

Middle Nene Sailing Club



....a family friendly club.

Our Development Plan 2015-16

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The Middle Nene Sailing Club is now in its 62nd year of existence, and was one of the first sailing clubs to be established in Northamptonshire.

The club has grown steadily in numbers and prestige, and we can have World and National Championships among the achievements of our members, as well as Open Meeting successes too numerous to mention.

We are unique in the sailing fraternity in that we own the lake and some surrounding land. This was a major and very far-sighted achievement, and provides us with some real benefits in controlling costs, and enables us to take a much longer term view in planning.

The club is very well equipped for the dinghy sailor, with the almost unique feature of a constant water level.

Middle Nene Sailing Club is a friendly, enthusiastic sailing club, sited in Northamptonshire, offering good sailing, competitive class racing, training courses, and a varied social calendar. It is sited in a beautiful location, with sport whether it be walking, fishing or sailing at its heart.

You can sail on the lake any time, racing is generally organised on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. We have are lucky to have a licensed bar, professional catering, showers, changing rooms, camping on site, frequent and varied social events

We offer a comprehensive range of training courses and we welcome beginners and experienced sailors alike.

Our Sailing Achievements from 2014

Cransley SC Open - AWS 2014 – 1st Topper Joe Anstee from Middle Nene SC

MNSC Open - AWS 2014 – Trophy winners from Middle Nene - 1st Topper Joe Anstee SC/ 8th Topper Zack McGrady / 14th Topper Ollie Deery / 16th Topper Sarah Chisnall / 17th Topper Elliott Anstee.

Speed Sails Enterprise Midland Area Double Chine Series Jane and Nick Scutt from Middle Nene 35th, Jack and Jenny Mead 55th and Terry and Kim Hall 63rd out of 71 Boats


RS Vareo Volvo Noble Marine 2014 National Championships Grafham WSC 11-12 Oct 14 RS Vareo National Champion 2014 – Matt Yallop from Middle Nene SC

Flying Fifteen (Classic) SOUTHERN TRAVELLER SERIES 2014 OVERALL 1st Neil Bartholmey and Emma Brown – From Middle Nene SC.

Classic Flying Fifteen Inland Championship 2014 1st Neil Bartholomey and Emma Brown – From Middle Nene SC.

Crewsaver 5.3 Topper National Championships 2014 18th Overall out of 68 Silver Fleet – Joe Anstee from Middle Nene

Tiger Trophy Winners 2014 - Ed Connellan from Middle Nene and Will Alloway in their 29er.

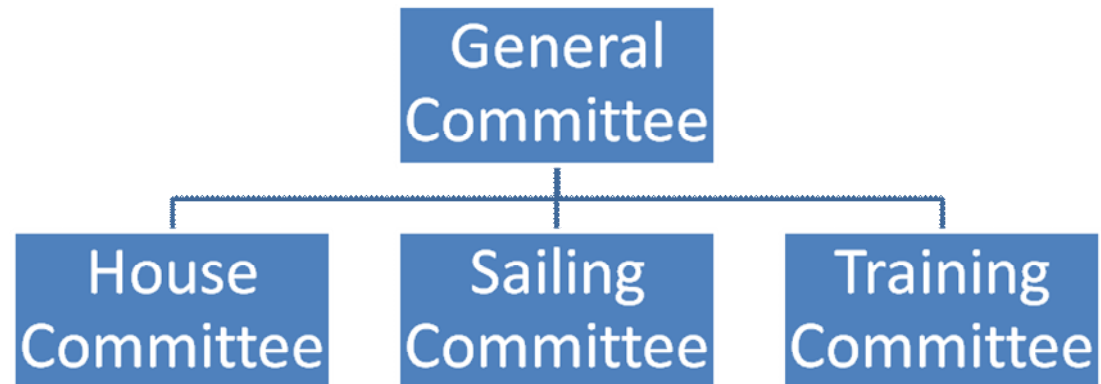
2014 29er World Championship - CORK 22nd GBR  2117 Ed Connellan from Middle Nene SC and Matthew Rhodes

29er UK 2014 National and Open Championships East Lothian SC, Ed and Matt secured 4th place in a field of 67.

