



Stewartby Water Sports Club

# Sailing Section

## 2010 HANDBOOK



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## **Your All New 2010 Handbook**

You will find everything you need to enjoy sailing at Stewartby is included in this small book.

Packed with information, there are sections for Wednesday Night Sailing, Social Events, Recreational Sailing and Junior Sailing plus a full diary of events.

## **New Members Start Here...**

The Sailing Section promotes both recreational sailing and dinghy racing. There's plenty of room on the water and a safe beach and slipway for launching and you can sail any day of the year.

We are a RYA recognized sailing school with experienced instructions available to offer a wide variety of sailing and powerboat courses.

## Sailing Section Committee

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### **Commodore**

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### **Vice Commodore**

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### **Secretary / Sailing School Principal**

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### **Treasurer**

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John Williamson

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Harry Fiddler

Tim Robins

## Sailing Section Committee (cont)

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### Website

Our website is where you can find all the up-to-date information on what's happening at the club.

[www.swsc.org.uk](http://www.swsc.org.uk)

### Duties

All members are required to perform 1 duty per year as part of their obligation to the club. The duty list is published in March and you are advised to find your name on the list and make a note of the date. Every effort has been made to try to offer you a suitable date. If you need to change the date, please try to swap with another member first before contacting the club. Details of how to swap your dates will be on the duty list when it is published.

# Social Events

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## Summer Social Evenings

During the summer 3 social evenings have been organised around Saturday afternoon activities. At each social evening the barbecue will be lit for people to cook their own food, the bar will be open and people are welcome to camp overnight.

Other social events will be organized in due course and you will hear about them through WindShift in good time.

## Saturday 5th June

A working party to prepare for the club open day will start at 10am until 3pm. Afterwards there will be an informal race at 4.30 with the BBQ lit and Camping available later.

## Saturday 12th June

Streaker Nationals. On the Saturday evening members are invited to join the competitors at the social evening organized for Saturday Night food will be available however tickets will have to be purchased in advance.

## Saturday 11th September

Barbecue from 5pm, Moonlight Sail from 7pm

# **Recreational Sailing & Laying-up Supper**

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## **Recreational Sailing**

From the beginning of May recreational sailing will take place on Saturday afternoons from 12:30 until 16.30.

A duty team will be on-hand providing safety boat cover for everyone afloat. So for members who need that extra reassurance should they get in to difficulty Saturday afternoons are for you.

## **Dinghy Hire**

Speak to the duty team on Saturdays and Sundays and they should be able to help you take out one of the club boats. Hire charges are displayed in the Clubhouse.

## **Laying Up Supper**

To round off the year our traditional 'Laying-up Supper' will be held in November. It's a chance to let you hair down and party to the small hours as well as celebrate our sailors many success both at home and away from the club.

The provisional date for your diary is Saturday November 20th, though this is subject to the availability of the venue. Please look out for announcements during September and October

## Junior Race Coaching

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Junior racing has been very successful with many Stewartby sailors improving to level on a par with many of our more experienced adults.

In 2010 the club is pleased to be able to continue a programme of structured race coaching for youngsters from 11 - 18 years.

The training takes place on Saturdays regularly for a small charge to cover costs. Our trained class coaches will provide a mix of classroom based theory and on the water practical exercises. Each day is rounded off with a series of fun races where newly acquired skills can be put into practice.

**For more details see the website**

## Sailing School Courses

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The club is a recognized RYA training establishment. All training provided is of a high standard for both quality and safety.

Dinghy Sailing, Power Boat and Start Racing courses are organized throughout the year. Keep an eye out for a full list of courses for 2010 which will be published on the club notice board and website.

For further details contact our sailing school principle, Steve Ivory at [Learn2Sail@swsc.org.uk](mailto:Learn2Sail@swsc.org.uk)

**For more details see the website**

## **Wednesday Night Racing**

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Racing gets less serious on Wednesday evenings during the summer months. What a great way to unwind after long day at work or school,

For 2010 all racing on a Wednesday night under the normal part 2 rules of sailing but other aspects of traditional racing have been simplified.

For more information on the new Wednesday night rules and guidelines see the website under 'Racing'

### **Wednesday Night Series**

Racing starts on April 7th at 18.15 and continues through the summer.

Again, results will be collated and published on the website so everyone gets a chance to see how they've done.

### **Wednesday Night Duties**

Racing cannot take place without a race officer and safety cover. The 26 weeks have been roughly divided into 2 duty blocks. Those members taking part in racing on Wednesdays are asked to undertake two duties, ideally with one in each block.

You can sign-up for duties by using the duty sheets located on the club notice board.

