



# SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SAILING CLUB

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## Good News Friday - 11th December



### HEADLINES

- > The Club Website is snowing!
- > Christmas dinner list full, don't forget to pay Mike Warbrick for your meals
- > Barbados GP14 Worlds boat/gear stickers available to buy from Annette
- > Sam Bailey and Anthony Hatfield are the Sailors of the Month
- > Musicians needed for Carol Singing



RACE RESULTS

FULL SAILING CALENDAR

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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.

WEATHER FORECAST

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### Duties this weekend

	Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Sunday	Frostbite Race 13	Graham Jones	Sue Jones	David Perrins	Robin Lowery
	<b>Galley Supervisor</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Galley Assistant</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>	<b>Bar Duty</b>
Sunday	Tim Coleshaw	Ros Coleshaw	Nadine Perrins	Martin Evans	Dave Croxford
Tuesday	-----	----	-----	Martin Evans	Dave Croxford

### South Staffs Social

**Christmas Dinner** is now fully booked, don't forget to give Mike Warbrick your payment if you haven't already.

The Tuesday before Christmas will be the **Carol Singing and Mince Pie** night, it's worth coming along if only to see if the band can top last year's rendition of *Fairytale of New York*.

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### **Junior Christmas Party**

We hear this was a resounding success with 26 juniors enjoying party games and a visit from a special guest who sailed in especially...



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### **Sailors of the Month**

Congrats to Sam Bailey and Anthony Hatfield for winning this month's Sailors of the Month award, you've won a burgee, not that they need one as they currently sail without one! As well as Sam's handicap coming down in the last month this pair have proved they will go out in any, literally ANY, conditions and are proving hard to beat in the Pursuit race in particular. It took Chris White and Nic Booth 40 minutes to get past them on Sunday and pinch 1st off them. Well done guys!



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### **Team Racing**

We are looking to run some team racing on 17 Jan, 31 Jan and 21 Feb. The aim is to have a few races after the second club race on a Sunday.

To work we need enough people to race and do the safety/start boat. It would involve some not competing in the afternoon race to rig the boats to get on the water as quickly as possible.

Please let me know if you are free on any of the dates & keen to sail or help or both!

Also, it looks like Birmingham Uni will be running the 'Old Joe' team racing event the same weekend as last year (New Quay weekend). Last year they had 12 teams and put on a really good event.

If anyone who isn't going to New Quay is keen to sail in a team from SSSC please let me know.

**Keith Macaulay**

Email: [kmacaulay@onetel.com](mailto:kmacaulay@onetel.com)

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### *Join the SSSC Band, go on, you know you want to!*

The annual South Staffs Carol Singing and Mince Pie night is fast upon us so I hope you are all practicing your vocal exercises in preparation?!

As usual we need as many musicians as possible to help out by with the music. No matter what you play, or what your standard is, you will be welcomed into the fold by band conductor Martin Evans. Ideally you will need to be able to come along to a practice session or two before the main event (20th December) but we understand that these are pretty relaxed affairs and the bar usually gets opened!

So, whether you bang the drums or blow your own trumpet we need you!

All sheet music will be provided and it will be a lot of fun, promise. If you're interested collar Martin at the Club for more info or you can [email](#).

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### *Get Stickered Up for Barbados*

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is Vice-Commodore Fitzpatrick

Welcoming you aboard

Coconut Airways flight 372 to Bridgetown, Barbados  
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Woah, we're going to Barbados

Woah, we're taking our GPs

Woah, we're sailing in Barbados

Woah, in the sunny Caribbean sea



Yes, we are still working on the words and YouTube video but excitement is rising as we pay our entry fees and book our container places. We have a massive number of boats and crew going out to the GP14 World Championships in Barbados and even more family and friends supporting us (or just lying on the beach).

Some time ago I was asked if we could have Club stickers for our boats, luggage, cars etc. representing our Barbados trip. After consultation with some of you they have been designed, printed and have now arrived. We have two sizes (10cm and 15cm diameter), they are waterproof (tried and tested by myself) so they can be put on our boats.

