



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News Friday - 11th September



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- Southport 24hr Race THIS weekend
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### Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Frostbite (1)	Martin Evans	Holly Evans	Dodge	Rowland Boffey
	<b>Galley Supervisor</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>
Sunday	Teas ONLY	Mike Patterson			Michelle Evans
Tuesday			-----	Annette Fitzpatrick	

Please note, teas only this Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>) as it is Southport then full galleys every week after that until the summer.

### Oh Buoy! - What a weekend we have for you

This weekend will see another fabulous contest with combatants from our Club taking part in both Sailing and Power Boating competitions. Chalk and Cheese and North and South!

Plenty will be said about the sailing at Southport 24hr race because it is a tough challenge for all involved and many of South Staff sailors along with SSSC spectators will be cheering our teams on. The social life is electric as well. The pressure felt by our competitors is even more because latterly we have achieved really good results and naturally, other Clubs are out for revenge.

It is also the National Finals at Southampton for the Honda RYA Youth RIB Championships being hosted again at Southampton this weekend. As you are aware, we achieved an outstanding success last year when **Kamila Czartolomna** won the National Championship.

However, because we won in this age group last year, the Club are not allowed to enter anyone this year in that age group. But don't fret, we still will have a real fight on our hands this year because firstly, Kamila will be fighting to hold her title as Champion of Champions when she will be going titian to titan with the winner of this year's 13-16yr Final. It's going to be cracker and you can bet both competitors will give everything.

Secondly, we have **Aga Czartolomna** in the under-13yr age group. Both of our competitors have their own unique problems to overcome. Kamila has to try to beat off up and coming competition knowing that the whole country will be watching, Aga on the other hand is still very young and has another two years in this age group. I know they will both give it their best and that is all I ask, whatever their final result.

Both Robin and I never teach the kids just to drive and blast around the water. We don't train just for the sake of winning a competition – our main aim is to produce good, young, thinking power boat drivers of the future. I feel we have already done this if you look at the likes of **Ed Dutton, Mark Fleming, Ollie Goodhead** and Kamila – there are many more but my memory fails, sorry! They are all putting so much back into sailing and teaching our new Power boat drivers as PB Instructors and Dinghy Instructors here at South Staffs.

So come on folks let's all start Tweeting (I don't know how!) in support of all of our South Staffs SC competitors and Henry from Blithfield SC.

### **Robin Harper/Steve Troke**

Read more about Aga, Kamila and Henry's training for this year's event [HERE](#).

Aga will be doing her run at 2.10pm on Sunday and Kamila will take part in the Head to Head at 5.15pm we will keep you updated via Facebook and Twitter.

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### ***Sailor of the Month***

Huge congrats to **Julie Hicklin** who wins this month's most prestigious accolade of being 'Sailor of the Month'. Bragging rights and a pretty pink burgee are yours to enjoy :)

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### ***GP14 Open - Race Report***

The highly anticipated GP14 Open Meeting was greeted by a Force 2/3 and 30 boats participated in what was a day of close racing with 21 home boats and 9 visitors. Alan Thompson (crewing for Lawrence Creaser) came all the way from Londonderry, Ireland to compete in the event showing the incredible reach that the sailing club has. The final results were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mike and Liz Senior
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick and Ellie Devereux
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris White and Rich Booth
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Young and Ollie Goodhead
- 5<sup>th</sup> James Goss and Nic Booth

The social in the evening was fantastic with the dance floor packed and everyone enjoying the band Absolute Party. Thanks to all of those who didn't sail that came down in the evening.

Also, I want to thank my race team and galley staff for ensuring that the event ran as well as it did and to everyone that contributed to the fantastic atmosphere in the day and the evening. I hope to see you all next year! You can read my full race report [HERE](#).

### **Mark Fleming**

GP14 Fleet Captain



Click on the image to view pictures from the **GP14 Open 2015**

Thanks to **Judith Willis, Steve Horton, Jonathan Pugh, Steve Troke** and **Gill Beddow** for photos and video clips they will be online shortly and shared via Facebook/Twitter and in next week's GNF.

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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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### ***Autumn Social Programme***

There may be no more mid-week sailing for a while but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty to do at South Staffs! Our fantastic social team of Clare Waymont and Lisa Carpenter and working hard to keep you all occupied during those dark autumn nights.

If you've done your Learn to Sail this year, don't forget you can take part in all of the social events the Club puts on, we would love to see as many of you down at the Club as possible! Everything is free (unless a price is stated).

The Autumn Social Programme is growing daily so more events will be added but below are some dates for your diaries.

#### **20th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning**

The Club will be running its annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in a couple of weeks hosted by the Juniors. Please bring a cake along if you can, the stall will be manned 9am to after lunch to raise funds for the charity.

#### **29th September - Tuesday Night Dancing (and every two weeks after 13th Oct, 27th Oct, 10th Nov, 24th Nov)**

Yes it's back, you can't keep Steve 'Twinkle Toes' Troke and Amanda 'Ballroom' Whitehouse still during the summer months as they are just itching to get dancing again. If you've not been before there is a Beginner's Group and an Improver's Group on the same night. It is really fun and informal, even if you don't have a partner or have never danced before come along and Steve and Amanda will sort you out. It's open to all and the bar will be open too if you don't want a dance you can watch. Dancing runs every other week through the Autumn/Winter.

#### **20th October, 7.30pm - RYA Race Training Talk and Video**

On 20th October Roy Alexander will show a video called Capture the Wind which is an official RYA race training video.

It is aimed at beginners to racing and covers all the principles of racing including boat speed and trim, sail trim, spinnaker and trapeze work (just in case you want to sail in Mike Owen's Hornet!), starts, and tactics.

The video lasts 50 minutes and Roy will do a Q&A session afterwards.

This would suit juniors getting into racing as well as adults.

Also, please note the Comedy Hypnotist Night that was due to be on this night has been cancelled as we didn't have the minimum number signed up in time.

### **27th November - Wine Tasting - Price TBC**

This really needs no introduction. The legendary Wine Tasting nights are always full. There's wine, there's cheese. Enough said!

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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 16.00 so it may be necessary to finish early 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 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](mailto:mark.nichols@carillionplc.com) and he will make the necessary arrangements.

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

The **Lark** Class has now confirmed that the 2016 Nationals will be at Lyme Regis. It will be a 4-day event from Saturday 20th to Tuesday 23rd August. The dates were chosen in response to feedback from the class.

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](#).

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

The GP14 Open last weekend was a cracking event and proved just what a warm welcome we give to our visitors. The social in particular really gave our guests a taste of why South Staffs is so special. Following the event we put together this little handy guide for other clubs as to how to put on a good social:

## How to run a good sailing social....

1. No expense spared on the band



2. Free face painting



3. South Staffs finest dancing round a handbag



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)

### **Sunday 13th September - New Frosbite Series !**

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

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Frosbite 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](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 17th September** for 18th 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.