## Wednesday Night Sailing

### Start Times

Duty Block 1		Duty Block 2	
7 Apr	18.15	July	19.00
14 Apr		4 Aug	18.45
21 Apr	18.30	11 Aug	
28 Apr		18 Aug	
May	18.45	25 Aug	
		1 Sep	
		8 Sep	18.15
		15 Sep	18.00
June	19.00	22 Sep	17.45
		29 Sept	17.30
		Wednesday Night Sailing Continues on 6th April 2011	

# Racing Start Times

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## Normal Racing Start Times

Sunday:	11.15, 13.30, 15.30
Saturday (Cup):	13.30, 15.30
Pursuit Racing:	11.15, 14.00

## Variations to Standard Start Times.

Due to other events taking place at the club on the following dates, start times will be adjusted as follows:

### *Due to Sea Cadet Regattas*

Sun 9th May:	11.45, 14.00, 16.00
Sun 17th July:	11.45, 14.00, 16.00

### *Due to Kestrel Class Events*

Sun 27th June:	11.15 then see notice board
Sun 24th October:	11.00 then see notice board

### *Due to Laying Up Supper (TBC)*

Sun 21st November:	11:45, 14.00
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### *Icicle Series Start Times*

All Sundays (Jan - Mar): 11.15 then from 12.30

## April 2010

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Wednesday evening sailing starts on April 7th.

### Stewartby Spring Open Handicap

3 races, 2 to count.  
Starts: 11.15, 13.30, 15.30  
Fast & Slow Fleets



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Sun	4	Stewartby Spring Open Handicap
Sun	11	Fastnet Week 1
Sat	17	Houghton Cup / Recreational Sailing
Sun	18	Houghton Cup
Sun	25	Fastnet Week 2

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## May 2010

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Recreational sailing starts from Saturday, May 3rd

Laser Open  
22nd May



Kestrel Midlands  
Championships  
26th & 27th June

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Sat	1	Recreational Sailing
Sun	2	Fastnet Week 3
Sat	8	Sea Cadet Regatta / Rec. Sailing
Sun	9	Sea Cadet Regatta / Fastnet Wk. 4
Sat	15	Recreational Sailing
Sun	16	Fastnet Week 5
Sat	22	Laser Open / Rec. Sailing
Sun	23	Fastnet Pursuit
Sat	29	Recreational Sailing
Sun	30	Fastnet Week 6

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## June 2010

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Streaker Nationals, 12th/13th June

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Sat	5	Working Party / Recreational Sailing
Sun	7	Club Open Day
Sat	12	STREAKER NATIONALS
Sun	13	STREAKER NATIONALS
Sat	19	Recreational Sailing
Sun	20	Fastnet Week 7
Sat	26	Kestrel Open / Recreational Sailing
Sun	27	Kestrel Open / Fastnet Week 8

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## July 2010

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# National Solo Class Association

Open Meeting - 10th July, 11 am

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Sat	3	Recreational Sailing
Sun	4	Fastnet Week 9
Sat	10	Solo & Streaker Open
Sun	11	Fastnet Week 10
Sat	17	Sea Cadet Regatta / Rec. Sailing
Sun	18	Sea Cadet Regatta / Rockall Week 1
Sat	24	Caulcott Cup / Rec. Sailing
Sun	25	Caulcott Cup

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## August 2010

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### Junior Summer Camp

Sun. 22nd - Fri. 27th August

Details available from Sailing School  
in early summer.

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Sat 31 July	<b>Lake Closed</b>
Sun 1	<b>Lake Closed</b>
Sat 7	Recreational Sailing
Sun 8	Rockall Week 2
Sat 14	Recreational Sailing
Sun 15	Rockall Week 3
Sat 21	Recreational Sailing
Sun 22	Rockall Week 4
Sat 28	Recreational Sailing
Sun 39	Rockall Week 5

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## September 2010

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Moonlight Race  
Saturday 11th September,  
7pm

Topper Open Meeting  
Saturday 18th September



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Sat	4	Recreational Sailing
Sun	5	Rockall Week 6
Sat	11	Rec. Sailing / WGCSC Event
Sun	12	Rockall Pursuit
Sat	18	Topper Open / Recreational Sail.
Sun	19	Rockall Week 7
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## October 2010

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Blackaby  
Cup  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October



Club Championship  
Finale

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Sat	2	Rec. Sailing / Phantom Open
Sun	3	Phantom Open / Rockall Week 9
Sat	9	Blackaby Cup / Recreational Sail.
Sun	10	Blackaby Cup
Sun	17	Rockall Week 10
Sun	24	Kestrel Open / Autumn Week 1

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## November & December 2010

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Sprint 15 Winter TT  
Saturday 6th November

### October / November

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Sun 31 Oct Autumn Week 2

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Sat 6 Sprint 15 TT (Open)

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Sun 7 Autumn Week 3

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Sun 14 Autumn Week 4

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Sun 21 Autumn Week 5

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Sun 28 Autumn Week 6

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### December

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Sun 5 Autumn Week 7

Sun 12 Autumn Week 8

Sun 26 Boxing Day Hangover Race

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## January, February & March 2011

