



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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Good News Friday - 13th November



HEADLINES

- GP14 Fleet Meeting - Sunday, 12.45pm
- Grill in the Galley is now fixed
- Good luck to those sailing at the Lark Winters this weekend
- Gill Beddow to receive RYA Lifetime Commitment Award
- South Staffs sailors do well in the first round of the Blithfield Barrel



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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 Race 9	Phil Barnfield	Tim Crossley	Dodge Owen	David Langford
	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Sunday	Gill Beddow	Margaret Taylor	Volunteer Required	Chris White	Nic Booth
Tuesday	-----	----	-----	Chris White	Nic Booth

Lifetime Commitment Award

Congrats to Gill Beddow who has won a RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment. As well as a Past Commodore at the Club and current member of the House Committee, Gill is also an active member of the GP14 Association working tirelessly to ensure that GP14 Championship Events are run like a well oiled machine!

Full story here.... [Royal Seal of Approval](#)

Gill will pick up her award from HRH The Princess Royal, President of the RYA, in London later this month. Gill and HRH will be like old friends the amount of times they have already met!

Solo Open & Gardener Trophy - Review

The wind arrived last weekend just in time for a packed two days of sailing. Saturday, for the Solo Open promised rain, wind and 40mph gusts. The training session in the morning was held inside to avoid the worst of the weather with **Jonathan Woodward** giving and talk. In the afternoon 8 took to the water for the 2 race event with was won by Jonathan.

The Gardener Trophy on the Sunday also promised some lively sailing but that didn't put off the 18 boats that took to the water, it did however put them all off finishing with a big gust before the start sending **John Edge** and **Lisa Carpenter** in and back to shore. Others followed with 11 eventually finishing the race. The second race brought the strongest winds with more boats skittled but a hardy 9 finishing. After the third race there were lots of tired but happy looking faces in the bar and it was great to see some of our more novice helms giving it a good go with **Vicky Ford** and **Annette Fitzpatrick** (9th), **Dave Morgan** and **Richard Hodgkins** (13th), and **Chris Jones** and **Brian Waymont** (14th) all completely unphazed.

Congrats to **Ed Bradburn** in his OK on the win with **Toby Taylor** and **Chris Cook** in 2nd and **Dave Young** and **Nic Booth** in the Lark in 3rd.

Sailor of the Month

Drumroll please.....this month's entry into the illustrious 'Sailor of the Month' hall of fame is....Chloe Dawson (ably assisted by Roy Alexander!) Well done Chloe.

GP14 Fleet Meeting - This Sunday

The annual fleet meeting will be held on Sunday 15th November at 12:45 (should allow everyone racing to be off water etc). This will include a summary of the Midland Area Fleet Captain meeting that took place yesterday. Please find the agenda attached to this email. I hope that the majority of you can make it. If there are any apologies that you would like recording then please let me know in advance.

Barbados Entry Fee

For those that haven't entered yet for Barbados, the entry fee goes up after 30th November by \$150 per boat so get your entries in !

Neil Hawkins ([e-mail](#)) has offered to collate some entry fees and make one payment to hopefully reduce transaction charges. Please let him know by e-mail if you plan to enter in the next 2 weeks and he will send you the entry form and liaise with you to ensure all details and payments are sorted in time.

Mark Fleming

GP14 Fleet Captain

South Staffs on Tour

Lark Winter Champs at Staunton Harold SC are this weekend and we know South Staffs will be well represented. There will be 5 races with registration from 9.30am, briefing at 11am and first race 12pm. Good luck to all going and don't forget to send us some updates!

It was the first **Blithfield Barrel** last weekend and it looked like a good day for the Merlin Rockets. The first GP14, and third overall, was **Mike Senior** and **Chris White** with **Lewis and Harrison Coppinger** not far behind in 8th. **Jonathan Woodward** was 29th in his Lark and **Mike Owen** and **Paul Bottomley** came 34th in the Hornet. There were 36 boats in total, congrats to all who took part. You can read the review in Y&Y [HERE](#), it is probably the only time you are going to read the words 'slow fleet' and Mike Senior in the same sentence!

