

# Hickling Windsurfing Club Newsletter April 2017

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<http://nationalwatersportsfestival.com/>

## National Watersports Festival

The 11th National Watersports Festival will take Place 2-4 June 2017 at Rutland Water, Sykes Lane, Empingham, Oakham LE15 8PX.

Alan Cross, the event organizer, introduces NWF:

Well, the 10th Anniversary on NWF on Hayling was an epic one and I hope you all had a fantastic time. The wind arrived for our 10th Anniversary wind which was brilliant for our windsurfers, albeit a little testing for our SUP community!

After 10 wonderful years, I am now closing the curtain on the NWF at Hayling Island, and preparing to start a brand new chapter of NWF. It has been a great decade at Hayling and I thank Havant Borough Council for their continued support over the years. We certainly ended our 10th anniversary on a high. Looking forward, the watersports industry has changed, and we must change too.

Whilst Hayling is a fantastic venue to windsurf and sup recreationally, it presents us with an every increasing list of challenges especially when managing our NWF land footprint.

So I am proud to announce that the NWF 2017 will take place at Rutland Water on the 2nd to 4th of June.

I am excited by the new chapter of the NWF at Rutland and I'm thrilled to hear that many people have already pledged their support to the new chapter of NWF. The watersports industry have already given their full support to the concept and were in agreement with the website poll results which were to move the event to June ready for the summer season. The Rutland venue is less intimidating for some of the recreational windsurfers and paddlers, plus an excellent playground for youth development and tasters, something that I am keen to develop further in the new model and grow our NWF community even further.

My primary aims for this new chapter are:

- \* to involve more families, clubs and youth participation in both windsurf and sup.
- \* to encourage disabled participation
- \* to combine NWF and NWF Junior



There are some very successful European windsurfing and sup events which are hosted at freshwater venues. Rutland Water has a plethora of reasons to be the host of NWF in the future. It offers:

- the second largest reservoir in Europe.
- onsite watersports facilities including on water safety
- a central UK location enabling NWF to be more accessible
- an inland location which will be safe and accessible for both windsurfers and SUP at any level and ability
- onsite camping for 6000 people
- private land
- additional family friendly activities including an aqua park, zoo, cycle trails, climbing facilities
- room to expand and develop the NWF model

It just leaves me now to thank you for your continued support over the last 10 years and welcome you to our new exciting chapter of NWF, so please put it in your diary – 2nd to 4th June 2017.

Allan Cross

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### A few more details:

#### Registration :

Registration opened on 4 April. Go to the website for more details.

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#### Young Windsurfers :

You may know about the RYA's Team 15 Program. (The "15" has nothing to do with age!). Team 15 volunteers organise training and competition for young windsurfers across the country. Team 15 will be in charge of organising a "*low-level inter-zone supercross style competition*". Quite what this will be is a little unknown, however the goal is fun rather than very serious racing and it will be open to any youth, whether or not they have an involvement with Team15.

#### Entertainment

The Grainstore <http://www.grainstorebrewery.com> is a local brewery who have for the last 17 years run the Rutland Beer, Cider and sausage festival. So these guys are ideally placed to manage the parties in the usual NWF marquees. As always there will be bands playing crowd pleasing music which bridges the generations.

#### Nocturnal Fun

This may be a little bit "left field" but on the Saturday night we're (weather permitting) to be treated to an aerial firework display. Sure, yes, most fireworks go into the air, but these ones will be strapped to the wings of aerobatic planes- AeroSPARX.

Then there are the parties – bands, beer and a chance to spend a night surrounded by windsurfers and suppers without feeling out of place. Oh... and pirates will be welcome in the evening.



#### Trade Stands

The following brands have committed to be at NWF 2017, showing all the new toys and enabling demos.

GA Sails	Tabou Boards	Neil Pryde,
JP Australia	North	Fanatic
Starboard	Severne	Red Paddle
Oshea	Point 7	Goya
Neptune	Fatyak	Axceler 8
(A hovercraft supplier who will be offering demos!)		
F4 fins	Moo Custom Boards	PADI Diving
British Canoe Union		

And for the non-windsurfing, as well as pubs and Ospreys, Rutland Water offers:

The UK's largest Aqua Park This can be booked in advance at <http://www.aquaparkrutland.co.uk/>

Crazy Golf

Cycle Hire, cycle routes, two huge Bike shops with family friendly cycle paths around the lake.

Climbing Walls.

#### Youth SUP Competition

The NWF will host the Red Paddle European Junior Championships.



### Are you going? Please let me know

We're expecting that a good number of HWC members will attend. The organisers are offering to group club members together in the campsite. Please book online and let me know if you would like to camp with the Hickling crew, so I can advise the organisers roughly how many camping spaces they need to reserve.

For more updates, please see our Facebook page.



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## STAY SAFE ON THE WATER

Simon Emmerson, our well known Membership Secretary, suffered a nasty injury whilst sailing on Sunday (10 April). Simon cut the top of his left foot on the sharp edge of his weed fin as he fell off. The fin cut through the boot, and caused a deep cut to an artery.

Simon sailed back to the beach and raised the alarm. First aiders on the beach bandaged the cut foot (keeping the boot on) to stop the loss of blood, raised his leg and called for an ambulance. However, due to other calls being prioritised, an ambulance did not swiftly arrive and Simon was taken to hospital by a friend.

Bearing in mind how many hours and hundreds of miles we clock up on Hickling Broad each year, members rarely suffer an injury and windsurfing on the Broad is relatively safe. Nonetheless, any incident such as this teaches us lessons, and this is no different. **Please will members consider the following lessons:**

**Mobile phone:** Raising help without having a mobile phone available on the beach could have added significant delays. **We strongly recommend that members take a phone to the beach to ensure that help can be raised as soon as possible.**

**Sharp fins.** The fin on Simon's board was sharp enough to cut bread, no kidding! There is no benefit of having fins this sharp. Weed fins are particularly dangerous as the sharp edge faces up and will catch anyone falling off the back of the board, as in this case. **We recommend members check their fins and lightly sand off any sharp edges.**

**Ambulance response time.** We were told on our first aid course to focus on first aid, and then the ambulance service will promptly take over. In this case, however, we had to adapt the treatment plan. **Leaning point: if dealing with an incident at Hickling Broad, be prepared to arrange for the patient to travel to get medical assistance if required.**

Simon would like to pass on his sincere thanks to everybody who looked after him on Sunday. We wish him well for a full recovery.

## Harry Nudd

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Harry Nudd, a familiar face for many Hickling Windsurfing Club members. Harry was often seen travelling through the village on his red quad bike, with trailer in tow. Hickling born and bred, for many years he was the staithe warden, as well as spending 40 years in farming, and latterly running a gardening business. Harry died peacefully at his home in Hickling on Friday 24 March. He was 76.

Club members will forever be grateful for the assistance Harry provided when the club was being set up. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Harry's wife of 40 years, Hazel.

Allan Sellwood will represent the Club at Harry's funeral.



With all best wishes.

Richard

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