

New Castle Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Corner

The year's first boat maintenance work session starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 9, and classroom instruction starts at 10:30 on the same day, both at the club house, with a lunch planned immediately following.

The map below shows the available parking, with the club property highlighted in blue in the center.



The parking lot that we used for years at the old lumber yard around the corner is no longer available to us. The SPCA is the main tenant there and Saturday is their busiest day of the week. There is still plenty of parking available, just not quite as close as before. We want the club to continue to be a good neighbor in the community so please

park only in the areas highlighted in green on the map and not in the areas highlighted in red.

The parking lot highlighted in green on 7th street is at the Touch of the Master's Hand church.

Thank you for your cooperation!



As you know, our club runs mainly on the cheerfully-provided sweat equity of our members. However, for a few things—like the sorely needed upgrades to the Barn last summer, replacement parts for our boats, maintenance and repair of the Committee Boat, and a host of other items—there is no substitute for cold hard cash.

Which brings us to the subject of **overdue dues**. Remember, dues are \$350/year and are payable by December 31, 2018. There are many who likely overlooked sending in their check due to the hustle and bustle of the Holidays, but the new sailing season is upon us and the payment is past due. If you have not yet paid your dues for this season, bring it to our season's kick-off on Saturday, February 9th or better yet, please send a check to:

New Castle Sailing Club
P.O. Box 46
New Castle, DE 19720

...or contact our Treasurer, Laura Fontana ASAP at treasncsc@gmail.com

Steve Constable
Commodore
New Castle Sailing Club

Fleet

All Hands on Deck!

Work sessions are due to commence on **Saturday, February 9th**, at 9am at the clubhouse, and will run every Saturday at that time until our launch date of April 27th. Work teams (complete with contact information) are posted in the clubhouse as well as the barn, and a list with team names is posted on the [Fleet Page](#) of the website. Please take a moment to check out the link for your team – and of course get in touch for additional suggestions or support. I am looking forward to meeting some new faces at the work sessions this year!

A few things regarding safe practices:

1) *Safety Checklists* - Work sessions are a fantastic way for newer sailors to really learn the mechanics of our boats and how the parts work together before getting out on the water. However, while the work sessions provide an opportunity to identify parts for repair/replacement, it is up to ALL of us to check the boats before and after every sail to ensure that all parts are in working order. Some days are rougher than others, so please pass information along to both the respective boat and fleet captain for immediate attention.

2) In an effort to support *Sailors for the Sea*, a set of environmentally friendly guidelines has been posted to the [Fleet Page](#) of the website. Although the Delaware River may be cleaner than it used to be, we can still play a very active part in helping to improve our sailing environment by upholding these guidelines.

3) *Personal Gear* - We don't just ship-shape the boats in the off-season; now is also a great time to take stock of what sailing gear you are going to need:

- ✓ Coast Guard approved life jacket
- ✓ Waterproof jacket
- ✓ Sailing gloves and shoes
- ✓ Hat/sunglasses/sunscreen
- ✓ Comfortable clothing, layered, for changing weather conditions
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Dry bag to store items such as water bottles, phones, lunch, etc.
- ✓ Dry clothes and a towel (in your car) to change into if you do get wet

There are many online sites and stores to stock up on these items, but there are also many sailors who will happily share their favorite shopping haunts with you when you come to the work sessions!

Meg Farrugia
Fleet Captain

Membership

Membership is currently at 102 “Active” members, where we limit the number to 130. So plenty of room for additional members. We want to not only expand our membership, but also retain existing members. Please continue to spread the word about our club, and share any ideas that you have in addition to the spring and fall Open Houses. One new idea is to have a booth at the Newark Community Day event at the University of Delaware in September, about a week before the fall Open House. But we need many other new ideas as well.



Regarding retention of Club members, we want to make sure that our new members are integrated into the Club and are making progress toward becoming keyed members. To help with this, we plan to reinstitute the program where we pair each NCSC member who is not yet keyed with a keyed-member mentor. The mentor will be asked to check with their mentee periodically to see how their sailing instruction is progressing. A mentor should also sail with the mentee—or find another keyed member to sail with them—at least once a month until the mentee gets keyed.

Thanks to those of you who have historically volunteered to act as a mentor to one of our new members. More keyed members are needed to make this program a success. Please consider making this small and pleasant time commitment to the Club. If you can be a mentor this season, please let me know by email at MemberNCSC@gmail.com. Mentors will be assigned by launch day.

John Harder
Membership Director

First Lunch of 2019

The first lunch will be held on February 9 after the classroom instruction & work session at about 12:30. Please join us for some delicious food and interesting conversation.



Instruction

The 2019 **Classroom Instruction starts Saturday, February 9**, from 10:30am to Noon at the NCSC Clubhouse. Classroom instruction is fun and helps ensure safe sailing experiences for the upcoming season. Please feel free to invite a friend. Instruction is included in your membership fee, so please take advantage.

