

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

Rutland TT, 18 - 19 May 2024

Our third TT of the season will be held in conjunction with the Rutland Catamaran Open. It will be a rather more select affair than last year's event, because a date clash means the Dart 15s and 18s will not be there.

The racing

There will be 6 races: 3 back-to-back on the Saturday starting at 13.00 and 3 back-to-back on Sunday starting at 10.30. A discard kicks in when 4 or more races have been sailed. A briefing will be held at 11.30 in the Wet Bar on the Saturday.

Further details are in the Notice of Race sent with this invitation (and available on the club website (www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk)). The Sailing Instructions will be made available by 16 May at www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rsccatamaran-open-3.

Entry

Booking is open, and **entries must be made ONLINE ONLY** (at the above link) **with a closing date of 17.00 on 16 May**. Late entries will incur a £10 surcharge and may be refused if the event is booked to capacity. The entry fee will be £47.50.

Directions

The Club is situated on the south shore of Rutland Water near Edith Weston, postcode LE15 8HJ. From the A1 turn off on the A606 (Oakham signs). After 3 miles turn left following South Shore signs. Take the second exit from the roundabout in Edith Weston, and turn right at the Rutland SC sign. [Dog owners please note that no dogs are allowed on the club grounds.]

Be sure to CHECK, CLEAN and DRY before you come

Please note the requirements to avoid the transference of non-native species to and from Rutland Water. So before arriving be sure to CHECK, CLEAN and DRY your boat and equipment. Be warned: there will be spot checks on visiting boats.

Accommodation

Campers have the benefit of a campsite for tents, caravans and motorhomes just across the road (www.rutlandwatercampsite.co.uk). When booking be sure to ask for the RSC visitor rate. E-mail contact is preferred, but they will accept bookings on 07989 585723.

There are no electrical hook-ups, nor are there any toilet or shower facilities. However, as a visitor to Rutland SC you can use their facilities – contact the Club to arrange access on 01780 720292. You may have to pay a temporary membership fee.

In the surrounding villages and towns there are lots of B&Bs, guesthouses and hotels. A list can be found on the Rutland SC website, or check out www.discover-rutland.co.uk or www.discoversouthkesteven.com/where-to-stay/. Alternatively there are the usual suspects: www.booking.com, www.laterooms.com and www.hotels.com.

Social activities

On Saturday and Sunday the Club's Galley is open all day from 08.30 and provides a good selection of breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

The club will be providing a barbecue on the Friday evening and a two course evening meal – hog roast plus dessert - on the Saturday (£14.50; £9.95 for kids). The meal can be booked when booking your entry. More details (with hopefully some veggie options!) are to follow on the club website.

Other activities

The surrounding area offers lots to do to suit all tastes. Hiking and cycle tracks that follow the shores of the lake are very popular because of the great views. Bikes can be hired locally. The famous Barnsdale Gardens are close by, and Rutland Water is renowned for its wildlife and fishing, too. Local towns and villages are very picturesque, especially Stamford, which was the setting for Middlemarch.

Then there are any number of stately homes including Burleigh, Kirby Hall, Prebendal Manor, Stoke Rochford, Lyveden, New Bield, Deene Park and Rockingham Castle. For nature lovers there are reserves at Bedford Purlieus, Castor Hanglands, Hills & Holes and Cribbs Meadow, plus country parks at Burrough Hill, East Carlton and Burleigh again.

And we mustn't forget the Nene Valley and Rutland railways for steam buffs. So there's something for everyone in the family.

With so much to do there are plenty of reasons to come along to this usually popular venue.