



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 9th October



HEADLINES

- Club racing on Saturday this week not Sunday
- Roy's talk on racing THIS Tuesday
- OK Open & Rugby Social THIS Sunday
- Sign up now for Fireworks night
- Wine Tasting places filling fast
- The Stig returns to take on the Juniors
- Good luck to GP14 sailors at the EoS



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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Saturday	Frostbite (6)	Mark Nichols	Clare Waymont	David Jakeman	Lynda Jakeman
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Saturday		Tina Temple		Rob Hicklin	Julie Hicklin
Tuesday			----	Rob Hicklin	Julie Hicklin

The Week Ahead....

It is another busy week for South Staffs both home and away. Kicking off the action on **Saturday will be Club racing**. There is no AM race due to the day change but you have 2 races from 1.45pm with a pursuit and a class race.

Following the racing you can stay and watch Wales take on South Africa in the Rugby World Cup followed by the French against New Zealand at 8pm.

On **Sunday it is the OK Open**, this promises to be very competitive and will be fun to watch even if you're not sailing. Following the prize giving Scotland will be taking on Australia in the Rugby.

On **Tuesday** we round off the week with Senior Instructor **Roy Alexander** giving a talk on race training. This will be of particular interest to the Learn to Sail groups from this year and last as well as the Juniors.

- Sat 17th Oct - Club Racing - 2 races from 1.45pm
 - Sat 17th Oct - Rugby World Cup - QF 1 South Africa v Wales at 4pm and QF 2 New Zealand v France at 8pm
 - Sun 18th Oct - OK Open - Briefing 10.15am, First gun 10.55am
 - Sun 18th Oct - Rugby World Cup - QF 4, Australia v Scotland 4pm - FREE
 - Tue 20th Oct - Talk - RYA Race Training Talk and Video, 7.30pm – FREE
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South Staffs Social

The list for the Wine Tasting night is filling up fast as usual and there is a reserve list so if you want to attend get your name down quick!

Saturday 31st October will bring a bumper social event with the Final of the Rugby World Cup being shown on the big screen followed by a Fireworks display and food. If rugby isn't your thing you can just come along at 6pm for the Fireworks evening. The rugby is free to watch but there is a small charge for the Fireworks and food of £8 for an adult and £4 for a child.

The social team need to know numbers to know whether to do a BBQ or Hog Roast (if there are over 80 people.) So please can you sign up to the event on the board at the club, or **'join' the event on Facebook**. Anyone who joins on Facebook will automatically be added to the list at the Club. Alternatively you can email the social team to book on: social@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

South Staffs on Tour

Congrats to **Jonathan Woodward** who came 6th out of 19 boats in the **Solo** Midland Series at Staunton Harold Sailing Club last weekend.

Following on from her successful time in the 420 **Sarah Norbury** and her crew Mari Davies have moved up to the 470 which is an Olympic class. The pair have secured a place on the Podium Potential Programme as well as getting to meet Ben Ainslie recently. You can read an interview about her 470 aspirations and meeting Ben [HERE](#).

It's the **Lark** Masters Championships at Hayling Island this weekend, not sure if anyone is going but good luck if you are.

South Staffs will be represented at **GP14** End of Seasons this weekend at Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club, good luck everyone. If there is phone signal we will post updates on Club social media.

Coming up there are a few local-ish winter events that may be of interest to members:

- Blithfield Barrel: 8th Nov, 6th Dec 2015, 10th Jan, 14th Feb 2016
- Draycote Dash: 21st & 22nd November
- Tiger Trophy (Rutland): 6th & 7th Feb 2016

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

The Stig

As part of what is now an annual tradition 'The Stig' visited last weekend to race the Juniors. No sightings of Clarkson, Hammond and May despite them being between gigs at the moment though!

The Juniors were sailing in sunshine and blue skies again and all enjoyed the extra challenge The Stig provided.



Sailor of the Month

Congrats to **Dave Morgan** who is our Sailor of the Month! Dave and crew **Richard Hodgkins** have shown great improvement since they started sailing together at the Am Am race at the end of August and took part in their first GP14 Open together the week after. Sadly, the usual pink burgees which are bestowed on the lucky winners, and which would have co-ordinated beautifully with their pink spinnaker, appear to have been replaced by green ones.



Roy's Reward

Senior Instructor **Roy Alexander** has been shortlisted for an Old Pultney Maritime Hero Award for Club Service! Old Pultney is a brand of whisky made in Wick in the far north of Scotland. They have been running this award scheme for 4 years “to recognise and reward the outstanding Passion, commitment and achievements within Britain’s maritime communities.”

Roy was unaware of the nomination but thrilled to have been shortlisted and even more thrilled to have won a bottle of single malt 12 yr old whiskey. Roy thanked Mike Warbrick and all at the Club for the nomination.

The final winner will be revealed on 26th November but regardless of the outcome Roy is a Hero to countless initially hapless souls who he has help mould into lean, mean sailing machines. Good luck Roy from us all.

Solo Open - 7th November

Date for your diary the Solo Open is coming up on Saturday 7th November. More details to come soon.

Best of the Web

It's **America's Cup** time again this weekend with Ben Ainslie and co off to Bermuda (tough life). You can follow all of the action live online on the Yachts and Yachting Blog [HERE](#).

South Staffs gets a mention in Bolton Sailing Club's **Southport** article [HERE](#).

New Photo Gallery - if you missed it in last week's edition, a new Club photo gallery has been set up on Picasa to make it easier to view and share photos. The project is still on-going as there are a number of photo albums on there that need re-naming but have a look [HERE](#) and let us know if you have any feedback. If you have any photos to add please send them in either by email or file sharing site.

The latest edition of the **GP14** Newsletter is out, you can read it [HERE](#).

It's time for another 3 week-ish **#ThrowbackThursday** round up. Still disappointingly no one has yet volunteered any baby photos or photos of older members in their teenage years. There's still time though!

South Staffs Sailing
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Solo Open on 7th
[#ThrowbackThursday](#) to 2009 & a time when Graham Bowers' boat wasn't held together with gaffer tape
pic.twitter.com/ihKQXdHn9m



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South Staffs Sailing 8 Oct
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It's our @OKDinghyGBR Open a week on Sunday but [#ThrowbackThursday](#) to 2012, 22 sailors took part won by Mike Senior
pic.twitter.com/weqdfkTWJp



South Staffs Sailing 1 Oct
@SSSCtweet

This week's [#ThrowbackThursday](#) is to July when we last had decent wind! Hopefully will be waving hello to more soon!
pic.twitter.com/W5HeFi5b9b



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And finally...

There have been a few funny clips doing the rounds on Facebook this week. They are all short and definitely worth a look.

How to get rid of your crew in 8 seconds...



When you fail to notice that you're the only one left in the boat...



When you really wish you could have got into difficulties further away from the shore (and away from people with cameras!)



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

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- 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 £8 for Adults, £4 for Children
- 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

SATURDAY 11th October - Frostbite Series

Please note, Club racing has been moved to Saturday for this week to make way for the OK Open on Sunday.

	Race No	Start Time
A Series Race	6	1.45pm
B Series Race	6	3:30pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

[Frostbite Series](#)

[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

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