NOTE: Hazards Class on March 30 is mandatory for skipper certification; other sessions are optional, but certainly useful. The first class will provide an overview of the season's instruction, introductory sailing, and an opportunity to meet the NCSC board and fellow sailors, so attendance for new members is strongly encouraged. **Lunch will be served after this first session.**

2019 Sailing Instruction Classroom Schedule New Castle Sailing Club

Date	Event	Start Time	End Time
2/9/2019	Intro to Sailing 1 - Points of sail, anatomy of a sailboat	10:30	12:00
2/16/2019	Intro to Sailing 2 - Knots, boarding, controls, rigging, moving	10:30	12:00
2/23/2019	Getting a feel for sailing - jib, spinnaker, sail trim, tack, jibe	10:30	12:00
3/2/2019	Sailing Skills 1 - Strong wind, light wind, managing emergencies	10:30	12:00
3/9/2019	Sailing Skills 2 - slowing, backwinding, heave to, docking, mooring	10:30	12:00
3/16/2019	Sailing Rules - required equipment, navigation, right of way	10:30	12:00
3/23/2019	Tides, Currents & Moorings, Weather - forecasts, patterns, indicators, proper judgment	10:30	12:00
3/30/2019	*Hazards - what, where, how to avoid	10:30	12:00
4/6/2019	**2 sessions: NCSC Racing Intro, Rigging a Scot	10:30	12:00
4/13/2019	**3 sessions: NCSC Racing Fundamentals, Rigging a Thistle, Crew U	10:30	13:00
4/20/2019	Reserved - Possible makeup day	10:30	12:00
4/27/2019	Boat Launch Day & Spring Meeting	10:30	12:00

*Required for 'key' checkout / skipper qualification

**Instruction on Apr 6 and 13 will have both indoor and outdoor instruction, weather permitting

April 6, 2019

NCSC Racing Introduction - Clubhouse - 10:30 - 11:15

Flying Scot rigging - Clubhouse yard - 11:15 - Noon

April 13, 2019

NCSC Racing Fundamentals - Clubhouse - 10:30 - 11:15

Thistle rigging - Clubhouse yard - 11:15 - Noon

Racing Crew U - Clubhouse yard - Noon - 1pm

Additional information on instruction and certification requirements—although not necessarily updated for the 2019 season yet—can be found on the NCSC website [Instruction](#) page.

Clay Greer
Safety and Instruction Director

Racing

2019 NCSC Racing Schedule

Our 2019 Racing schedule is similar to our 2018 schedule. The 2019 season will feature:

- Regular spring and fall Thistle racing series (Yellow) with awards for each series;
- Six relaxed club regattas (Blue);
- Three Flying Scot fun racing days (Green)
- Four race skills practice/development days (Orange).

The one change for 2019 is the move of our summer doldrum races from early afternoon to later morning.

Attendance was light for the afternoon races during 2018. At the same time, the afternoon starts in 2018 allowed us to get in a couple of race days when there was no wind at our regular morning race time.

My hope is that starting later in the morning will leave a little more time for the wind to come up while leaving most of the afternoon free for other activities.

There will be something for everyone this racing season, so we hope all Club members will participate in some of our races during the 2019 sailing season.



2019 NCSC Race Calendar

Date	Event	Time	
		Start	Finish
4/27/2019	Boat Launch		
5/4/2019	Boat Captains Race	9:00	13:00
5/11/2019	Spring Series 1	9:00	13:00
5/18/2019	Spring Series 2	9:00	13:00
5/25/2019	Spring Series 3	9:00	13:00
6/1/2019	Race Practice Day	9:00	13:00
6/8/2019	Separation Day Regatta	10:00	14:00
6/15/2019	Flying Scot Race	9:00	13:00
6/22/2019	Spring Series 4	9:00	13:00
6/29/2019	Spring Series 5	9:00	13:00
7/6/2019	Spring Series 6	9:00	13:00
7/13/2019	Lady Skippers Race	9:00	13:00
7/20/2019	Charity Regatta	9:30	14:30
7/27/2019	Race Practice Day	9:30	13:30
8/3/2019	Flying Scot Race	9:30	13:30
8/10/2019	Silver Fleet Skippers Race	10:00	14:00
8/17/2019	Founder's Day Regatta	10:00	14:00
8/24/2019	Fall Series 1	10:00	14:00
8/31/2019	Fall Series 2	10:00	14:00
9/7/2019	Fall Series 3	10:00	14:00
9/14/2019	Flying Scot Race	9:30	13:30
9/21/2019	Pea Patch Island Race	9:30	14:00
9/28/2019	Fall Series 4	9:00	13:00
10/5/2019	Fall Series 5	9:00	13:00
10/12/2019	Fall Series 6	9:00	13:00
10/19/2019	DELRIPETT Regatta	10:00	16:00
10/26/2019	Boat Haul Out		

Tom Gorman
Racing Director

Property



When I first joined the club, I was asked if I wanted to help out riverside with some maintenance on the dinghy shed. The old block bunker looked quite different than it does now. It was leaky, and sediment and debris had accumulated—not to mention the not-so-fresh carpet used at the time.

Thanks to the skill and hard work of my predecessors, many improvements have been made in the

past eight years or so. Despite heavy rains, a recent inspection revealed mostly dry racks for the upper dinghies, and clean-out of the lower berths was a breeze.

Scott Andrews
Property Director

CRUISERS' CORNER

MEETING FOR CRUISERS INTEREST GROUP

Will meet at the NCSC Clubhouse **Sunday 2pm, January 27th** to kick around ideas for next year:

1. Chesapeake group cruises
2. Ideas for future trips



BAHAMAS EXUMAS CRUISE – MARCH AND APRIL 2019

Two boats going and all full up. But if other folks are interested can put together another boat!!

HAPPY 2019 CRUISING!

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VISIT THE CRUISING PAGE ON THE NCSC WEBSITE FOR ALL THE DETAILS.