Harken 2014 Grand Prix Series Event Hayling Island - Phoebe Connellan achieved 1st Girl Team and 7th overall.

Club Structure

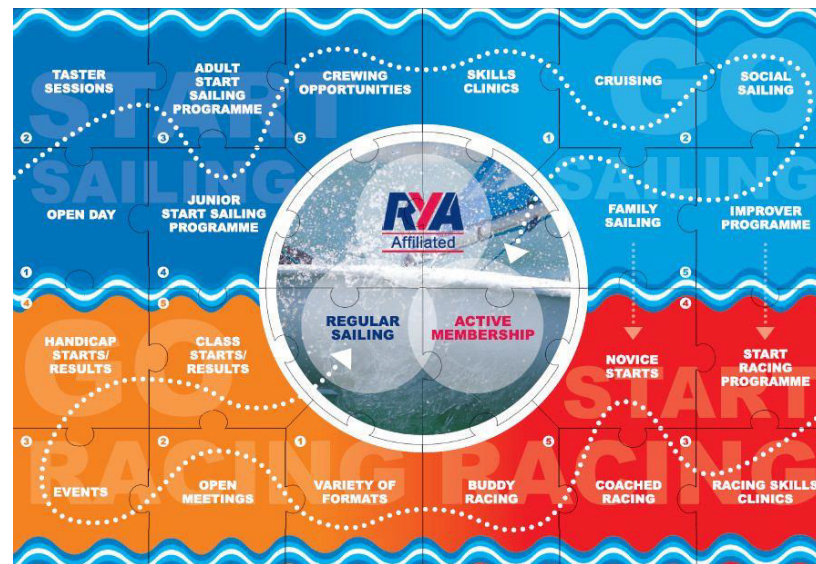
The club structure is established and works well in terms of managing the club and its facilities, and is detailed below:



Development of the Plan

This plan has been developed with the involvement of the whole sailing club. A survey was undertaken to ensure the views of all of the members were taken in to account. 72 responses representing 154 members responded to the survey and told us what they thought. Members emailed their ideas and thoughts, used social media and discussed with General Committee members. An open forum of the sailing club focused on the plan and the member's views to ensure this reflects the views of the members.

The previous development plan was excellent and provided a real basis on which to review our current position and way forward. Much of the discussion and focus reflected best practice identified by The RYA and Sport England. The RYA jigsaw shown below has been the basis and source of much of this work.



The plan started with what we did well and what we think we needed to improve, through a lengthy and robust process, we developed our aspirations and then have prioritised them in to a succinct and focused plan for the next 12 months.

What the membership think?

The strength of our club is the members and their views are inherent to any plan or major decision taken. The survey was insightful and helped us to recognise how wonderful the club is, the people are and its potential. Some of the key findings and thoughts of members are captured below:

- The most important priority for members is adult and junior sailing and enhancing this
- The family sailing sessions are a great idea and I would like to see these continue, they are good for people who maybe aren't confident enough
- I will say that I'm very impressed with the club and what already seems to be in place and being organised. From my early perspective it seems if you just carry on doing what you're doing then that's already very good.
- Beautiful surroundings, facilities and family atmosphere
- I believe we have a good sailing/social balance
- I think supporting/encouraging new members is important

Club Strengths

We are proud of the club, its members and the facilities, the key strengths of the club are:-

- The members
- The beautiful setting
- The friendly approach
- The lake
- Ownership of the facility
- Links to the community and schools
- Skills in race management
- Excellent sailing programme
- Run by volunteers
- Workshop
- Training programme
- Open Events
- Safe
- Proactive
- Good size dinghy park
- Training centre
- Provision of club boats
- Honda Rib Challenge
- Anglian water series
- Membership fees low
- Sea cadets link
- Oundle School racing programme
- Range of boats
- Open forums
- Tuesday night activities
- Website/facebook
- History

