



South Staffordshire Sailing Club

Affiliated to the RYA

The Club

South Staffs Sailing Club is located next to Junction 12 on the M6. We have over fifty years of experience in teaching and promoting dinghy sailing at all levels. The club is one of the most popular and active in the area, and has been nominated the winner of the RYA Club of the Year 2011. Sailing is available to members all the year round, and the club is renowned for its competition, friendly atmosphere and for attracting family groups.

Development of sailing for adults and juniors and supporting them to achieve, is a key focus of the club. So whether sailing is something they just want to try, or ultimately if you aspire to compete in the Olympics, South Staffs Sailing Club is a good place to start.

There is a full schedule of club activities; these include training, racing and social events. The main racing day throughout the year is Sunday; a Tuesday evening series takes place in the summer months.



The clubhouse was rebuilt and enlarged in 2007 with support from Lottery Funding, has excellent facilities, it overlooks the pool and provides a superb view of activities on the water.

Drinks and light snacks are available from the galley on sailing days. The bar is open after racing, and also on Tuesday nights throughout the year for members and their guests. The club employs no staff; so all members assist in delivering all the services and facilities required. This can range from organising a social to manning a safety boat. Carrying out these duties, is a good way of making friends and the efforts are always appreciated.

Boat Classes Sailed

In order to encourage a strong competition base, South Staffs has limited the classes of boat that can be sailed at the club. The two-handed adult classes sailed are the Lark, the GP 14, and the Firefly. Single-handed classes are the OK and the Solo. All the fleets are well supported and have a complete cross section of ability so there is always someone to race against.

In recent times, club members (junior and adult) have won National and World titles in the boats we sail.

Training/Instruction

South Staffs Sailing Club is registered as an RYA Approved Sail Training Centre, and has many years of experience in running their courses. Level 1 and 2 training is run each year and is carried out by RYA qualified instructors.

The class fleet captains also arrange training sessions that develop everyone's sailing and competitive ability.

Junior Sailing

Promoting sailing to junior members and developing their interest has always been a key aim of the club. Juniors have formal training sessions on Sunday mornings which run from just after Easter to October. These sessions are run by RYA Senior Instructors. Other instructors and a trained safety boat crew assist. Training follows the RYA Junior Training Log Book syllabus, and all abilities are catered for. Initially juniors use Optimists, Toppers and Mirrors, but as they get more experienced they can join in the club racing, and they regularly beat the adults!!



Further Information

If you would like more information, please visit the club website at <http://www.southstaffssailingclub.co.uk> to get details for new members, or come and visit us, we are happy to share our enjoyment of the sport.