



South Staffordshire Sailing Club

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Good News Friday - 14th November



Headlines

- RIB Presentation Sunday 23rd November - 12:30pm
Timetable [HERE](#)
- GP Fleet Meeting this Sunday Lunchtime
- A few places left for Wine Tasting
- Fireworks Pictures - [HERE](#)
- Band Call for practice before 23rd December
- Help for Pilot Repairs
- Firefly Open review - A new format !



Upcoming Racing and Social Events

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16 Nov	Frostbite Series Race 9
23 Nov	Frostbite Series Race 10
23 Nov	Honda RYA RIB Presentation !
25 Nov	Social Event - Wine Tasting 8pm Start
30 Nov	Frostbite Series Race 11
7 Dec	Frostbite Series Race 12
14 Dec	Frostbite Series Race 13

Full Sailing Calendar - [HERE](#)

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

Duties this weekend.....

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Frostbite (9)	John Billington	Sue (5-0) Billington	Andy Holmes	John Taylor

Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Tim Coleshaw	Ros Coleshaw	Richard Howarth	Terry Edwards	Darren Heath

Recent Events

Firefly Open - Innovation

Results [HERE](#) Yachts and Yachting write up [HERE](#)

A fantastic 28 sailors turned up despite an awful forecast including visitors from West Kirby. It was a great day's racing in a new format for South Staffs and one we will repeat next year. The OOD Rob Hicklin and his whole team did a great job to keep things moving through the day and managed 49 races, giving everyone 7 matches. The event was run using a Swiss League format resulting in most races being against sailors of a similar ability. This kept it close for most of the matches and ensured that everyone had a good days sailing, and won at least 1 race.

Congratulations to our SSSC winners James Goss & Emma Markley !

*Hi Keith,
Thanks for your hospitality and a great day, my four had a great experience (apologies regards protests etc).
As Arnie said "We will be Back!"
Kind Regards,Paul*

*Dear Keith
What a fabulous event!
On behalf of us all who attended from West Kirby, I would like to thank you and your team for your wonderful organisation and hospitality. What a lovely clubhouse, lake and bunch of members you have there. We do hope you all enjoyed a great firework display and very much look forward to visiting your club again for any future events.
So again, thank you all for a brilliant day of sailing and hospitality.
Best regards, Jo Riggs*

Well done to Keith Macauley for organising a really Innovative day !

We may look at doing a similar event within the club but with a reaching start (like the Americas Cup !). This will have the advantage of more opportunity for the boat behind to challenge. Perhaps a date in Feb? Watch this space.....

Blithfield Barrel - 9th November

Round 1 of the ever popular open winter racing series at Blithfield Sailing Club started last weekend with 69 boats on the start line, with 5 boats from SSSC.

Results [HERE](#) - Full report on [Yachts and Yachting](#)

Next race 14th December - A preview of the Barrel can be found [here](#).

Gardener Trophy

Congratulations to John & Sue Billington 1st, Ollie Goodhead 2nd, Ed and Ross 3rd

RESULTS

Future Events

Band Call

Any members who would like to join the motley Crew of musicians to play Christmas Carols on Tuesday 23rd December, please contact [Martin](#) or [Pete](#) so the music can be provided in advance.

Wine Tasting (Tues 25 Nov)

The number of members that we can cater for at this event is limited and we now have some reserves. If you have your name on the list to attend can you please pay Holly Evans or the Commodore for your tickets (or confirm you have paid on line) by the Sun 23 Nov. After lunch on that day we will assume you are not attending and people on the reserve list will be approached. We want to make sure that the maximum number enjoy that evening and we don't have any no shows on the night.

Thanks.

Lark Winters - 15th and 16th November

This 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

GP14 Fleet Review

I will be holding a **GP14 Fleet Meeting THIS 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.

Please note : Entries for 2015 GP Nationals is open <http://www.gp14.org/events/2015-uk-national-championship/>

Mark Fleming

GP14 Fleet Captain

Pilot Repairs

We have had to take the Pilot committee boat off the water for some much needed TLC. There is quite a lot of work to do from an engine rebuild to refurbishment of the hull and rudder.

Some jobs need to be done at the club and some can be done at home

The plan is to clean fill and sand the outside of the hull and paint (down to the waterline), Clean the inside and replace some rotting timber supports and refurbish the engine cover. Clean and refinish the rudder and tiller (home job) plus rudder fittings and simultaneously rebuild the engine.

If anyone can spare some time to help , please let me know , it will enable us to get the boat back on the water as soon as possible.

Hopefully we can get 2 or 3 teams working on the various jobs in parallel and get it done before winter really sets in.

Many thanks, Steve Baker

Lost Property Update - November

The Lost Property has been reviewed and updated [HERE](#) - Please check for leftovers

Best of the Web

Hope you enjoyed Spot the Difference last week and well done to those who spotted all 10 mistakes, the answer is on the [Facebook](#) page if you missed it. If you have any amusing photographs that can be used for 'What happened next' please send them in, I am looking for good before and after photos.

Don't forget if you are going to any events (hint hint those who might be going to the Lark Winters) and want to update members on how it's going or share any pictures you can post to Facebook, tweet or email Michelle: publicity@southstaffsailingclub.co.uk

Social Dates

- 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)

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 16th 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](#)

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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