



South Staffordshire Sailing Club

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Good News Friday - 7th November



Headlines

- Firefly Open on Saturday
- Fireworks Extravaganza Saturday night!
- Gardener Trophy on Sunday
- South Staffs Youths shine
- (Past) Commodore's Question Time
- Sarah Norbury's 420 round up

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Firefly Open on Sat but #ThrowbackThursday for which duo in 'No Problem' was staying upright anything but in 2011?



Upcoming Racing and Social Events

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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
30 Nov	Frostbite Series Race 11

Full Sailing Calendar - [HERE](#)

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

Duties this weekend.....

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Drivers	Safety Crews
Firefly Open	Rob Hicklin	Meg Hicklin	Julie Hicklin Ross Kearney	Melvyn Davies Jonathan Woodward
Gardener Trophy	Keith Macauley	Roger Evans	Andrew Stentiford	Piotr Czartolomny

	Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Saturday	Julie Macauley	Stephen Leroux	Julie Moore		
Sunday	Kate Edge	John Edge	Simon Massey	Rob Hicklin	Julie Hicklin

Future Events

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

Tomorrow is the annual SSSC fireworks extravaganza kindly organised by our resident explosives expert Mike Davis. It's 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

Blithfield Barrel - 9th November

The ever popular open winter racing series at Blithfield Sailing Club starts this weekend (9th November). The series has two races per Sunday at 12pm and 2pm run over 9th November, 14th December, 11th January and 15th February. Good luck to all South Staffs sailors who will be taking part in the event this year

A preview of the Barrel can be found [here](#).

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.

Lark Winters - 15th and 16th November

Next weekend is the Lark fleet's Winter Championships at Northampton Sailing Club with 5 races over the two days and a social on the Saturday night.

Find out more about the event [here](#).

Level 2 Powerboat Course - 29th November / 6th December

There will be a Level 2 Powerboat course on Saturday 29th November and Saturday 6th December. Candidates need to be over 16 years old, already hold a Level 1 PB certificate and attend both Saturdays. There is no charge for the course but candidates will need to purchase the RYA hand book with a photo certificate attached at a cost of £10. If you are interested sign up on the poster on the course notice board on the right of the whiteboard in the clubhouse .

Steve Finney
Powerboat Training Co-ordinator

Fasnet 2015

The Heart of England Offshore Cruising Association, HOEOCA, is planning a crew for the 2015 Fastnet. We did it in 2013 with a full crew of HOEOCA members, this time around we're a couple of crew short so we would like to offer places to local Midland clubs. See the flyer [here](#). If you have any questions you can contact Chris Blackburn on: 07799 343984 or email: chris@ccfreight.com

GP14 Fleet Review

It has been a busy year for the GP14 fleet with enthusiastic participation at the club and on the circuit. There have been many successes and the fleet continues to go from strength to strength with the high quality fleet racing improving everyone's sailing. It has also been fantastic to see so many newbies starting out in the GP14 involved in the racing too.

I will be representing the club at the Midland fleet captain meeting at South Staffs on Saturday and I would like YOUR views on the Midland Bell series. **Please feedback to me asap** if you haven't already by emailing: mark.a.fleming@ntlworld.com

I will be holding a **GP14 Fleet Meeting on Sunday 16 November (at lunchtime)** to feedback the outcomes of the Midland fleet captain meeting and also look to plan for next year. I think it's important that issues/ideas/good news and improvements are shared in the group. So please try and attend if you can.

GP14 National Youth Championships

You all know I love to talk up the youngsters and I have nothing but admiration for them after going and watching the first day of racing. It ended up gusting 30mph + and pretty much every boat went swimming – but it didn't stop them getting back up and going again! Everyone was fantastic and represented the club to its' usual high standards. The commitment was also unquestionable. An example of this being Sam Thomson who turned up straight from work. He sat at work with his hikers (and pads) underneath his suit and then got straight into the boat when he got there – dedication! The positions are as follows:

- Lewis Coppinger/Harrison Coppinger 3rd
- Megan Hicklin/Rich Booth 4th
- Will Hawkins/Sam Thomson 6th
- Connie Hicklin/Annie Hicklin 7th

There are some fantastic pictures of the event that have been shared on our [Facebook](#) page and the event write up is [here](#).

I would like to once again congratulate our youth sailors on a fantastic performance at the GP14 Youths as usual! We are very lucky to have talented sailors at ALL ages. I am pleased to see so many boats regularly taking part in club racing week in and week out and also representing the club on the GP14 circuit this year too. Now the events are out the way, here is to a successful winters sailing and continued improvement, keep up the good work all!

Mark Fleming
GP14 Fleet Captain

Sailor of the Month

Each month the Sailing Committee review the improved handicaps and agree the winner and this month is it a joint Award!

A much improved handicap, but we feel a lot of that is down to his crew – so awards go to Mark Nichols and Claire Waymont.

(Past) Commodore's Question Time

We thought it would be fun to find out what past Commodores really felt about being in charge of our club and find out if it was all worth it! The first former Commodore in the Question Time hot seat is Mark Nichols. Capsize King Mark was the 2012 Commodore and supported by possibly one of the largest (and all female) social committees the club has ever had. During his time at the top Mark guided the club to win 'Overall Club of the Year' but what was the best thing about being Commodore?!

Read Mark's interview [here](#).

Sarah Norbury Looks Back on Her Year with the 420s Squad

South Staffs sailor Sarah recently returned home with her first Bronze medal from the 420 Junior Europeans Championships in Poland, after spending 6 weeks abroad competing for the British 420 Sailing Team.

It has been a busy year for Sarah competing across the world with some great results including 10th at the ISAF Youth Worlds, 24th and first British ladies at the 420 World Championships in Germany and winners of the Ladies National Champions trophy at the 420 National Championships in Hayling Island.

Next year Sarah and crew Mari Davies from Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli will be aiming for more international podium finishes after having cemented their position as British ladies number ones by finishing at the top of each British 420 events for a full calendar year. Well done Sarah and Mari from everyone at South Staffs!

Read the full article by Sarah on her year of 420 sailing [here](#).

Best of the Web

Trying something different this week, 'Spot the Difference' with a sailing twist! There are 10 differences between the picture on the left and the picture on the right, can you spot them all?! Check out the [Facebook](#) page for the answers.



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!

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 9th November

	Race No	Start Time
Gardener Trophy	1	11:00
Gardener Trophy	2	1:15
Gardener Trophy	3	2:45

3 PY races - 2 to count

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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