



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 18th September



HEADLINES

- SSSC takes 1st, 2nd and 25th places at the Southport 24 Hour Race!!!!
- Firefly Match Racing Event THIS Saturday
- Macmillan Coffee Morning THIS Sunday
- OK Open - 18th October
- Full galleys now until next summer



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Duties this weekend

| | Event | OOD | Assistant OOD | Safety Boat Driver | Safety Crew |
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| Saturday | Firefly Open - 10:30 | Rob Hicklin | Julie Hicklin | Meg Hicklin Lewis Coppinger | Harrison Coppinger |
| Sunday | Frostbite (2) | Nick Brandon | Vicky Ford | Jeremy Ireland-Jones | Lisa Carpenter |
| | Galley Supervisor | Galley Assistant | Galley Assistant | Bar Duty | Bar Duty |
| Saturday | Julie Macauley | Stephen Leroux | | | |
| Sunday | Amanda Whitehouse | Simon Massey | Nicky Howard | Terry Edwards | Darren Heath |
| Tuesday | | | ----- | Terry Edwards | Darren Heath |

Rugby World Cup Social - TONIGHT, 8pm

Throughout the Rugby World Cup selected matches will be shown on the big screen at the Club. The bar will, of course, also be open!

Matches to be shown are:

- Fri 18th September, 8pm - England v Fiji
- Sat 26th September, 8pm - England v Wales
- Sat 10th October, from 4.45pm - Australia v Wales and/or England v Uruguay at 8pm
- Sat 17th October, from 4pm - Quarter Final 1 at 4pm and Quarter Final 2 at 8pm
- Sun 18th October, 4pm - Quarter Final 4
- Sat 24th October, 4pm - Semi Final 1
- Sun 25th October, 4pm - Semi Final 2
- Sat 31st October, 4pm (Followed by Fireworks evening) - Final

South Staffs wins the Southport 24 Hour Race!

Yes we've done it again!!! For the third year in a row, and for the fifth time in the last eight years, the Club has won the 24 Hour Race. This year we entered 3 boats into the competition, South Staffs A (Lark), South Staffs B (GP14) and the Social Team (GP14). Unlike last year, which was quite tense, we were in the fantastic position of having the A and B teams in first and second place from around midnight. The two boats were swapping places throughout the night and in the end the B Team were only 0.4 seconds per lap slower on average over the 24 hours!

The Social Team also did really well finishing 25th and winning their flight. At one point they were in the top ten and stayed in the top twenty until the wind dropped in the early hours.

The onshore rivalry was fun with a few familiar Club faces sailing in the 420 Association team (Sam Wason and Andy Hunter) and the Toddbrook team (Lewis and Harrison Coppinger), as well as Karen Alexander for the Ent's.

Thanks to all of those who lent the Club boats and sails for the event, to everyone in the on shore cheer squad and all the sailors who made sure South Staffs continues to be the Club to beat. The atmosphere was fantastic and the event, as usual was well organised. Next year is the 50th anniversary of the event so it will definitely be one we want to win, who's up for us entering a Lark, GP14, Firefly and Enterprise and going for South Staffs 1, 2, 3 and 4?!

You can view the pics in the South Staffs gallery by clicking on the image below and the official pics can be found [HERE](#).



Click on Mike to view
the **Southport 24 Hour
Race 2015** Gallery

RYA Honda RIB Challenge Finals

The RYA Honda RIB Challenge Finals took place at the weekend with both Aga and Kamila in action. Sadly neither were victorious this time but they did the Club proud. Aga actually gained 5 positions from last year and has another two years in her age group - so watch this space we could have another future winner on our hands.

Kamila was also so close, a puff of wind or wave at a critical manoeuvre, as is true for all the competitors. This is where Lady Luck shows her face. Nevertheless, South Staffs have again held their position as leaders or very close contenders. Both Aga and Kamila are such wonderful ambassadors of our Club, we all know how intimidating big competitions can be so really well done girls for taking part and doing us proud.

