

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

Northern Championships

Yorkshire Dales SC, 14-15 August 2021

Yorkshire Dales SC has proved a popular addition to the **Catapult** circuit in recent years. YDSC has a comfortable modern clubhouse set in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park between Pateley Bridge and Grassington. We are sharing the event with the Contender fleet.

Booking, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Advance booking online is required. In the YDSC website (<https://yorkshiredales.sc>) pull down the Sailing menu and click on Open Meetings. Against the Contender/Catapult Northerns click on Info & Booking. That will take you to the Notice of Race. The NoR contains a link to the Sailing Instructions (also appended to this invitation) and two buttons, one for entering and a separate one for payment. [YDSC is a charity funded by the National Lottery so cannot charge for entry and can only suggest a donation of £30, hence the separate buttons.

Stuart Ede (catamaranstu@outlook.com, 01904 738158 or 07575 059339) will be the Association's liaison person for the event. He will collect the £5 CCA levy.

Racing programme

On the Saturday we shall have 4 races starting at 13.00. The expected pattern is two races back to back, a 15 min break and then two more races back-to-back. Then on Sunday we shall have one early race at 10.00 with the Contenders followed by two races with the club fleets (with separate starts) at 11.00. There will be one discard once 4 races have been sailed and two if we are able to fit the full complement of seven races in.

Because the Sailing Instructions apply to Contenders and Catapults, I have agreed with the Sailing Secretary that this invitation can serve as the official notification of an amendment to the SIs for Catapults alone, namely that:

all infringements can be exonerated by one 360 degree penalty turn comprising one tack and one gybe.

How to get there

The Club (postcode BD23 5ED) sits on Grimwith Reservoir just off the B6265 between Pateley Bridge and Grassington. From the A1(M) take the A59 turn-off at Junction 47 and follow Harrogate signs. At the second roundabout turn right (still on the A59) for Knaresborough. At the pair of mini-roundabouts at the bottom of Knaresborough High Street go left and quick right to pick up the B6165 for Ripley. Just before Ripley the road briefly joins the A61 Ripon Road (turn right at the roundabout) and then splits off left at the next one in 300 metres. Follow the B6165 through Burnt Yates and Summerbridge along Nidderdale. Just before Pateley Bridge it joins the B6265 (you may not notice it, as you have right of way). Go through Pateley Bridge, up Greenhow Hill, past Stump Cross caverns and then start looking out for a Yorkshire Water Grimwith Reservoir sign. Turn right along the approach road which will lead you to the Club. NB Greenhow Hill is quite steep; if you have concerns about your ability to climb it, there is an alternative route: in Knaresborough stay on the A59, go through Harrogate and turn right at Blubberhouses for Greenhow village.

Accommodation

There will be free camping on YDSC grounds over the Friday and Saturday nights when the clubhouse will be open.

The main gate to the club will be open from lunchtime on Friday. If for any reason it is not, go up to the Yorkshire Water car park above the club and knock on the door of the Reservoir Manager's cottage and ask for Maxine who holds the key.

If you want to stay longer to enjoy the delights of the Yorkshire Dales, there are a number of campsites nearby. From previous events the two most popular ones have proved to be at Pateley Bridge and Appletreewick. The latter, found by Syd Gage, is at Howarth Farm Caravan Park (<http://howarthfarm.co.uk/>) 3.5 miles from the club. It is a quiet, basic site (no electricity hook-ups, but good toilet and shower facilities). It costs £15 per caravan per night. Ring 01756 720226 to book. To get there, coming from the Pateley Bridge direction, take the first turn left off the B6265 after Greenhow village for Appletreewick (key BD23 6DE into your satnav). Soon after Black Hill Road becomes Skyreholme Bank, you're there.

Since the Dales is a major tourist area, B&Bs abound. Key "Yorkshire Dales accommodation" into a search engine and a variety of sites pop up. The Parks Authority site is at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk. If you want to be in a town, then Pateley Bridge, Grassington and Skipton are nearby, with Addingham and Ilkley a little further. If you are prepared to drive for 30 minutes or so, then the Victorian spa town of Harrogate and the cathedral city of Ripon offer even more options.

The social side

The club galley will be offering snacks and lunches both days. You will need to order your meals before taking to the water.

The galley will also be offering a two course hot meal in the clubhouse on Saturday evening. The Entry Form has a button to click to register your interest in partaking. At the time of writing the price and menu are not available. I expect more details to follow.

Local attractions

You are in the midst of the world famous Yorkshire Dales with some of the best walking country in the British Isles. There is so much to do for all the family. Fabulous Wharfedale starts just below the club, and Bolton Abbey is a particularly picturesque spot on the river with lovely walks through the woods to the Strid, where the river rushes through a narrow cleft in the rocks.