They are available from behind the bar at the club or by contacting me. The 10cm stickers are £1.00 each and the 15cm stickers are £2.00 each. Hope you like them.

Four months and counting ...

**Annette Fitzpatrick**  
Vice Commodore

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### *South Staffs on Tour*

The second round of the **Blithfield Barrel** took place last weekend, with **Lewis and Harrison Coppinger** are our highest placed boat in 8th (and 1st GP14), well done guys, keep up the good work! Mike Own and Paul Bottomley are having a consistent event are in 30th overall (out of 66 boats) and a South Staffs OK sailor called Ed Bradshaw (presumably a typo!) got a 13th in the first race of the weekend. You can view the full results [HERE](#).

Other local winter events:

- Blithfield Barrel: 10th Jan, 14th Feb 2016
- Steve Nicholson Trophy (Northampton): 30th Jan 2016
- Tiger Trophy (Rutland): 6th & 7th Feb 2016

Date for your diary if you are a **Lark** sailor 27th - 30th May 2017 the Nationals will be in Carnac, half term/bank holiday weekend for a 4 day event.

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](mailto:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk)

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## **Best of the Web**

Those of you who came to the Dinner Dance this year would have met the very nice Niki Birrell who gave a speech about his experiences in sailing. Well, last week Niki and his helm won Alexandra Rickham won Great Britain's first medal at the Para World Sailing Championships 2016 after taking silver in the SKUD, congrats from SSSC.

As it's getting close to that Christmas thingy, here are a few offers from the wonderful worldwide web...

**Coast Water Sports** have a range of clothing and stocking fillers including quick dry boxer shorts for the frequent capsizer in your life, view deals [HERE](#).

**Rain and Sun Covers** are advertising a sale on their boat covers [HERE](#).

**Sailing Clothing Store** has a winter sail on [HERE](#).

If **novelty sailing gifts** like t-shirts, mugs and key rings are more your thing, there are some great stocking fillers [HERE](#).

Or why not buy tickets to the London Boat show [HERE](#).

## **Capsize of the Week**

Following on from last week's carnage storm Desmond had left town in the early hours of Sunday morning leaving the forecast for racing looking like 20 mph gusts for the AM race tailing off to nothing by the end of the day.

The morning race was fairly shifty and the wind up and down but the conditions weren't that challenging and there was only one capsized during the whole day.

So, congratulations to **me (Michelle)** and **John Edge** for winning capsize of the week! We still aren't sure what happened, we gybed round 4 with the spinnaker up and went straight in. I tried to blame a gust but James Croxford who was on safety was very quick to let me know that there were no gusts at that point (although I think his opinion may have been coloured by me putting a pic of him and Martin capsized as the headline photo in GNF last week!)

## **And finally....**

The **Club website** got festive today with a little snow! So next time you are on your desktop (it doesn't work on mobiles at the moment, don't ask why!) check out our home page. If you move your mouse around the snow will even change direction. Ho, ho, ho people.

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](mailto:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk)

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## **Autumn & Winter Social Programme**

- Sun 20th Dec - Christmas Dinner - Fully booked
- Tue 22nd Dec - Carol Singing & Mince Pies - FREE

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## **Frostbite Series Details**

	<b>Total Races in Series</b>	<b>Races to Qualify</b>
<b>AM Race Series</b>	12	6
<b>A Series Race</b>	14	7
<b>B Series Race</b>	14	7

## **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

	<b>Race No</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
<b>AM Race Series</b>	11	11:00
<b>A Series Race</b>	13	1:15
<b>B Series Pursuit</b>	13	2:45

**For more information click the following:**

[Frostbite Series](#)

[Pursuit Race information](#)

[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

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### ***Good News Friday Submission Deadline***

If you have anything for inclusion in Good News Friday **please submit it to [publicity@southstaffsailingclub.co.uk](mailto: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 17th December** for 18th December'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.