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### January

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Sun	9	Icicle Week 1
Sun	16	Icicle Week 2
Sun	23	Icicle Week 3
Sun	30	Working Party

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### February

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Sun	6	Icicle Week 4
Sun	13	Icicle Week 5
Sun	20	Icicle Week 6
Sun	27	Working Party

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### March

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Sun	6	Icicle Week 7
Sun	13	Icicle Week 8
Sun	20	Icicle Week 9
Sun	27	Working Party

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## Sailing Section Regulations

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1. The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/helmsman sailing the boat who must ensure that the crew and boat are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during sailing. Neither the establishment of these regulations nor the inspection of the boat under these regulations in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/helmsman for the crew, his boat and the management thereof.
2. Stewartby Water Sports Club - Sailing Section or Stewartby Water Sports Club Limited shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/helmsman, his skipper or crew, as a result of taking part in sailing. Moreover, every owner/helmsman warrants the suitability of his boat for sailing.
3. Members are reminded that section support boat cover is unlikely to be provided other than at club racing times or during organized events and members going afloat at other times do so entirely at their own risk.
4. On racing days or during organized events International Code Flag 'H' will normally be flown when a section support boat is not available.

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5. Members' boats using Stewartby Lake must carry a current licence authorized by the Section Committee. This self adhesive licence is to be fixed to the outside of the boat's stern transom, or a prominent place on sailboards.
  - a. All boats must be covered by Third Party and Passenger Risks AT ALL TIMES to a minimum value £2,000,000.
  - b. Every boat must have sufficient buoyancy when swamped to support its occupants for a minimum of 20 minutes
6. The sailing section committee may ask members to demonstrate that their boat complies with these standards a and b. Members failing to do so within a reasonable time may lose the licence.
7. Members of the Sailing Committee and other members approved by the Sailing Committee shall be nominated as Officer of the Day and, as such, be in charge of all sailing activities and to be responsible to the Sailing Committee and to the Club for ensuring that rules and regulations are strictly adhered to.
8. It is Members'/Sponsors' responsibility to ensure that adequate buoyancy is worn at all times when they, or their charges, are on the water (except when sailing a

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windsurfer and wearing a harness). Wet suits or dry suits alone do not constitute adequate buoyancy.

9. A wet suit or dry suit must be worn when afloat from 1st November to 31st March inclusive.
10. No boat shall cross the dividing line buoys while racing or when power craft are using the lake. It is an "obstruction."
11. Should the Office of the Day consider conditions to be unsuitable for sailing, the following flag signals from the shore gantry will apply:
  - a. RED FLAG – NO SAILING. Boats on the water when red flag is hoisted (accompanied by three sound signals) must return to shore with minimum delay.
  - b. RED FLAG plus YELLOW FLAG – LIMITED SAILING. Individual helms may apply to the OOD for permission to sail. The OOD's DECISION ON FLAGS AND HELMS IS FINAL.
12. No sailing is permitted after sunset unless duly authorized by the Section Committee.
13. No power-driven boat of any kind is to be used unless authorized by the Section Committee

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14. Boats that have been in contact with pollution at other waters must be decontaminated, prior to launching, to the satisfaction of the Section Committee.
15. Boats and other tackle and apparatus to be stored or left only in such places and at such times as the Section Committee allow. Members must comply with dinghy park regulations.
16. The Section Committee reserves the right to prohibit the use of any item or type of boat and tackle.
17. The ISAF. fundamental rule 1.1 shall be known and acted upon by all on pain of suspension. "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
18. Dogs must be kept on leads and under control at all times, and not allowed to foul areas frequented by members. Dogs may not be taken afloat.
19. Cars shall use only such areas of the Club premises as authorised. Cars are permitted on dinghy park approach road for loading and unloading only.
20. No craft shall beach (except in an emergency) other than on the bank adjacent to the dinghy park.

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21. Members shall be responsible for keeping the facilities clean and tidy. All litter (especially cans and bottles), must be removed from the Club premises.
22. Shooting and bathing are forbidden.
23. There shall be no interference with the wild birds, their nests, or other wildlife.
24. Members entering races must comply with the Racing Instructions.
25. No boat may be removed from the premises unless the owner is present or has given written permission.
26. Barbecues must not be used in the dinghy park or the Sailing Section car park.
27. All boats must be securely tied down.

### **Members Under the Age of 18**

28. Parents and/or guardians are hereby notified that the club only provides section support boat cover for the support of all, on the water, during organized events. At all other times, Stewartby Water Sports Club Sailing Section is not responsible for the child's supervision or control. Parents and/or guardians are entirely responsible for the welfare, care and safety of their children and wards.

## Safety Flags and Signals

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**No Sailing**

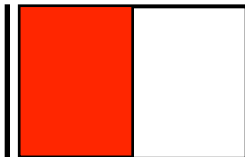


**Restricted Sailing**

All helms must apply to the OOD for permission to sail.



The OOD's decision on flags and helms is final.



**Support Boat Unavailable**