

MEMBERSHIP

All Members up to the age of 18 are entitled to take part in KSSA organised events, or as helpers if adults.

All Members are covered by the KSSA group insurance for third party claims while competing in or helping with the organisation of NSSA/KSSA events.

Group Members receive in addition to the KSSA mailings copies of NSSA Sailing Matters.

If you are interested in membership for either individuals or groups please visit our website www.kssa.co.uk or contact info@kssa.co.uk.



THE KSSA MEMORIAL AWARDS

The Ernie Large Sailing Award is for a person with a project 'to help extend their horizons – push the limits in sailing'.

The Nesham Driver Memorial Award is a recent addition to the KSSA Awards to mark the contribution of John Nesham and Jack Driver to youth sailing and life afloat.

The award is made to young people who are 'striving to achieve something special in sailing and where a little extra help would make all the difference'.

Applications for these awards are encouraged to help promote youth development.



KENT SCHOOLS SAILING ASSOCIATION

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*Promoting Youth Sailing
in Kent*



The Kent Schools Sailing Association was originally set up in 1961 under the national body, the NSSA. Now established for over 40 years, the KSSA aims to get school children up to the age of 18 out onto the water and racing at a variety of events held across the county throughout the year. Former KSSA members have gone on to become national, world and Olympic class sailors.

SAFETY

Safety is paramount at every KSSA event. We own two RIBs that come to every single event, which are always supported by the visited Sailing Club's own safety boats. There is always a designated First Aider, and procedures are in place if an incident was to occur. If the conditions are not safe, we will not go sailing and, of course, there is no pressure to go sailing whatever the conditions – it is the sailor's own choice as to whether they want to venture out on to the water.

THE EVENTS

Opening Splash - a season opener of racing for all abilities held at an inland venue around Easter.

Topper Team Racing – an opportunity to race as part of a team of 3 in Topper dinghies, working together to beat the opposition. Make sure you know your rules!

Sandwich Bay – a great family weekend of sailing and camping at the start of July. Coastal race training for all abilities on the Saturday, followed by the Littlefield Memorial Race in the late afternoon – an allcomers race in memory of one of our founder members. Don't miss Jim's BBQ and the social in the evening, followed by the Coastal Regatta on the Sunday.

The KSSA Regatta – held at a coastal location in September, this is always a great day of racing for all abilities.

Winter Training – three Saturdays of training with top class coaches at inland and coastal venues during October and November. A chance for any sailor of any ability to learn and improve.



COACHING

At every single event there are a number of fully qualified and highly experienced coaches on hand to help you improve. All abilities, from complete novice to budding national champions are catered for, in any boat. We are proud to be associated with many past national and world champions, as well as a few Olympic representatives, many of whom often come back to coach for the KSSA.

THE NEXT LEVEL

Every year the KSSA takes a team of sailors to two national events run by the National Schools Sailing Association:

NSSA Championship – a weekend of racing held at Farnoor Reservoir in Oxford in May

NSSA Regatta – a week long championship held at either a coastal or inland venue in late July

In recent years Kent has been the top county team at both of these events. Anybody is welcome to join the team providing they have sufficient ability/confidence. These events are a great opportunity to experience large fleets and competition at a national level.

