

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

TT at Grafham Water, 22-23 October 2022

As usual the last blast of our season's sailing programme will be held at Grafham Water Sailing Club in Cambridgeshire as part of their annual Cat Open. Water levels are down because of the drought, restricting sailing at the opposite end to the dam, but fortunately Grafham Water is a large reservoir, so there should still be more than enough sailing area in which to appreciate the clean winds. As ever it should give us a great event with which to end the season.

Entries

The sailing club offers an online entry and camping booking system at [Open Meetings Entry | Grafham Water Sailing Club](#). There is also a link to the entry form from the Notice of Race, which is attached to this invitation for convenience. A further link from the NoR takes you to the Club's Covid guidelines, which you are urged to read beforehand.

The entry fee is £49.50 for the weekend, which includes a 2 course meal after racing on the Saturday. NB **Entries after midnight on Wednesday 19 October will incur a £5 surcharge**. Payment is by direct debit, bank transfer or credit card.

You are strongly advised to enter online well in advance, since there is a limit of 100 visitors, and because the event will include the Sprint 15 Inland Championships and the A Class Nationals. Camping is on a first come first served basis.

If there is a forecast of strong winds, the final decision on whether the event will proceed will be taken at 20.00 on Thursday 20 October. If it is cancelled, entrants will receive a full refund.

Please be sure to print or save all the necessary documentation such as the NoR and Sis beforehand, because there will be no documents issued at the Club – and no requirement to register on the day. All notices will be issued online at [Online Noticeboard | Grafham Water Sailing Club](#).

For those who like to travel to the venue the day before, you might like to know that you can sail on the Friday, provided you inform the Club Office before launching.

Clean your cat!

Please note that a condition of entry is that you must have cleaned and dried your boat to ensure you are not inadvertently bringing any more non-native species from other lakes and reservoirs. You will also be required to pressure wash your boat before leaving Grafham to avoid spreading any of the non-native killer shrimps that already infest the reservoir. Full details are provided through a link in the Notice of Race.

Racing

In summary there will be 6 races: 4 on Saturday (first start 12.00) and 2 back-to-back on Sunday (first start 10.30). We shall be sailing on Course Bravo as part of the Medium Handicap fleet alongside the Sprints. The briefing will be held at 10.45 on Saturday in the ground floor café. There will be 2 starts: Sprint 15s and Medium Handicap. 1 discard will apply when 4 or more races have been sailed.

The Sailing Instructions will be mounted on the Grafham website by 20.00 Thursday 20 October.

Accommodation

CCA members with motorhomes and tents can stay on the club grounds on the Friday and Saturday nights - **but not caravans** because of lease restrictions. The cost is £15 per night for motorhomes and £10 for tents. **NB It is on a first come first served basis, and you must pre-book**. You can select which pitch you want.

The Club maintains on their website a list of local accommodation (campsites, B&Bs and hotels), which is also attached to this invitation for convenience. Alternative sources are www.huntingdon-accommodation.org.uk/ or www.cambridgetouristinformation.co.uk.

Directions

The Club is situated in Perry on the south side of the lake (postcode PE28 0BU). At the Buckden roundabout on the A1, turn west on the B661. In Perry turn right following the signs to the club.

Social side

The entry fee includes a two course meal on the Saturday evening after racing. There will be three choices one of which will be vegetarian. You can choose your dishes when booking your entry. Extra tickets for partners can be bought online at the same time.

Breakfasts, lunches and snacks will be available through both days of the event.

Local interest

Those wanting to do a bit of sightseeing can wander among the dreaming spires of Cambridge, or enjoy the delights of nearby Huntingdon, Godmanchester and St Ives. Nearby stately homes and gardens include Woburn Abbey, Bushmead Priory, Wimpole Hall, Anglesey Abbey and Houghton House. For the more active there is Xscape in Milton Keynes, while flying buffs will enjoy the Shuttleworth Collection near Biggleswade. Ely Cathedral and the Fens are also in easy reach. So there is something for all the family.