

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

TT event

Stone Sailing Club, near Southminster, Essex

Monday 2 - Wednesday 4 August 2021

The **Catapult** fleet is returning to Stone SC in Essex for our August TT event. The TT is being staged as part of Stone Week, running over the first three days. **Catapult** sailors are welcome to take part in the whole Week, which continues for the Thursday and Friday, if they wish. The event is back with a bang taking advantage of the anticipated ending of most Covid restrictions with a full social programme. Sailing will be on the Blackwater estuary, which provides excellent tidal waters racing.

Racing programme

There will be two races per day. For our TT one discard will apply once four or more races have been sailed. The first start each day will not be before 10.45. Catapults will start with the Fast Fleet. The Notice of Race, which is published on the club website, is attached for convenience.

The Commodore's reception on Sunday evening is billed as an opportunity to meet the Stone SC team and be briefed on the Week, so you are advised to arrive and set up your boat on the Sunday to be sure not to miss the action when sailing starts on the Monday morning. In addition there will be daily briefings at 9.45 each morning.

Paul Ellis (pxmellis@gmail.com, 01245 224636) is the Association's liaison person for the event.

Entries

This year all entries must be made online through the club website (www.stonesc.org.uk). There is a special **Catapult** entry fee of £50 (£60 if you book after 15 July). Paul will collect the Association levy of £5 at the event. The fee includes the Commodore's Wine & Cheese Reception on the Sunday evening and the barbecue on the Wednesday evening (see *The social side* below).

If you would like to sail there all week the fee is £100 (£120 after 15 July).

Whichever option you choose, **be sure to enter by the deadline of 15 July to take advantage of the early bird discount.**

How to get there

The Club address is Tinnocks Lane, St. Lawrence Bay, near Southminster, Essex CM0 7NF. A map and directions can be found on the club website.

Accommodation

There is limited camping on club grounds. Campervans will need to book in advance.

The club website contains a lot of information on campsites, B&Bs and hotels (look under About SSC>Information for Visitors). The accommodation list is also attached for convenience. There is a campsite within walking distance of the club, but Paul advises that it looks a bit down-at-heel. Although it will mean

commuting to the club, you may want to book an alternative of which there are a number on the picturesque Dengie Peninsula.

The social side

The entry fee includes the Commodore's Wine and Cheese Reception on the Sunday evening and the barbecue on the Wednesday. There is also free entertainment on most nights (though you need to buy cards for the Music Bingo on the Monday evening).

Evening meals on Monday and Tuesday are not included in the fee. However, the galley will be providing meals and snacks from breakfast through to dinner. You will need to book for dinner. As a guide a typical two course evening meal will cost about £12-15 a head.

The bars will be open from noon until late. There are two bars: a 'wet bar' downstairs (for that quick pint after racing) and the main bar on the lounge deck.

If you are staying for the whole week, there will be another social on the Thursday evening and the Prize Giving Dinner on Friday evening to round off Stone Week – all included in the entry fee.

Local attractions

There is plenty to do for all the family. All the seaside pleasures of Southend-on-Sea are just a short drive away. Nature lovers can visit the National Trust sites at Rayleigh Mount (featuring a windmill and the site of a motte and bailey castle), Northey Island bird sanctuary and the ancient woodlands at Danbury Commons and Blakes Wood.

Garden lovers can enjoy the Royal Horticultural Society garden at nearby Hyde Hall, or heading towards Colchester there are the Beth Chotto Gardens or the Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum. Meanwhile history buffs can indulge themselves at Hadleigh Castle. So there is quite a bit to do in this hidden corner of Essex.