



AGM Thursday February 7th, 8pm. At The Seven Oaks Inn, Stanton.

Fast becoming the best attended event of the club year with 38 attending last year, our AGM is upon us once again. We have a lot to report on for this year, with us having received a Sport England grant, bought a load of new club kit and a new boat, run public taster sessions, and then to finish the year, the floods that inundated the storage containers. Not much damage done thankfully. So, with so much to report, we'd like you to come along, renew your membership and let us know your views.



In addition to the splendid cold buffet, this year we have some new toys to give away as raffle prizes. Anyone joining or renewing their membership at the AGM will automatically be entered in to the raffle for five, yes **five** great prizes,

- an Aeron 175-225 boom value £160
- **Two** North XTR SD extensions value £110ea,
- a set of Ion adjustable harness lines value £25
- and a key lockbox value £20.

All supplied by M1Surf.co.uk The raffle will be held on the night and if you are one of the fortunate you will be taking your prize home with you! Oh, and by the way, membership fees are the same as last year.

You will have seen the work that has been done to the changing room to make it a little more inviting and no doubt you will have seen the racks at the other end. One of the biggest changes you will see this coming year is that the club now has lots of equipment for members to use free of charge. These racks now hold eight beginner sets, four of which are brand new, with six of the eight rigs being brand new. Each set has its own kit box so everything will be to hand for quick and easy rigging. These will be for the use of all club members and will make entry into the sport very easy indeed. Not only will people now be able to join without owning any kit, we hope that existing members will bring their friends and family to have a go. In addition we have acquired five new hire boards and rigs bringing the fleet up to six beginner and two intermediate boards. This offers the serious newcomer exclusive use of high quality equipment at an exceptionally attractive price. Have a look at the website, a lot has changed recently and if you haven't already, sign up for email notifications of news posts.



Some of the new club kit

We have been able, as a result of changing our insurers, to now offer Day Membership. Anyone wishing to come along and have a go is welcome to use any of the club kit including the club tandem. This is by invitation of any club member, all we ask is that they fill in the day membership form in the changing room. It is this that is allowing us to open the Club to the general public and one of the great successes last year was the taster sessions, attended by approximately 40 members of the public. We will be holding more of these this coming year.

You will also all have heard that thanks to the Sport England grant we will be sponsoring some club members to become instructor trained to RYA level 1 standard. This will increase our instructor numbers to five and allow us to offer regular two day basic training courses to encourage people to take up the sport.



We will be promoting these courses with local advertising and, in this regard, we could do with your help. There are now lots of glossy free publications in urban areas. We know of many of these in and around the South and West Nottingham areas, but have little knowledge of further a field, in Derby and Loughborough for example. So if you live in these areas perhaps you could bring those that you get through your door and pass them to us at the AGM?

Of course, we are also aiming to satisfy and inspire our existing members as well. We had a fantastic weekend with [Jim Collis](#) back in July, with wind for a change and we have him booked again for 29th and 30th June at Rutland Water with campover and BBQ. The Club Christmas dinner was very well attended with 28 members enjoying a lovely meal and great beer.

Following the success of the trip to Weymouth in April 2012, we will be organising another, again in April. This trip is easy on the wallet, and flexible in its duration, and the sailing is fantastic. Part of the fun was using the GPS units. There does seem to be an upsurge of interest in speed. Despite the cold eight members went to West Kirby in the Wirral, a renowned speed location, in October and the feedback was that we should do that again, and we will this coming March and again later in the year. The Club now has four GT31 gps units so for those who don't own one you can still join in the fun, it is only friendly competition mind!



Club Christmas Dinner at the Victoria Hotel Beeston

We'd like to organise another trip to Vassiliki in May this time and you will already have had an email about this. It will depend on numbers and of course the numbers will be partly determined by the costs. A trip to Tiree is on the cards again this year if we can secure the accommodation for the dates we want. We will keep you informed by email and via the website.



Weymouth Portland Harbour.
Fantastic huge expanse of open flat water

We are planning an open weekend with taster sessions for the public and campover for club members at our waters, in July, and if the National Watersports Festival goes ahead as planned in September we will be going there as well. One sadness of the year, Nobles have closed their windsurfing shop after many, many years. However we will be trying very hard to persuade Boardwise to run a demo at Rutland Water. We will keep you posted.

We are always interested to know your suggestions for trips. So, if anyone who has local knowledge of a location, such as campsites, accommodation, tides, wind directions etc, would be prepared to organise or help organise a trip we would very much like to talk to you. We would always like to do more but we do need people prepared to give of their time.

All our plans depend on having volunteers willing to help organise, publicise and assist, so if you could spare a few hours a month either as a volunteer, or be prepared to join the committee either as an officer or ordinary member, please let us know. We will always need more do-ers to help run the club. We did find that the taster sessions were quite demanding of our time so we could definitely do with some volunteer help whenever we run these.

We always welcome club members at committee meetings, they are very informal and a great chance to get to know other members. And please remember, the AGM is as much for you to air your views as it is for us, the committee, to discuss our plans.

We really hope you'll be able to find the time to attend the AGM and we look forward to seeing you.