Steve Troke

I had a great time in Southampton last weekend and so did Aga, unfortunately I did not win the Champion of Champions title but i was reasonably close. The winner of the older age group, who I was competing against, got a time of 1:04 and i would've got a time of 1:05 if I hadn't of hit a mark at the end of the slalom which added 5 seconds to my time giving me the final result of 1:10. This just gives me more motivation to train harder and do better in the future. Aga came in at 11th place with a time of 1:49, I think she did extremely well bearing in mind that she was not used to the boat. It was quite windy in the morning and only got windier as the day went on until it calmed down at around 17:00, as Aga's run was at about 14:00 the wind was quite high but nothing that she couldn't handle, she did her best and can only aim to do better in the years to come. But overall it was another great experience all thanks to Steve and Robin who put in a great amount of their time to train us.

Kamila

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

Firefly Match Racing Competition - THIS Saturday - 10:30 am Briefing

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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Ok Open & Rugby World Cup Quarter Finals - 18th October

Only 1 month to go until the OK Open. The Club has some fantastic OK sailors and we are expecting some visitors so this will be a great event to watch if you aren't taking part.

Starting at 11am there will be 2 races back to back in the morning followed by lunch and one in the afternoon.

The social is open to all not just those who raced - it will start at 4pm with the Rugby World Cup Quarter final being shown in the bar.

Going Batty Again!

As you will remember, earlier in the year the Canals and Rivers Trust put up some bat boxes around Gailey and were assisted by a group of volunteers from the Club.

It is now time to check them and see how well they are being used, Paul from the Trust is proposing to do the checking on Friday 25th September 5pm to 7pm. This is a great opportunity for those who want to find out a bit more about bats and help with a vital conservation project.

If you are interested and can help out please contact Paul asap via email: Paul.Wilkinson@canalrivertrust.org.uk

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 10.30am 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.

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!

Best of the Web

In case you missed them, all of the pics from the recent GP14 Open are now online for you to check out, thanks to all who sent them in.



Click on the image to view pictures from the [GP14 Open 2015](#)

It's that time again, here's your three week-ish #ThrowBack Thursday...

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|  South Staffs Sailing @SSSCtweet 10 Sep It's @WLYC24 @crewsaver #24HourRace this weekend, #ThrowbackThursday to our win last year, can we repeat for 2015?! pic.twitter.com/3wJprGVIP1 |  South Staffs Sailing @SSSCtweet 3 Sep It's our @GP14sailing Open Saturday, #ThrowbackThursday to 2011,39 boats, Mike/Liz Senior 1st, Instone/Toothill 2nd pic.twitter.com/QfupqS2eC2 |  South Staffs Sailing @SSSCtweet 27 Aug The sun set on Tuesday racing this week, with Mike & Liz Senior taking the series. #ThrowbackThursday pic from 2014 pic.twitter.com/gbHuHsuZkI |
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Poser of the Week

Mike Senior is well accustomed to winning so it's about time he won a GNF special endeavour award. It is not the first time that Mike has been spotted doing his trademark 'yes, we've won again' pose for the cameras (to be fair this one was well deserved as part of the winning Southport team) but this is our new favourite. If you too want to bask in glory when you win an event remember to smile (go for confident and satisfied rather than broad and cheesy), make eye contact with the photographer and remind him what position you came with an out-stretched finger. Or you could go for the less smug but equally photogenic 'yeay we won' big grin, as sported by Holly Evans below.



And finally...

We would like to remind all members that Junior training is for the under 16s and as such the Club is considering having to ID Juniors taking part in the Sunday mornings.....



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

Sunday 20th September - Frosbite Series

| | Race No | Start Time |
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| AM Race Series | 2 | 11:30am |
| A Series Race | 2 | 1.45pm |
| B Series Race | 2 | 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** (this goes to Neil Hawkins and Michelle Evans) by 9pm the day before (e.g. **for next week, submission deadline is 9pm 24th September** for 25th 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.