



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 6th November



HEADLINES

- ;> Solo Open THIS Saturday, training from 10.30am, 2 races in the PM
- ;> Gardener Trophy THIS Sunday, 3 PY races, 2 to count
- ;> Fireworks night goes with a bang!
- ;> Dancing continues THIS Tuesday
- ;> Pay for Wine Tasting asap to guarantee your place



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Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Gardener Trophy	Chris Bish	Rosemary Jones	Ted Gill	Brian Bates
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Roger Evans	Kerry Toolan	Steve Horton	Cobby Johnson	Vicky Ford
Tuesday	-----	----	-----	Cobby Johnson	Vicky Ford

South Staffs Social - Wine Tasting

The wine and cheese night is, as ever, proving to be very popular. There is now a reserve list so the social team would like anyone who has put their name down already, to pay as soon as possible to confirm their place. You can give your cash directly to Clare Waymont or Lisa Carpenter at the Club or pay directly into the Club bank account. If you pay it straight into the bank, please also let Clare or Lisa that you have paid.

Strictly Come South Staffs



Tuesday night dancing is in full flow now with Steve and Amanda taking everyone back to basics and welcoming some new younger faces. The lessons are fun, free and open to all. You can read Steve's update on the class of 2015 and find out if they are all scoring 10 out of 10 [HERE](#).

Solo Open - THIS SATURDAY

Our Solo Open is this 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 Bower on: 07778410769.

South Staffs on Tour

It is the first Blithfield Barrel this weekend and we know of at least one South Staffs pairing that will be taking part. Good luck to **Mike Owen** in his Hornet and, more importantly, good luck to his crew **Paul Bottomley** who seems to enjoy dangling around on the harness (hope you come back in one piece Paul!)

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

Looking ahead to 2016 travelling event the **GP14 Super 6 Series** has been launched so get the dates in your diary! It's a 6 event Grand Prix series with 3 events to qualify and a load of prizes for individual events as well as those who qualify for the Series as a whole.

A graphic for the GP14 Super 6 Series. The title 'SUPER 6 SERIES' is written in large, green, stylized letters at the top. Below it is a cartoon illustration of a person in a dark suit pulling open their white shirt to reveal a blue bell-shaped chest piece. The background is blue with white sunburst rays. The event schedule is listed in two columns:

INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS BALA SAILING CLUB 20 & 21 MAY	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PWLLEL SAILING CLUB 20 - 26 AUGUST
SOUTHERN AREAS STONE SAILING CLUB 14 & 15 MAY	NORTHERN AREAS WEST KIRBY SAILING CLUB 23 & 24 JULY
SCOTTISH AREAS ARRAN YACHT CLUB 18 & 19 JUNE	MIDLAND AREAS CHELMARSH SAILING CLUB 1 & 2 OCTOBER

