

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

National Championships

Bassenthwaite, 29 - 31 May 2021

Bassenthwaite is justifiably one of our most popular sailing venues, and we shall be returning there over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend (Saturday 29 to Monday 31 May). Because the planned venue for our Nationals, Bala, had to rearrange their programme and merge our event with the Great British Sailing Challenge, Bassenthwaite has now been designated as our Nationals venue.

Online entry

Entries and camping bookings must be made in advance online. This is to comply with Covid track and trace requirements. This facility will be set up on the club website (<https://bassenthwaite-sc.org.uk>) a week or two ahead of the event. An alert will be sent out when it is ready. The entry fee will be £40 per boat including the CCA levy.

The CCA event liaison person will be Stuart Ede (catamaranstu@outlook.com, 01904 738158 or 07575 059339).

Schedule

There will be 6 races with one discard being allowed, provided 4 or more races have been sailed. The provisional schedule will be:

Sat 1430	Race 1
tba	Race 2
Sun 1130	Race 3
tba	Race 4
tba	Race 5
Mon 1130	Race 6

A briefing will be arranged on the first day. We shall be sailing alongside the club fleets, and our start will be the first in the sequence.

Accommodation

Camping is available on the club grounds for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. It will cost £10 per unit per night for caravans and motorhomes and £7 for tents. Payment will be taken in advance online with your event entry fee. You can start arriving from 16.00 onwards on the Friday, and **the gate code to get onto the site is 1278**. You must depart by midnight on the Monday evening (or else your motorhome will turn into a pumpkin*).

For B&Bs, guest houses and hotels ring Keswick Tourism Association on 01768 775738, or go to www.keswick.org, www.keswickplus.co.uk, or www.visitcumbria.com. Early booking is recommended, as the Lakes will be even more popular over the Bank Holiday weekend with the growth of staycations.

* I may have made that last bit up.

Social events

Understandably the club has decided that the current Covid restrictions make it impossible to offer an evening meal or any social events.

And the results of a straw poll show that the vast majority of Catapult sailors have no appetite for an organised fleet meal at a local hostelry, preferring instead to eat in their motorhomes or caravans or to book their own meals out in smaller numbers.

Other Covid restrictions

Entry to the changing rooms will be via a tally system allowing 3 people in the gents and 2 in the ladies at any one time. The club have asked us to be patient!

The kitchen will be out of use, so there will be no food available. The clubhouse main room may be closed, apart possibly for the bar to serve non-alcoholic drinks. That has yet to be finally decided, and the situation is being kept under review in the light of any tightening or more likely relaxing of national rules.

Directions

Bassenthwaite SC is at the northern end of the lake in the village of Dubwath (postcode CA13 9YD) just off the A66 Penrith-Keswick-Cockermouth road. Turn right off the A66 on to the B5291 and immediately right again. The entrance to the club is 100m on the right.

Other attractions

Why not tarry a while and spend some time enjoying the magnificent Lakeland scenery? Visit attractive towns and villages like Ambleside, Keswick and Windermere; stroll along the shores of the many lakes; or head for the hills where the walking is out of this world. On Bassenthwaite itself there is an observation point for ospreys and red squirrels. Our Lakeland event could be the start of a great holiday for you. So get your brochures and maps out and start planning!