



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 23rd October



HEADLINES

- Clocks go back THIS Sunday, racing starts 30 minutes earlier
- Hog Roast booked for Fireworks Night
- 17 boats for the OK Open, congrats to Mike Senior on the win
- South Staffs sailors take prizes at the GP14 End of Seasons, Midland Bell, Northern Bell and Grand Prix



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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Frostbite (7)	Ross Kearney	Jane Kearney	Chris White	Nic Booth
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Wendy Hollinshead	Phil Barnfield	Brian Waymont	Sue Jones	Graham Jones
Tuesday	-----	-----	-----	Sue Jones	Graham Jones

South Staffs Social - Fireworks and Hog Roast

Thanks to everyone who has already put their names down for Fireworks night. The social team have confirmed that a Hog Roast has been booked. The rugby will be on from 4pm with food served from 6pm and fireworks following after that.

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.

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

Thanks to Roy Alexander for delivering his race training talk this week, we understand it was well received with 20 members enjoying some tips and the RYA video.

Ok Open Results

The OK Open took place last Sunday with 6 visitors joining 11 South Staffs sailors to battle it out for the coveted single handed crown.

With a strong field of South Staffs OK sailors taking part it looked to be a day of close competition. The overall winner on the day with three 1st places was someone more accustomed to a double handed boat. Well done to Mike Senior who added to his Open tally of 2nd in the Lark open and 1st in the GP14 open.

It was also a good day for the Goodheads with Neil taking 3rd place and Ollie taking 5th and 1st under 17 sailor. Ollie is now clearly a force to be reckoned with in the OK as well as the GP14!

The full results can be viewed [HERE](#).

South Staffs on Tour

It was Sarah Norbury's first day in the **470** at the weekend and Sarah and crew Mari won a race at the Olympic class ranker. Well done ladies!

The South Staffs **GP14** sailors have been out and about again. It was the End of Season Championships last weekend which also marked the end of the Grand Prix series.

With the South Staffs/Nantwich pairing of Sam Watson and Andy Hunter no more that gave them the opportunity to take both second and third spots between them. Racing was tight between the gold fleet sailors at the front with Sam (sailing with Andy Thompson) and Andy (crewing for Lawrence Creaser) pushing each other close which resulted in a protest in race 3. You can read the race report [HERE](#).

Results for South Staffs sailors were:

- 2nd - Lawrence Creaser (Northampton) & Andy Hunter (Nantwich / SSSC)
- 3rd - Sam Watson (Nantwich / SSSC) & Andy Thompson
- 7th - Dave Young & Nic Booth
- 14th - Lewis Coppinger & Harrison Coppinger
- 17th - Derek Fleming & Lisa Carpenter
- 18th - Nick Brandon & Vicky Ford
- 20th - Chris Beddow & Michelle Evans
- 25th - Michael Davies & Sophia Miles (Holingworth)
- 27th - Haley Ramadhar & Zara Turtle

The **GP14** Midland Bell has concluded with 8 boats qualifying for the travelling series, 4 of which were from South Staffs, congrats to Sam Watson and Andy Hunter on the win (Andy also finished 4th sailing with Lawrence Creaser). The results for our sailors were:

- 1st – Sam Watson & Andy Hunter (Nantwich / SSSC)
- 2nd – Ian Willis & Keith Dutton
- 6th – Derek Fleming & Cobby Johnson/Lisa Carpenter
- 8th – Nick Brandon & Vicky Ford

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

- Blithfield Barrel: 8th Nov, 6th Dec 2015, 10th Jan, 14th Feb 2016
- Lark Winter Championships at Staunton Harold on 14th and 15th November
- 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

Juniors sign-up

As Junior training is coming to an end for 2015 we have set up an event on Facebook for next year. If you are a junior, parent or prospective junior you can 'join' the event and then anyone can post notices in there.

We hope this will be a good way of the club keeping you all updated about plans for next year as well as posting notices that are relevant. You can also post in there anything to do with sailing in general or sailing at south staffs so it is hopefully a way for you to all keep in touch.

You can join the event [HERE](#).

Solo Open - 7th November

Date for your diary the Solo Open is coming up on Saturday 7th November. There will be training in the morning followed by 2 races in the afternoon. Training will start at 10.30am, the cost is £5 for the training, racing, lunch and tea. For more information please contact Graham Bowers on: 07778410769.

Can you Help this Community Project?

Good afternoon,

I visited you a year or more ago to look at some boats that you had as scrap that we could use as planters along Brownhills canal side. The boat planting has been very successful and has got many local school children involved in planting it up. I've attached a photo so you can see what it looked like.

I was wondering whether you had any other similar boats that we could use in Brownhills Holland Park to use as similar planters please?

I have spoken to the Park Ranger Anne Smith and they have the facilities to collect it from you if possible. Hope to hear from you soon!

Kind regards

Vickie Heydon-Matterface
Children and Family Worker for the Brownhills and Willenhall Methodist Circuit
Telephone 01922 860917 or 07739 815188



Best of the Web

It's that time of year when shops are getting rid of summer stock to make way for dry suits and steamers. It's also a great time of year to pick up the odd bargain in preparation for next year's warmer weather sailing. Especially if you are travelling to Barbados. P&B's autumn sale still has some great bargains [HERE](#). For dry suits check out this selection on Y&Y [HERE](#).

If you've ever wondered how a wooden boat is built check out the video clip posted in the [Facebook Group](#) by Neil Goodhead.

And finally...

We quite often need to get posters produced at the Club to advertise events or training to members. As there are a lot of different members who get involved in doing this Graham Bowers has kindly offered to run a poster design course. Please contact Graham directly for tips on design and for details of the course. See below for an example

of Graham's work, please note, 'How to laminate' will run as a separate training session.



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 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

Sunday 25th October - Frostbite Series TIME CHANGE

Please note, the clocks go back this weekend so all races are half an hour earlier than last week.

	Race No	Start Time
AM Series Race	5	11.00am
A Series Race	7	1.15pm
B Pursuit Race	7	2.45pm

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 29th October** for 30th 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.