



# South Staffordshire Sailing Club

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## Good News Friday - 12th December



### Headlines

- SSSC appear twice in RYA news.
- Christmas dinner bookings now being taken

### Upcoming Racing and Social Events

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14 Dec	Frostbite Series Race 13
21 Dec	Social Event - Christmas Dinner
21 Dec	Frostbite Series Race 14
23 Dec	Social Event - Carol Singing & Mince Pie Evening
26 Dec	Boxing Day Race 1 Race
28 Dec	Frostbite Series Race 15 - NO GALLEY
1 Jan	New Year's Day Race 1 Race

Full Sailing Calendar - [HERE](#)

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

Duties this weekend.....

Event	OOD	Assistant OOD	Safety Boat Driver	Safety Crew
Frostbite (13)	Justin Jones	Graham Bower	Dave Croxford	Kathy Cole-Evans
Galley Supervisor	Galley Assistant	Galley Assistant	Bar Duty	Bar Duty
Jane Alexander	Lucy Evans	Simon Massey	Chris White	Nicky Booth

**South Staffs makes RYA Midlands Top 5 of the year (twice)!**

In a recent round up of 2014, RYA Midlands announced their top 5 moments and South Staffs got two mentions! Read the story [HERE](#).

**Blithfield Barrel - 14th December**

Round 2 of the ever popular open winter racing series at Blithfield Sailing Club takes place on Sunday (14th December) with South Staffs being represented - Details [HERE](#).

**Best of the Web**

Every three weeks we remind you of the #ThrowBackThursday features from Social Media, hope you are enjoying the regular ' Blast from the Past'?!

 **South Staffs Sailing** 27 Nov  
@SSSCtweet  
#ThrowBackThursday in Nov 2011 Chris, John & Mike won RYA Volunteer Awards, Steve Troke & Tony Hotchkiss in 2012 :-)  
[pic.twitter.com/f0rSZ1QOTM](http://pic.twitter.com/f0rSZ1QOTM)



 **South Staffs Sailing** 4 Dec  
@SSSCtweet  
#ThrowBackThursday which past club Commodores try improving the design of @GP14sailing with an unusual spinnaker rig?  
[pic.twitter.com/Wyg1Tv3jDI](http://pic.twitter.com/Wyg1Tv3jDI)



 **South Staffs Sailing**  
@SSSCtweet  
#ThrowBackThursday we won #RYA Club of the Year in 2011, who remembers South Staffs the movie?!  
[goo.gl/Dc8lf9](http://goo.gl/Dc8lf9)  
[pic.twitter.com/0Gn6EryPiW](http://pic.twitter.com/0Gn6EryPiW)



There is a legend that is whispered within Club walls that being Commodore statistically increases your probability of capsizing on a regular basis. Until now this had been considered as improbable as the Lock Ness Monster but on Sunday Martin Warburton experienced the ' Curse of the Commodore' with unusual consequences, can you guess what happened next?!



Click [HERE](#) to find out!

I was on safety last Sunday and took the opportunity to take some photos and video of the action, we had the usual four seasons in one day and the class race in particular proved very entertaining for the spectator! Thanks to all of you who have liked and commented on the Facebook posts, if you've not seen the pics you can check them out [HERE](#).

I am on duty again twice in the next month so remember to smile if you see me on safety as you might find that You've Been Framed!

And finally...A Christmas present idea for that sailor in your life...Yachts and Yachting - Subscription info [HERE](#).

Please share any pictures or ideas you have for future posts - you can post to [Facebook](#), tweet or email Michelle: [publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk](mailto:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk)

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### **Future Events**

#### ***Carol Singing and Mince Pie Night - 23rd December, 8pm***

Bring your best singing voice for carols and plenty of festive fun. As one of the last chances to catch up with everyone before Christmas it's always busy and a great night!

No tickets for this event but please bring along some mince pies.

Thanks

Holly

#### ***Christmas Dinner - 21st December, 6pm***

The list for the above that will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec (6.00pm) at the club is up on the club notice board. 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.

#### ***RYA Yachtmaster Theory Course □ Starts January 10th***

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, 21st 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](mailto:info@splashadventure.co.uk) or call: 07868 845039.

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### **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***

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### **Social Dates**

- 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)
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### **Frostbite Series Details**

	<b>Total Races in Series</b>	<b>Races to Qualify</b>
<b>AM Race Series</b>	12	6
<b>A Series Race</b>	14	7
<b>B Series Race</b>	14	7

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

**Sunday 14th December**

	Race No	Start Time
AM Race Series	11	11:00
A Series Race	13	1:15
B Series Pursuit	13	2:45

For more information click the following:

[Frostbite Series](#)

[Pursuit Race information](#)

[Beginners Guide to Racing](#)

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### **Weather Check**

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

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### **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](mailto:publicity@southstaffssailingclub.co.uk)

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