The Plan 2015/16

Aspiration	Desired outcome	Lead responsibility	Resources	Tasks	By when	Comments
10 % increase in participation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Racing - Casual Sailing - Use of facilities 	More boats on the water People water confident and safe.	Training Committee	Increase training boats Income Required £5,000 £10,000 (2015 / 2016)	Investigate external funding opportunities	End Feb 2016	Update fleet to increase participation 10%
	Review of boats available for club use. More boats on the water	Sailing Committee	Increase Club Boats Income Required £5,000 £10,000 (2015 / 2016)	Investigate external funding opportunities Audit of available boats System for counting boats on the water	May 2015	
	Social programme development.	House Committee	None		Feb 2015	Completed
	Marketing of the club to club members	Sailing Committee	None	Marketing Programme	March 2015	
Increasing engagement opportunities with local youth	Develop links with local schools.	Sailing Committee			Feb 2015 and ongoing	Wilf has approached schools
	Youth leader role developed.	General Committee	Youth Development Officer Required – Volunteer Required. 2015 - 2016	Advertise Role Dedicated role to increase Youth Sailing at Middle Nene.	March 2015	

	Youth racing sessions. Youth activities developed. Cadet opportunities explored. Youth Role models Youth kit – hoodies	Youth Leader Training Committee	Increase Youth Training Boats. Income Required £10,000 – £20,000 (2015 / 2016)	Update Youth Training fleet to increase participation. Hoodies Ordered Youth members established.	May 2015	
	Play area built	Commodore	Approximately £30,000 explore funding opportunities	Grant applications and skills in house established	May 2016	
To continue to deliver and enhance our training package	Develop own training site specific. RYA courses devliered. Amend safety boat course. Develop training package based on members needs. Develop race coaches. Race management training.	Training Committee Sailing Committee	Increase/ Replace Club Safety Boats Income Required £10,000 (2015 / 2016) Race Development officer required - Volunteer	New certified MNSC courses developed Marketing of courses Free course on induction	May 2015 May 2015 March 2015	Replacement Safety Boat required to keep fleet up to RYA course standard and increase RYA PB2 / Safety Boat Course Numbers. Dedicated role to increase racing at Middle Nene.
To develop and enhance the role of the fleet captains	Develop Job descriptions.	Sailing Committee	As above – Race Development Officer to Support FC		Feb 2015	Completed
Effective marketing of the club to increase participation in sport	.Development of fishing membership links. Develop walks and runs around the lake.	General Committee Sailing Committee	Website Management – Public Relation Secretary. Signage – income	Redo website School and community links established.	June 2015	Increase awareness. Increase visibility and local

	Attracting other sports to the facilities.		Required £1,000 - £2,000 Local support Council – Income Required – £20,000	Open days Marketing plan Social Media New signage to the club	June 2016	awareness. Support and funding from local council to maintain walks and access for the public -
To ensure the sustainability of the lake for sailing and racing	Suitable lake for sailing and facilities maintained to a high standard.	Sailing Committee General Committee	Dredging Program - Income Required – £20,000 £30,000 March 2015 – March 2016 Tools equipment Required – £2,000 – £3,000 Increase Volunteers reduce cost.	Dredging pilot Weed cutting programme Inventory of equipment Numbering of pitches Detailed winter works programme	Winter 2016 March 2015 Nov 2015 Nov 2015 Sept 2015	Dredging required maintaining sailing area and key to all current activities.
To improve the club house, changing rooms and facilities to fulfil potential.	New toilet Disabled access Improve access road Wider range of drinks Catering operations enhanced. Grounds maintenance/management investment	House Committee General Committee	Electronic access - Income Required £5,000 – £10,000 Council contributions required £3,000 per year Improve water access – New Slipway – Hard Standing launch area. Required	Security Cameras installed. New slip way constructed	April 2015 Sept 2015	Increase security. Council contributions required to help maintain road for public access to their Town Walk and Skate Park.

			Income £15,000 – £25,000			
Enhance income making opportunities	Weddings Renting out club house	House Committee	Volunteer required.	Renting package put together selling facilities	Sept 2015	
Explore renewable energy source options	Explore opportunities to develop the club in terms of energy use.	General Committee	Energy Review / Assessment. – quote required.	Research undertaken and presented to General Committee	Oct 2015	Invest to save.