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

Junior Work Party

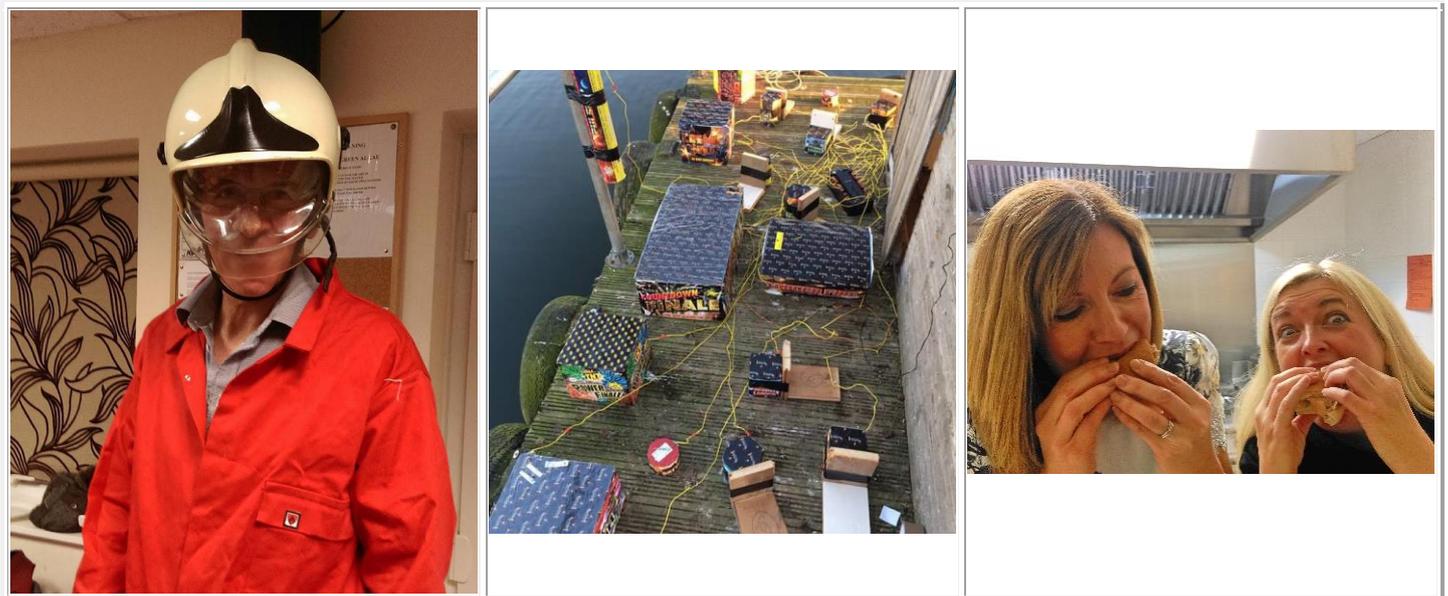
As a treat for the Juniors after a long season of sailing they got to enjoy cleaning the boats last Sunday. The adults offered their support by standing around, drinking tea and giving encouraging instructions....



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 will post updates about how Junior Training will run next year shortly. To keep up to date you can join the event [HERE](#).

Going off with a Bang!

It was the Club's annual Fireworks night last Saturday with 80 adults and children attending the evening. The social team had organised a Hog Roast to save them spending the whole night in the kitchen but they still couldn't keep away. The fireworks were all expertly set up on the box earlier in the day by explosives experts Mike 'Boom Boom' Davies and James 'Firecracker' Croxford. Thanks to everyone who attended and Mike and James for the fireworks and Clare, Lisa, Kate, John and Annette for manning the bar and galley.



Best of the Web

Firstly, **there's wind coming** people!!! After what feels like an eternity of light/no wind sailing the forecast is finally for wind this weekend. Although it looks like it's going to be very lively as it always seems to be about 10 mph less than forecast at South Staffs it should end up being just about right :) You can click on the button at the top of the email to take you to the latest forecast for Gailey.

That thing that happens once a year with the portly bearded fellow handing out presents is fast approaching so if you are looking for gift ideas **Yachts and Yachting** are currently advertising a subscription offer of £37.95 for 12 issues. To get the offer you can click [HERE](#) or phone 01795 419 843 quoting code YX5SE.

The latest **OK** world rankings are out with Jim Hunt back in the top 10 and the top ranked Brit. There are four South Staffs members who are on the list too with Ed Bradburn the highest, you can view the full rankings [HERE](#).

Capsize of the Week

For those who weren't at the Club on Sunday I will paint you a picture of the conditions. It was a day more reminiscent of August than 1st November with blazing sunshine and a wind strength that bordered on 0 mph at times. In fact there was a great moment in the Pursuit race when the wind died off completely just as the entire fleet reached the first mark which resulted in carnage and a lot of shouting. This was probably the most tricky sailing of the day but this did not lead to the capsize in question.

It was after Race 2 as we were coming back towards the jetty that **Graham Bower's** buoyancy aid got caught on the boom and the Solo Fleet Captain took an unexpected dip. I am informed that although it was a lovely sunny day the water was freezing! Below is a pic from Graham's greatest hits as sadly no photos exist from Sunday's effort.



And finally...

A few funny non-South Staffs pics to share with you this week, I chose three that fell into the theme of 'Something/Someone missing'!



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

- Tue 10th Nov - Tuesday Night Dancing - FREE
- Tue 24th Nov - Tuesday Night Dancing - FREE
- Fri 27th Nov - Wine Tasting - Price £9
- 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 1st November - Gardener Trophy

3 PY races with 2 to count.

	Race No	Start Time
Gardener Trophy	1	11.00am
Gardener Trophy	2	1.15pm
Gardener Trophy	3	2.45pm

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

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 12th November** for 13th November'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.