



South Staffordshire Sailing Club

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Good News Friday - 28th November



RIB Presentation

Headlines

- Christmas dinner bookings being taken from Sunday!
- New RIB arrives
- Wine Tasting pictures are online
- Next band practice Thursday



Upcoming Racing and Social Events

Upcoming Events & Socials	
30 Nov	Frostbite Series Race 11
04 Dec	Band Practice
07 Dec	Frostbite Series Race 12
14 Dec	Frostbite Series Race 13
21 Dec	Frostbite Series Race 14
21 Dec	Christmas Dinner
23 Dec	Carol Singing and Mince Pie Evening

Full Sailing Calendar - [HERE](#)

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

Duties this weekend.....

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Frostbite (11)	Clive Williams	Robin Lowery	David Jakeman	Lynda Jakeman

Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Corrie Williams	David Morgan	Nicola Morgan	Kate Edge	John Edge

Recent Events

RIB Presentation - 23rd November

Sunday saw the arrival of a brand new RIB for the club thanks to Kamila' s winning performance in the RYA Honda Youth Powerboat Championships. Representatives from the RYA as well as the High Sherriff of Stafford and the local paparazzi turned up to see the boat officially ' named' Kamila followed by a demonstration of the driving skills that steered the teenager to her win. The event also coincided with Kamila' s birthday and she was presented with a suitably decorated cake and a chorus of Happy Birthday. You can find the write up, pictures and link to the Express and Star story [HERE](#).

Sarah Norbury Success at 420 End of Season Championships □ 22nd and 23rd November

South Staffs sailor Sarah Norbury and Mari Davies (Club Hwyllo Pwllh) finished overall 2nd and 1st Ladies at the 420 End of Seasons last weekend at Graham Sailing Club rounding off what has been a promising season for the pair. The write up can be found in Yachts and Yachting [HERE](#).

Wine Tasting - 25th November

It was a packed club on Tuesday that welcomed our regular Waitrose wine expert for more hints and tips on the best wines to see you through the Christmas period. Pictures from the event are now online [HERE](#).

Future Events

Band Practice - 6th December, 7.30pm

Band practice in preparation for mince pie night is in full swing now with a good practice session this week but it's not too late to join in! If you play any instrument, no matter what your standard come along and join our motley crew of musicians to play Christmas Carols on Tuesday 23rd December. Next practice is Thursday, please contact [Martin](#) or [Pete](#) if you are planning on coming so that the music can be provided in advance.

Pete Fairhurst

Christmas Dinner - 21st December, 6pm

The list for the above that will take place on Sunday 21st Dec (6.00pm) at the club will go up on the club notice board at lunch time on Sunday. For new members, please note you need to sign up early to avoid disappointment, we can only cater for a limited number for what is always a very enjoyable event. Cost will be £12.50/head. Hope to see you there.

Martin Warburton

Commodore

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

Blithfield Barrel - 14th December

Round 2 of the ever popular open winter racing series at Blithfield Sailing Club takes place on 14th December - A preview of the Barrel can be found [here](#).

RYA Yachtmaster Theory Course □ Starts 10th January

There will be a RYA Yachtmaster Theory course running at the club starting after Christmas taking place over 6 Saturdays: 10th, 17th, 24th January, 14th, 21th February & 7th March. The whole course costs just £230 and there are still a few places left if you are looking for

ideas for Christmas presents!

For more information contact: Neill Chipping, email: info@splashadventure.co.uk or call: 07868 845039.

Boat Park

Please do not bring boats to the club and place them in a random empty space in the boat park. There have been a number of instances over the last few weeks where members who have temporarily removed their boats for maintenance or repair, have returned to find their space has been filled. If you are planning to bring a boat to the club, please email boatpark@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk or discuss it with me before turning up with it.

A map of the boat park showing space allocation, is displayed on the notice board near the race results and duty list. If anyone would like to come clean regarding boats that may be stored in spaces which were not allocated to them, now is the time to do so! As part of the membership renewal in January, numbered tags will be given out which members will be asked to attach to their launching trollies, hopefully reducing the confusion surrounding where boats should be parked.

James Croxford
Membership Secretary

Duties for Next Year

It's that time of year again when I am going to start reminding (or relentlessly nagging depending on how you see it!) you all to sign up for your duties for next year. A hardcopy of the list will go up at the club on the notice board at the Christmas meal or you can sign up online on Dutyman. You will have until the end of March to sign up (Dutyman or at Club) and after that date, duties will be allocated as they were this year.

Martin Lichfield
Duties Co-ordinator

Do You Run a Business in South Staffordshire?

If you do then this free event might be of interest:

Business Rates Q&A, followed by: Marketing your business to gain the edge over your competitors – Wednesday 3rd December 2014 – 5.30pm. Please book by email to regeneration@sstaffs.gov.uk – please state your name, business name and the number of attendees you wish to book places for. Spaces are limited to 2 attendees per business.

Best of the Web

Although we don't have any fleets at the club that use trapezes, did you know that in Australia they do sometimes use a trapeze on GP14s?! Thought this was a good excuse to share a couple of pics that show how much fun a trapeze can be, and the less than fun side...



And finally, if you are looking for presents to buy for your favourite sailor Rooster have 25% off stocking fillers at the moment: Save 25% off a great selection of Stocking Fillers at [Rooster Sailing](#).

Social Dates

- Band Practice - 6th December 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 30th November

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	9	11:00
A Series Race	11	1:15
B Series Pursuit	11	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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