

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

Carsington TT, 2 – 3 October 2021

We shall be returning to Carsington Water in the beautiful White Peak district of Derbyshire our next TT event over the weekend of 2-3 October, where we shall be sailing alongside the visiting Sprint 15 fleet who will be holding their Northern Championship.

Entries

YOU MUST ENTER ONLINE IN ADVANCE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF 27 SEPTEMBER at <https://www.carsingtonsailingclub.co.uk/event/sprint-15-tt-> . Entry costs £30. The usual £5 Class Association levy will be collected on the day. Registration opens at 9.30 on the Saturday, and a briefing will be held at 12.00.

Racing

There will be 6 races, 3 on Saturday and 3 on Sunday, and one discard will apply if 4 or more races are sailed. The earliest start on Saturday will be at 12.00 and on Sunday the earliest start will be 10.30. Catapults will have a separate start after the Sprints. The last race will start no later than 13.30 on Sunday afternoon.

The Notice of Race has been posted on the club website under Open Events (www.carsingtonsailingclub.co.uk). It also accompanies this invitation for convenience plus the Club's Visitor Information sheet. The Sailing Instructions will be issued no later than one week before the event, so keep an eye on the club website.

Directions

The Club is situated on the west side of Carsington Water; its postcode is DE6 1SU. The easiest approach is from the B5035 Wirksworth-Ashbourne road taking the turning signed for the Carsington Water Visitor Centre a few metres west of the Knockerdown Inn.

Arrival

The club gates will be open 10.00 to 20.00 on the Friday, so it will be possible to drop off and/or assemble your boat between those hours.

SPECIAL NOTE: All boats should be washed down prior to arrival to prevent contamination with killer shrimp or other non-native species.

Contacts

Our Club contact is George Love who can be contacted at george.love@me.com.

For more administrative matters you can contact the Club Manager, Ceri Knapgate, or the Assistant Club Manager, Sallie Bowd, on 01629 540609 or info@carsingtonsc.co.uk. They are available from Wednesday to Sunday.

Stuart Ede (catamaranstu@outlook.com, 01904 738158 or 07575 059339) will be our Event Liaison person.

Accommodation

Unusually the club is allowing limited camping for up to 15 motorhomes (caravans are not mentioned) at £10 per night. Booking is on a first come first served basis through the Club Office (contact details above). If you want to take advantage of this, you'll need to move fast. Otherwise there are a number of campsites nearby, listed at <https://www.carsingtonsailingclub.co.uk/the-club/accommodation-near-carsington-sailing-club-1> together with B&Bs, hotels and guesthouses.

Alternative sources of accommodation include the Ashbourne tourist information office on 01335 343666, or there are several websites, such as www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk, www.visitpeakdistrict.com or www.peakdistrictonline.co.uk

The social side

The Club will be laying on a meal on the Saturday evening, payable separately. More information about this is available when entering online, when you can also book your meal tickets. A galley service will also be open both days.

Lots to see and do

As always we have selected Carsington not just for its great sailing but also for its location. It is in the White Peak, close to the Peak District National Park, and offers wonderful walking. Beautiful Dove Dale is just a few miles away. Stately homes abound, like Chatsworth, Haddon Hall, Market House, Kedleston Hall and Wingfield Manor. The picturesque towns of Matlock Bath (take the cable car up the Heights of Abraham), Bakewell and Buxton offer lots to do and see, and then there is the Alton Towers theme park as well.

And in these pandemic ravaged times what could be more appropriate than a visit to the famous plague village of Eyam? For those interested in transport there is the Peak Railway and a Tramway Museum to be visited. So Carsington could be the centrepiece of a super holiday or long weekend break.

So let's go and have some fun!