



South Staffordshire Sailing Club

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Good News Friday - 9th January

Headlines and Reminders

Loads of contentplenty to read !

- Reminder - Only 2 races in Icicle Series starting on Sunday
- Sailor(s) of the month are..... below ?
- Quiz Night - Tuesday 20th January
- Team Racing session on 18th January
- Honda RIB Training day 31st January
- Trophy Returns for engraving.
- Duties 2015-2016 - please book ASAP
- 2015 - 2015 calendar now published - [LINK](#)
- AGM Minutes from 2014 are now available (unapproved)
- Check out our year in Tweets on the website [HERE](#)
- Tim Dutton - Fund Raising

Ensure boats are tied down in boat park with heavy winds
It was carnage in 2007- [LINK](#)



Upcoming Racing and Social Events

Upcoming Events & Socials	
11 Jan	Icicle Series Race 1
18 Jan	Icicle Series Race 2
18 Jan	Team Racing Session
20 Jan	Social Event - Quiz Night
25 Jan	Icicle Series Race 3
31 Jan	Honda RYA Youth RIB - Training Day
1 Feb	Icicle Series Race 4

Full Sailing Calendar - [HERE](#)

Event Details and race timings - [HERE](#)

Duties this weekend.....

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Icicle (1)	Phil Barnfield	Tim Crossley	Andrew Stentiford	David Morgan
Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Martin Lawrie	Lisa Carpenter	Volunteer Required ?	James Croxford	??

Most Improved Sailors of the Month

This month the Sailing Committee came to the conclusion that this months award should go to both members of a pairing who lean on each other for moral support during a race.

They go about their job in a quiet unassuming fashion and are always beaming in unison on crossing the line.

The award goes to **Kate and John Edge** - Well done both !



SSSC Trophies

Could all SSSC Trophy winners please return your trophies to the Club House for engraving, cleaning and presentation at the Dinner Dance. Could you please return by the 25th January at the latest.

Annette Fitzpatrick

Sunday 18 January - Team racing after club racing

To trial something new, after the 13:30 race on 18 January there will be a short team racing session in Club Fireflies. The boats will be rigged at lunchtime so we can start shortly after club racing. All are welcome.

If you are interested in getting involved, please could e-mail teamracing@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk We'll tailor what we do depending on numbers.

Afterwards there will be a short meeting in the bar to discuss team racing in 2015. Come along if you would like to find out more.

Chris Warburton

Quiz Night - January 20th

The Quiz will start at 19:30 - 20:00, and will be £2.00 entry, four in a team.
A notice will be pinned up this weekend.

Dinner Dance

The list for the above will go on the notice board at the club on Sunday, it will take place at The Mount Hotel on the 28th February. Could you sign up please, and indicate any vegetarian requirements so I can confirm numbers. If you wish to pay electronically can you pay into the club account Sort code 30 - 18 - 56 Account number 00786088 adding DINNER as the reference. Look forward to seeing you there for another great club event.

Martin Warburton

Honda RIB Challenge - The 2015 Planning is already underway !

After Kamila's success, we will again be running a programme to identify and train specific youngsters to enter this event in 2015. The first event is a Training & Practice Day on Saturday 31st January - Start 0830am (prompt) Finish 13-00hrs.

There are some specific dates and age criteria to be fulfilled so any queries please read the following document carefully and liaise with Steve Troke - contact details are on the document.

Full document with details here - [LINK](#)

GIVE US YOUR MONEY!

My name's Tim Dutton... (brother of Ed, son of Keith for those (many) of you who haven't a clue who I am). I'm studying at Loughborough University and am raising money for Make A Wish Foundation UK through a charity challenge. I have a target of £3050, and any contributions would be warmly welcomed.

As the challenge, I am going to be trekking/dog sledding with a group of huskies 250km across the arctic from Sweden to Norway. Make A Wish Foundation UK is a fantastic cause, so, if you can, donate either by texting 'ERAD55' to 70070 along with an amount to donate ('ERAD55 £5', for example), or go to www.justgiving.com/Tim-Dutton3

Make A Wish grants magical wishes (possibly final wishes) to terminally ill children, and your generous donations go towards creating a memorable day for the children, to bring a little light into their lives.

Thank you
Tim Dutton

2015-2016 Duties

The Duty rota for next year is now available. Single Members need to complete 3 duties, Joint Members do 5 duties. Student Members are also encouraged to assist with duties. Sunday (and Saturday when there is racing) counts as a full duty, evening racing (normally Tuesday) counts as a half duty.

As was done last year, any duties outstanding after 30 April will be allocated. Please book your duties early to get the ones that suit you and avoid allocation.

Here's the 'signing' process:-

1. A hard copy of duty roster is displayed at the Club - Members can sign for duties on this until the end of February
2. The list will be available for viewing on Dutyman but please do not book duties directly on Dutyman until 1 March
3. Dutyman is regularly updated from the hard copy so members can see what duties are taken/available
4. Anyone unable to get to Club can view Dutyman and contact me with preferred dates which I'll update on both the club hard copy and Dutyman
5. From 1 March, the preferred signing route will be through Dutyman
6. To view Dutyman go to www.southstaffssailingclub.co.uk then Members Area>DUTY Information>Dutyman

Please contact me if you have any questions,
Thanks, **Martin Lichfield** - Duty Co-Ordinator
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Annual General Meeting (AGM) □ Tuesday 3rd March, 8pm

We are fast approaching the clubs AGM, which will take place on Tuesday 3rd March. This is the event where I complete my amazing year as Commodore and will hand over to Mike Warbrick (my current Vice Commodore). It is also the occasion where club members nominate the General Committee Officers, who are responsible (with assistance from the Sailing and House Committees) for managing the running of the club.

