2015/16 - Dates confirmed***

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.

Neill Chipping from Splash Adventure will be running the RYA Day Skipper course starting on 31<sup>st</sup> October and running until 12<sup>th</sup> December. The minimum needed to book the course have expressed an interest so the dates are now confirmed, there are still spaces, if you want to take part contact Mark Nichols.

- 31<sup>st</sup> October - Day 1 (The rugby world cup starts at 4pm so early finish on this date)
- 7<sup>th</sup> November - Day 2
- 14<sup>th</sup> November - Day 3
- 21<sup>st</sup> November - Day 4

There will then be a one week break for revision.

- 5<sup>th</sup> December - Day 5
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Day 6

The cost of the course is £260 and the following are included:

- 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](mailto:mark.nichols@carillionplc.com) and he will make the necessary arrangements.

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### ***South Staffs on Tour***

35 boats took part in the **Ok** Nationals at Weymouth last week, congrats to **Ed Bradburn** for finishing in 10<sup>th</sup> place and **Matt Bates** on 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Club's **Enterprise** sailors took off to Scotland last weekend for the Scottish Nationals. Huge congrats to **Jonathan Woodward** and **Karen Alexander** on 2<sup>nd</sup> place! and **Julie Moore** (crew) 3<sup>rd</sup>, and **Neil Bawden** (crew) 20<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget **Southport 24** hour race is next weekend (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 are two more Championship events left this year the Northerns (you can join the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1586177398295733/>) on 26th and 27th September at Derwent. The End of Seasons takes place at Hollingworth 17th and 18th October, details **HERE**.

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### ***Best of the Web***

It was the GP14 Championships of Ireland over the bank holiday weekend and you can read the Y&Y race report **HERE**.

### ***Capsize of the week – it's back!!!!***

I know you will all be excited about the return of 'Capsize of the Week'. Unfortunately there is no photographic evidence of this week's winner so we will just have to set the scene.

Picture this...it is the lightest day of the year so far, the 1mph forecast put off many from leaving the house let alone venturing down to the Club. **Gill Beddow**, having not sailed this year, thought these would be the perfect conditions to try out her recently renewed shoulder. With husband **Chris Beddow** at the helm and no wind what so ever, what could possibly go wrong?!

In case you hadn't already guessed from the title of this feature they capsized. Agreement wasn't entirely reached on the source of blame for the incident with Chris suggesting Gill was over enthusiastic with her role tack and Gill suggesting that Chris was under enthusiastic with his desire to move across the boat. On the plus side I (Michelle) am not too worried about losing my crewing spot to Gill as I love swimming!

### ***And finally...***

Last week we reported that **Lisa Carpenter** had been terrorising beginners on the water, screaming and shouting expletives and trying to ram them off the water. Although Ms Carpenter offered a formal apology, and all those involved were given extensive trauma counselling, we were very concerned to hear that she has now bought her own boat.

For the sake of the Club's insurance we feel the need to warn all that there is a new GP14 in town and it is mean! Lisa took 'Dippy Trout' out for its first outing at the Am Am race on Tuesday with the very brave **Steve Horton**. She picked the boat up from Welsh Harp at the weekend and apparently paid a bit extra for some optional extras to be fitted (see below).



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](mailto:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk)

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### ***Sunday 6th September - Last races of the series!***

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	12	11:30am
A Series Race	12	1.45pm
B Series Race	10	3:30pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Summer Series](#)

[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

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### ***Good News Friday Submission Deadline***

If you have anything for inclusion in Good News Friday **please submit it to [publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk](mailto: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 10th September** for 11th 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.