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

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



SUPER 6 SERIES

INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
BALA SAILING CLUB
20 & 21 MAY

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
PWLLELI 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

The graphic features a stylized illustration of a person in a white shirt and dark jacket pulling open their shirt to reveal a blue bell-shaped emblem on their chest. The background is blue with radiating lines.

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

More wind forecast for this weekend :) Given that it is a Friday the 13th weekend hope everybody stays safe and upright this weekend. If you do happen to capsized though please can you do it slowly enough to be photographed (see capsized of the week below). Everybody who capsized during Race 2 last week while I was on the safety boat didn't give me any chance to snap a quick pic!

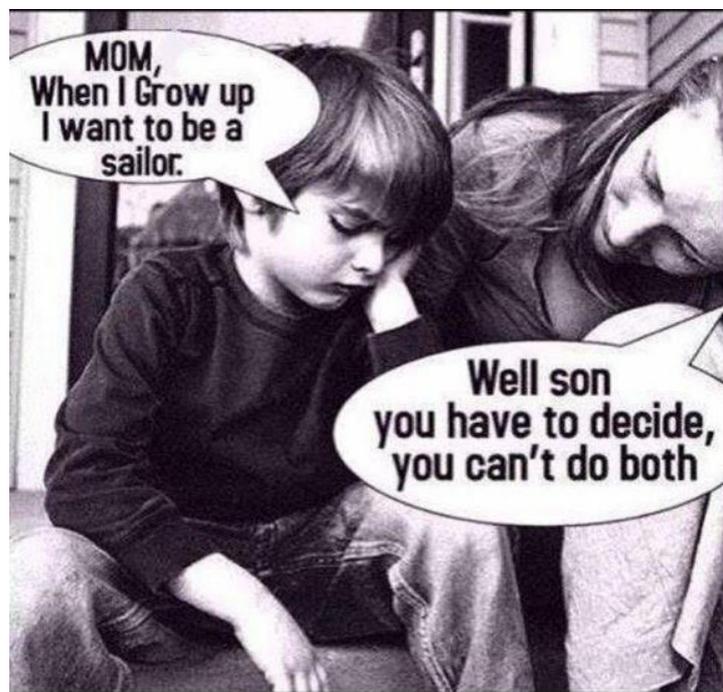
A new stock of **GP14 clothing** has been released into the wild just in time to be snapped up for that December event that I won't mention as it's still only November! There is a good range of mens and ladies fit t-shirts as well as hoodies and towels. You can view the full range [HERE](#).

Capsized of the Week

As mentioned in the Gardener Trophy round up, it was very windy on Sunday so I was excited at the prospect of having several worthy winners for Capsized of the Week. In the end the not-so-coveted award goes to **Sam Bailey** and **Anthony Hatfield**. It was not the way in which they capsized in the Firefly but the sheer speed of getting it back up that caught my eye. Not only are this pair regularly beating the adults but they are absolutely rapid at righting the boat! Unfortunately they were far too quick for my camera trigger finger but they deserved a mention as they managed to finish a fantastic 6th in the Gardener Trophy, well done guys.

And finally...

I'm sure you will all agree that the picture below can just as easily apply to us all not just the men of the club.



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@southstaffsailingclub.co.uk

Autumn & Winter Social Programme

- 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

For more information on Club racing, click the following:

Frostbite Series Details

	Total Races in Series	Races to Qualify
AM Race Series	12	6
A Series Race	14	7
B Series Race	14	7

Sunday 15th November

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	7	11:00
A Series Race	9	1:15
B Series Pursuit	9	2:45

For more information click the following:

[Frostbite Series](#)

[Pursuit Race information](#)

[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

Good News Friday Submission Deadline

If you have anything for inclusion in Good News Friday **please submit it to publicity@southstaffsailingclub.co.uk** (this goes to Neil Hawkins and Michelle Evans) by 9pm the day before (e.g. **for next week, submission deadline is 9pm 19th November** for 20th 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.