



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 2nd October



HEADLINES

- Congrats to all who sailed in the GP14 Northern Areas last weekend
- Level 1 Course on THIS Saturday
- World Cup Rugby next on at the Club on Saturday 10th October
- Ok Open & Rugby Social - 18th October
- New furry residents take up starter homes around the pool



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IN ADDITION TO THE FACEBOOK PAGE, WE HAVE A MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP FOR POSTING PICS, CREWS & HELMS NEEDED, ASK QUESTIONS etc.

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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Frostbite (4)	Mike Senior	Liz Senior	John Blocksidge	Andy Stewart
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Emma Hales	Richard Hales	Stuart Dobell	Martin Evans	Dave Croxford
Tuesday			----	Martin Evans	Dave Croxford

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.

Let us know that you are coming and keep up to date with latest posts by Joining the event on Facebook [HERE](#).

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.

Batman Returns

Four months on from bat boxes being installed around Gailey as part of a Canal and Rivers Trust monitoring project we are pleased to report the starter homes are filling up with new residents.

On Friday **Mark Nichols**, **Chloe Dawson** and **Cobby Johnson** joined Paul from the Canal and Rivers Trust to inspect the boxes and complete resident's snagging lists.



Three bats have taken up residence in one of our boxes around the pool which, considering that they were only installed in May is very positive. In other boxes, birds, wasps and spiders had made themselves at home.

There will be further projects over the next six months to monitor the progress and install monitors. In the meantime, General Committee continues to discuss appropriate membership rates for the furry critters.

Autumn Powerboat Courses

RYA Level 1 - Saturday 24th October, 9am - 4pm

No previous experience needed.

SSSC Safety Boat - Saturday 14th November 2015, 9am - 4pm

Applicants need to hold an RYA Level 2 PB certificate.

RYA Level 2 - Saturdays 28th November & 5th December 2015 (both days), 9am-4pm

Applicants need to hold an RYA Level 1 PB certificate.

The courses are open to SSSC members only and applicants need to be 16 years or above.

There are limited spaces so first come, first served! Contact Steve Finney if you would like to book on to any of the courses, telephone: 01952 676915 or e.mail: steve.finney2@btinternet.com

Steve Finney

Powerboat Training Co-ordinator

Kids Adventurous Activities (KAA)

Sailing really is a sport that is accessible to all. KAA (formerly Westcroft), which runs from South Staffs, is a great opportunity for the Club to get students with a range of disabilities out on the water, summed up by the pic below :) KAA recently achieved RYA Sailability status, well done all.



South Staffs on Tour

South Staffs were well represented at the **GP14 Northern Area Championships** last weekend, you can read the report in Yachts and Yachting [HERE](#), we also did the Club proud by emptying the bar of red wine by 10.30pm! Well done to Lawrence Creaser and Andy Hunter on the win with Seonaid our highest placed sailor in 3rd. South Staffs results were:

- 3rd: Justin Smith (Derwent SC) & Seonaid Young
- 7th: Lewis & Harrison Coppinger
- 11th: Duncan Greenhalgh (Derwent SC) & Annette Fitzpatrick
- 12th: Hugh Deverux (Budworth SC) & Vicky Ford
- 14th: Derek Fleming & Lisa Carpenter
- 16th: Hayley Ramadhar & Zara Turtle
- 18th: Martin Stanley (West Kirby SC) & Michelle Evans

Next up on the GP14 Championship circuit is the **End of Seasons 17 - 18 October**. This two day event at Hollingworth counts towards this year's Grand Prix. There will be 4 races over 2 days and evening entertainment that includes a black tie dinner, magician and disco. There is also free camping. Get all of the latest updates by Joining the Facebook event [HERE](#)

Outside of the Championship, this weekend there is a GP14 Northern Bell Open at West Kirby SC on Saturday and GP14 Midland Bell Open at Chelmarsh on Sunday that South Staffs will be represented at.

Don't forget, if you're taking part in any open events and want to let everyone know how you got on, email us at: publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

Best of the Web

In case you missed it we are out of the summer series and a quarter of the way into the Frostbite series. It's good to see Juniors regularly taking part in Sunday Club racing including **Sam Bailey** and **Antony Hatfield** who currently 2nd in the AM PY.

It is also great to see some of the pairings that took part in the Am Am race at the end of the season now competing in the Frostbite series including **Dave Morgan** and **Richard Hodgkins** and **Martin Temple** and **Mike Patterson**. Dave and Richard are leading the AM PH after 3 races. Special congrats also to two Am helms who took their first steps into the big leagues this week by helming in their first Club race. **Steve Horton** bagged the

GP14 fleet captain to crew for him while **Clare Waymont** had **Mark Nichols** up front. They all got round, and stayed dry!

And finally...

No funny picture this week but a cheeky plea instead! I (Michelle) am doing a spot of research for University at the moment and I could really do with a few more responses to my survey. So if you have a spare 5 minutes and you have been to Uni, or are thinking or going to Uni and you wouldn't mind filling one out it would really help me out: <http://meresearcher.co.uk/Game-of-Gnomes.html>

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

Autumn & Winter Social Programme

- Sat 10th Oct - Rugby World Cup - Australia v Wales, 4.45pm and/or England v Uruguay at 8pm - FREE
- Tue 13th Oct - Tuesday Night Dancing - FREE
- Sat 17th Oct - Rugby World Cup - Quarter Final 1 at 4pm and Quarter Final 2 at 8pm
- Sun 18th Oct - Rugby World Cup - Quarter Final 4, 4pm - FREE
- Tue 20th Oct - Talk - RYA Race Training Talk and Video, 7.30pm - FREE
- Sat 24th Oct - Rugby World Cup - Semi Final 1, 4pm - FREE
- Sun 25th Oct - Rugby World Cup - Semi Final 2, 4pm - FREE
- Tue 27th Oct - Tuesday Night Dancing - FREE
- Sat 31st Oct - Rugby World Cup & Fireworks - Final of the Rugby followed by Fireworks and a BBQ - Price TBC (but cheap!)
- Tue 10th Nov - Tuesday Night Dancing - FREE
- Tue 24th Nov - Tuesday Night Dancing - FREE
- Fri 27th Nov - Wine Tasting - Price £9 (a steal for all of the wine and cheese you'll get!)
- Tue 8th Dec - Tuesday Night Dancing - FREE
- Sun 20th Dec - Christmas Dinner - Price TBC (but cheap!)
- Tue 22nd Dec - Carol Singing & Mince Pies - FREE

Sunday 27th September - Frosbite Series

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race	3	11.30am
A Series Race	4	1.45pm
B Series Race	4	3:30pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Frostbite 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 8th October** for 9th October'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.