



South Staffordshire Sailing Club

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Good News Friday - 31st October



Headlines

- Spooky sightings in the South Staffs skies (see above)
 - Don't forget, sailing now starts at 11am
 - Remember, remember the 8th of November!
 - Event Reviews
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Upcoming Racing and Social Events

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02 Nov	Frostbite Series Race 8
08 Nov	Firefly Open Meeting 1st signal - 10.55am
08 Nov	Social Event - Fireworks Night
09 Nov	Gardener Trophy Races 1, 2 & 3
16 Nov	Frostbite Series Race 9
23 Nov	Frostbite Series Race 10
25 Nov	Social Event - Wine Tasting

Full Sailing Calendar - [HERE](#)

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

Duties this weekend.....

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Frostbite (8)	Will Croxford	Nicky Booth	Andy Holmes	Sam Thomson

Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Martin Lichfield	Bev Wells	Joanne Harris	James Croxford	

Future Events

GP14 Youth Championships

It's the GP14 Youth Championships this weekend. This two day event takes place at Hollingworth Sailing Club and with an average wind speed predicted of around 15mph it should be a great event. Best of luck to all of those representing the club at this event.

Firefly Open - Saturday 8th November - Poster - [HERE](#)

The Firefly Open will be run in a Match Racing format on Saturday 8th November. £10 per team. 11am start

Please speak to Keith Macauley if you want to get involved

Fireworks Night - 8th November

Next Saturday is the annual SSSC fireworks extravaganza kindly organised by our resident firework expert Mike Davis. Its all set to be another brilliant display and we have made sure that all of the batteries are charged this year!!

Time: 7.00pm

Tickets: £6 adults, £2 child which includes food

Please sign up on the list at the club or email on social@southstaffssailing.co.uk

Shustoke Offshore Evening - 13th November

Shustoke Sailing Club have extended an invitation to any club members who would be interested in attending an evening talk from two Trans-Atlantic sailors, Andy Gillman and Andrew Harrison.

Time: 7:00pm for 8pm

Hot Dogs and Drinks served from 7:00, everyone welcome, proceeds to the RNLI.

Recent Event Summaries

[Results from recent OK Open are now online: here pics: here.](#)

GP14 Midland Bell

The GP14 Midland Bell has now concluded with South Staffs well represented in the 9 qualifiers:

2014 MIDLAND BELL RESULTS

Posn	Helm	Club	Boat No.	Chs	S.H	Nan	Mid	Tam	Tri	N.S	S.S	Not	Che	Man	Pts
1	Pete Jacques	Chase	14039	10					1	2		1	2	1	5
2	Rich Bennett	Staunton	14157		6	3		3	2		6		3		11
3	Ian Willis	South Staffs	14021	6	2	5		2			4		7		13
4	Danell Sleep	Staunton	14072	24	8	8		5		4	19		4	3	16
5	Matt Birks	Nantwich	13456		3	4				1	9				17
6	Sam Watson	South Staffs	14132	3		1		6			14				24
7	Stuart Berry	Aldridge	13748	35	9	11		8	6	6				5	25
8	Nick Brandon	South Staffs	13705	29		9		10			27			4	50
9	Derek Fleming	South Staffs	14139	31				7		5	20				63

Bart's Bash

In September the inaugural Bart's Bash was a race run by sailing clubs around the world on behalf of the charity, the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation **with South Staffs raising a whopping £540!**

Since race day the Bart's Bash results team has been busy compiling and processing thousands of results and can now confirm that an incredible sixteen thousand, eight hundred and seventy (16,870) boats collectively sailed a staggering eighty seven million, seventy two thousand, seven hundred and sixty nine (87,072,769) metres, roughly the equivalent of sailing twice around the world.

Final results show an amazing 30,717 participants took to the water, many for their first time, around the world, for the first "Bart's Bash" on 21 September 2014.

For the final results table please visit <http://www.bartsbash.co.uk/results/table>



Adult Sailing Review

Even after a highly successful 2014 training regime, the club still undertakes a review of the Level 1, +1, 2, 3 and Racing training. There was a great turnout on Tuesday of Instructors, Volunteer members and trainees and we had a constructive discussion on areas to further improve an already slick training programme. There will be a separate review of the Junior Training Programme at a later date. Many thanks to Julie Hicklin for taking the minutes for everyone to review.

Well done to all involved in 2014 - roll on 2015 !

You can read more about the meeting here: [Minutes](#)

Roy Alexander - Training Principal

Junior Sailing

Our Sunday morning Junior training finished on a high last Sunday with the much anticipated return of The Stig, who put up fast times in both an Oppie and a Topper (pictures on the website). Congratulations to Anthony Hatfield who beat the Stig's time in the Topper and also to Matthew Gayler who persuaded The Stig to take him for a private sail, during which he discovered that Stig likes cheese!



This Sunday we will be having a "putting the boats away for winter" session from 9.30am to 11.00am. We need lots of juniors to clean boats, make a list of jobs that need doing overwinter and put boats away.

Tim Coleshaw

Best of the Web

Hopefully you are enjoying the 'blast from the past' #ThrowbackThursday pictures on Facebook and Twitter, who will be featured next????

South Staffs Sailing @SSSCtweet 5h
 It's @GP14sailing Youths this weekend but #ThrowbackThursday which #SouthStaffsSC sisters came 8th in 2009 at Chase?
pic.twitter.com/pX0f7B99EY



South Staffs Sailing @SSSCtweet 23 Oct
 Ed Bradburn won this year's #SouthStaffsSC @OK_Dinghy_Class Open but #ThrowbackThursday hands up who won it in 2009?!
pic.twitter.com/bQd5LpZGyt



South Staffs Sailing @SSSCtweet 16 Oct
 #ThrowbackThursday the Club celebrated its Diamond (60th) year recently, how many remember our Silver Jubilee?!
pic.twitter.com/roHzbFq1oB



If you have any future suggestions or pictures (and if you ever have anything you want to share on our pages) you can post it directly or email Michelle: publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk If any club members are taking part in the **November** this year and want to show off their moustache growing progress online please get in touch!

You don't even have to have a Facebook or Twitter account to be able to see what is on the pages, recent photos added to the Facebook page include recent sailing at the club and the Commodore's Dinner.

Social Dates

- Fireworks Night - 8th November 2014
- Wine Tasting - Tuesday 25th November 2014
- Christmas Meal - Sunday 21st December 2014
- Mince Pies and Carols - Tuesday 23rd December 2014
- Dinner Dance - 28th February 2015 (to be held at the Mount Hotel)

Lists are now on the board for Fireworks Night and Wine Tasting, both are very popular events so make sure you sign up now!

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

For information on other club events held during the frostbite series click [HERE](#)

Sunday 2nd November

Race No Start Time

AM Race Series	6	11:00
A Series Race	8	1:15
B Series Pursuit	8	2:45

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 last week, keep on sending stories in. This week's call is for your winter sailing and rigging tips so if you have a top tip remember, sharing is caring!

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