



Stewartby Water Sports Club

Sailing Section

2011 HANDBOOK



Sailing Section Handbook 2011

Your All New 2011 Handbook

You will find everything you need to know 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. However you prefer to sail there's always plenty of room on the water with a safe beach and slipway for launching you can sail any day of the year during daylight hours.

We are a RYA recognized training centre and our Sailing School is able to offer a wide variety of structured sailing and powerboat courses for all levels of ability, overseen by experienced RYA approved instructors.

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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

Duties

All members are required to perform at least one duty per year as part of their Club membership obligation. 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

Summer Social Evenings

During the summer 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 organised during the year these will be advertised in the clubhouse as well as on the website and in WindShift.

Saturday 4th June

A working party to prepare for the club open day will start at 10am until 3pm. Afterwards there will be an informal race with the BBQ lit and the bar open later in the evening members are welcome to Camp.

Saturday 17th September

WGCSC inter-club racing during the day followed by BBQ from 5pm, Moonlight Sail from 7pm

Recreational Sailing & Laying-up Supper

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 in case 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, and payment should be made at the time of hire

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 date for your diary is Saturday November 26th, the venue will be **The Cross Keys** in **Pulloxhill** and as always places will be limited so early booking through Ruth Ivory is recommended

Junior Race Coaching

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

In 2011 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 further details contact our Sailing School Principal, Steve Ivory at Learn2Sail@swsc.org.uk

For more details see the website



Sailing School Courses

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 organised throughout the year. Keep an eye out for a full list of courses for 2011 which will be published on the club notice board and website.

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Wednesday Night Racing

Racing is for fun on Wednesday evenings during the summer months and what a great way to unwind after long day at work or school,

For 2011 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 6th 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	
6 Apr	18.15	July	19.00
13 Apr		3 Aug	18.45
20 Apr	18.30	10 Aug	
27 Apr		17 Aug	
May	18.45	24 Aug	
		31 Aug	
		7 Sep	18.15
		14 Sep	18.00
June	19.00	21 Sep	17.45
		28 Sept	17.30
		Wednesday Night Sailing Continues on 4th April 2012	

Racing Start Times

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 Taser Open & Kestrel Championships

Sun 17th April: 11.00 then see notice board

Due to Laser Open

Sun 29th May: 11.00 then see notice board

Due to Kestrel Winter Nationals

Sun 30th October: 11.00 then see notice board

Due to Laying Up Supper (Saturday Nov. 26th)

Sun 27th November: 11:45, 14.00

Icicle Series Start Times

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

April 2011

Stewartby Spring Open Handicap

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



Tasar Open Kestrel Midland Championships 16th & 17th April 2011

Wednesday evening sailing starts on April 7th.

Sun	3	Stewartby Spring Open Handicap
Sun	10	Fastnet Week 1
Sat	16	Tasar Open / Kestrel Midland Champs.
Sun	17	Fastnet Week 2 / Kestrel & Tasar Day 2
Sun	24	Fastnet Week 3

May 2011

Recreational sailing starts from Saturday, May 7th

Graduate Nationals
Easter Weekend

30 April - 2 May

Laser Open
29th May



Sat	(Apr) 30	Graduate Nationals (Day 1)
Sun	1	Graduate (Day 2) / Fastnet Week 4
Mon	2	Graduate (Day 3)
Sat	7	Recreational Sailing
Sun	8	Fastnet Week 5
Sat	14	Recreational Sailing
Sun	15	Fastnet Pursuit Race
Sat	21	Houghton Cup (Day 1)
Sun	22	Houghton Cup (Day 2)
Sat	28	Sea Cadet Regatta / Rec. Sailing
Sun	29	Laser Open / Fastnet Week 6

June 2011

Notes:

Sat	4	Working Party / Recreational Sailing
Sun	5	Club Open Day
Sat	11	Recreational Sailing
Sun	12	Fastnet Week 7
Sat	18	Recreational Sailing
Sun	19	Fastnet Week 8
Sat	25	Recreational Sailing
Sun	26	Fastnet Week 9

July 2011

National Solo
Class Association



Open Meeting - 2nd July, 11 am

Sat	2	Solo & Streaker Open / Rec. Sailing
Sun	3	Fastnet Week 10
Sat	9	Recreational Sailing
Sun	10	Rockall Week 1
Sat	16	Caulcott Cup (Day 1)
Sun	17	Caulcott Cup (Day 2)
Sat	23	Recreational Sailing
Sun	24	Rockall Week 2
Sat	30	Recreational Sailing
Sun	31	Rockall Week 3

August 2011



Junior Summer Camp

Sun. 21st - Fri. 26th August

Details available from Sailing School
in early summer.

Sat	6	Power Weekend Lake Closed
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Sun	7	Power Weekend Lake Closed
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Sat	13	Recreational Sailing
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Sun	14	Rockall Week 4
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Sat	20	Recreational Sailing
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Sun	21	Rockall Week 5
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Sat	27	Recreational Sailing
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Sun	28	Rockall Week 6
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September 2011



Moonlight Race
Saturday 17th September,
7pm

Topper Open Meeting
Saturday 3rd September



Sat	3	Topper Open / Rec. Sailing
Sun	4	Rockall Week 7
Sat	10	Recreational Sailing
Sun	11	Rockall Week 8
Sat	17	Fishing Match / WGCSC / Moon Sail
Sun	18	Rockall Pursuit
Sat	24	Recreational Sailing
Sun	25	Rockall Week 9

October 2011

Blackaby
Cup
9th & 10th October



Club Championship
Finale

Sat	1	Recreational Sailing
Sun	2	Rockall Week 10
Sat	8	Blackaby Cup (Day 1)
Sun	9	Blackaby Cup (Day 2)
Sun	16	Autumn Week 1
Sun	23	Autumn Week 2
Sun	30	Autumn Week 3 / Kestrel Winters

November & December 2011

Sprint 15 Winter TT
Saturday 5th November

October / November

Sat 5 Sprint 15 TT (Open)

Sun 6 Working Party

Sun 13 Autumn Week 4

Sun 20 Autumn Week 5

Sun 27 Autumn Week 6

December

Sun 4 Autumn Week 7

Sun 11 Autumn Week 8

Sun 18 Autumn Week 9

Sun 26 Boxing Day Hangover Race

January, February & March 2012

January

Sun	8	Icicle Week 1
Sun	15	Icicle Week 2
Sun	22	Icicle Week 3
Sun	29	Working Party

February

Sun	5	Icicle Week 4
Sun	12	Icicle Week 5
Sun	19	Icicle Week 6
Sun	26	Working Party

March

Sun	4	Icicle Week 7
Sun	11	Icicle Week 8
Sun	18	Icicle Week 9
Sun	25	Working Party

Sailing Section Regulations

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



No Sailing

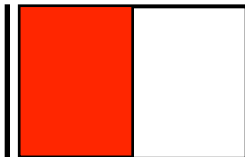


Restricted Sailing

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



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



Support Boat Unavailable