The current General Committee members are very keen to get input from new or additional existing members who as yet have not got involved in this way. As you know we have a fantastic club and are keen that this continues, you all have a part to play in making that happen. If you would like to take a more active role in running the club and join the committee, in the first instance, please make yourself known to me or another member before the end of January (as there is a formal notice period) and we will explain what it entails.

Martin Warburton
Commodore

Best of the Web

Please continue to share any pictures or ideas you have for future posts.

Roy Alexander has put some great pictures on the Facebook Group page from the New Year's Day race which will be shared on the Facebook Page over the weekend. 2014 was another big year for the club so it is easy to forget everything that happened so for a quick reminder you can check out our year in Tweets on the website [HERE](#).

Some people have reported issues receiving the newsletter so they will now be added to the website every week too, you can find this and past editions [HERE](#).

If you have anything to share you can post to [Facebook](#), tweet or email Michelle:

publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk





Membership Renewals

As with previous years, subscriptions are due by 31st January; please do make every effort to adhere to this date. The results secretary has also asked me to remind all members wishing to sail the icicle series that results cannot count until you have rejoined.

Everyone should have received their personalised membership renewal form - if you have not please email: membership@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

There is now the option to include an emergency contact on your membership form. This information is optional, but if you do wish to include an emergency contact, the information will be kept at the club to be used in the unlikely event of an accident.

James Croxford
Membership Secretary

Boat and Sailing Fees, have your say!

The Committee recently set up a small working group to consider the question of boat fees. We would now like your views on the suggestions. At present there is no actual definition of "boat fee" in the constitution or bye laws. The committee propose to introduce a bye-law which will make the existence of the boat fee or boat licence clear and set out what it means.

At present the club charges a fee to allow a boat to be sailed at the Club. It is, strictly speaking, a sailing fee per boat and although most members opt to keep their boat in the boat park, the fee is not a storage fee.

The question to be decided is to confirm what the boat fee, or sailing fee, is for, and how it should be calculated.

The Committee recommend that the existing arrangement should continue but with some improvement by making the existence of the fee (or licence) clearer in the rules. While up to now the existence of the boat fee has been clear, the purpose of the fee is not always understood.

The Committee would like to have the views of the membership on these proposals. To view the proposal in full and have your say click [HERE](#). If you have any feedback By all means speak to me, or other members of the rules working group, Mike Warbrick, James Croxford, or Bill Bradburn. Or speak to any member of the General Committee. Or you can post your feedback on the South Staffs Sailing Club [Group](#) page on Facebook.

Clive Williams

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2015 □ Advance Notice of Changes to Rules

Now that we have started the New Year the thoughts of your Secretary turn to the AGM. There has to be something to look forward to now that Christmas is over!!

"The Unapproved Minutes for the last AGM will be sent to members to be approved at the 2015 AGM.. An advance copy can be found here" [LINK](#)

The AGM is your opportunity to see the annual accounts, to hear detailed reports from the club officers and to question them on the club's affairs. It is also the time when club officers and general committee members are elected.

Now this year to make the meeting even more interesting it is intended to ask for approval to make some small changes to the rules. We will be proposing changes to the procedure for admitting new members, make the posts of social secretary, House Committee chairman, and publicity officer formal elected positions. Up to now these important jobs have been undertaken by members who have volunteered for the jobs and they have been co-opted on to the general committee. In order to recognise the important roles they fulfil it is intended they be elected annually, and therefore be full members of the committee. There will then be consequential amendments to the numbers of committee members required to make a quorum. While it will still be possible for the general committee to co-opt members to the

committee it is expected that in future this will only be for a specific purpose limited in time and therefore it is intended to make clear that future co-opted members will not have a vote.

There will be a change to the requirement for the club accounts to be audited, and replace this with the requirement that the accounts be independently verified. In practice this will not alter things but these days the word "audit" can have a special meaning which is not relevant for a modest members club like ours.

There will be a small change to clarify that it is the Sailing Committee which sets the sailing instructions. The existing rule that makes it compulsory for boats sailed at the club to be insured is to be strengthened, although the sum insured remains the same at £2,000,000.

You can view the proposed changes to the rules [HERE](#).

Clive Williams

Social Dates

- Quiz Night - 20th January 7:30pm
 - Dinner Dance - 28th February 2015 (to be held at the Mount Hotel)
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Racing Series Information

Icicle Series Details

(January & February)

	Total Races in Series	Races to Qualify
PY + PH Race	7	3
Class Race	7	3

Sunday 12th January

	Race No	Start Time
PY + PH Race	1	11.30AM
Class Race	1	1:30 PM

For more information on on Club racing, click the following:

[Icicle Series](#)

[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

Weather Check

Check out the forecasts for SSSC [Metcheck](#) or [XC Weather](#)

Newsletter Stories

Thanks to all of you who responded to our call for content, keep on sending stories in. If you have any comments or information to include in this newsletter e-mail publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk

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