Railway buffs might like to know that a steam railway runs from Bolton Abbey to Embsay. Alternatively it is a relatively short hop from there to Airedale where you can take the Keighley and Worth Valley steam railway (the real star of the Railway Children) to Haworth in the heart of Bronte Country.

Garden and stately home lovers will be spoilt for choice. Nearby there's Parceval Hall, while heading towards Knaresborough you'll come to Ripley Castle where Jane Eyre was filmed. Knaresborough itself graces many a chocolate box lid. Take in the magnificent view from the Castle over the Nidd Gorge and walk along the riverside. The magnificent World Heritage site of Fountains Abbey is to be found near the attractive cathedral city of Ripon. For keen gardeners the jewel in the crown is the Royal Horticultural Society's Harlow Carr Gardens in Harrogate – and there's a Betty's Tea Room there as well! Or stroll around the beautiful spa town of Harrogate with the famous 200 acre Stray running right through its heart, where you'll find the original Betty's Tea Room.

For something a bit out of the ordinary try:

- going underground at Stump Cross Caverns (just up the road from the club)
- clambering over the fantastically shaped Brimham Rocks
- climbing out of Malham Cove and walking on the Limestone Pavement to Malham Tarn
- rock hopping through Howstein Gorge

There's so much to see and do that you could stay forever!

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Sailing Instructions

1. Governance

1.1 The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024 and these sailing instructions.

1.2 In order to constitute a race, a minimum of 2 boats are required to be intending to race at the start signal.

1.3 Competitors are required to sign on for the event at the Registration desk. There is no requirement to sign off after each race although retiring boats must advise the Race Officer at the earliest opportunity.

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Clubhouse (Outside first West Window).

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes before the start of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. Class Flags

4.1 Class Flags will be as described by the race committee, the prescriptions of the RYA and class associations, or as described at the briefing.

5. Signals

5.1 Shore Based Starts – Signals will be displayed on a Flag Staff on the shore. Note: In the event of a postponement or abandonment the appropriate flags may also be displayed on a flagpole in front of the clubhouse.

5.2 Water Based Starts – Signals will be displayed on the Flag Staff on the Committee Boat.
Displaying a Yellow/Orange flag.

Note: In the event of a postponement or abandonment the appropriate flags may also be displayed on a flagpole in front of the clubhouse. The start sequence will commence no earlier than 15 minutes from the cancellation of the postponement indicated from these shore based signals.

6. Course Instructions

6.1 The course board / map displayed outside the clubhouse shows the location of the racing area. The marks of the course are orange/yellow/white buoys numbered and lettered as indicated on the course board. Courses may also be laid using large inflatable buoys.

7. Courses

7.1 Courses will be indicated by boards coloured either red or green, bearing letters or numbers. Red boards indicate a PORT rounding, and green a STARBOARD rounding. The boards will be located either at the Clubhouse and/or on the Committee Boat. If there is a course change, the course displayed on the committee boat takes precedence. Courses laid using large inflatable buoys will be displayed diagrammatically on a course board at the clubhouse.

7.2 Laps – The maximum number of laps will be shown on a black board with white digits.

7.3 Change of Course – Should the Race Officer decide to change the course or the Start Location before the STARTING SIGNAL, then flag AP will be hoisted and will remain until one minute before the WARNING signal for that race.

8. Starting races

8.1 Races will be started using RRS26.

8.2 The race officer may implement Rule 30.3 starts (BLACK FLAG) as needed. Rule 30.3 is amended so that in the event of a start being recalled the Race Committee is not required to display sail numbers of all boats disqualified before the next warning signal for that race, but if numbers are not so displayed, then disqualified boats will be allowed to discard the disqualification in calculating their series score.

8.3 Starting will be either shore based or water based

8.4 Shore Based start lines will be between the Mast on the shore and the outer limit of the start line which will be indicated by Buoy as specified on the course board. An inner limit mark may also be set.

8.5 The Water Based start line will be between the flag mast of the Committee boat displaying an Orange/Yellow flag, and EITHER a nearby mark of the course OR a temporary mark (Yellow Pillar Type).

9. Personal Buoyancy

9.1 ISAF Rule 40 [personal buoyancy] applies at all times while afloat.

10. Recalls

10.1 Recalls will be in accordance with ISAF Rule 29.

11. Finishing Races

11.1 The Finishing line will be indicated on the course board and will be EITHER

- Between the Flag Mast of the Committee Boat displaying an orange/yellow flag and a nearby mark of the course, OR
- Between the Flag Mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and a nearby finishing mark, (which may not be a mark of the course except when finishing) OR
- Between the Flag pole on the shore and a mark of the course or temporary mark

11.2 Shorten Course – Races may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer as per Rule 32

11.3 After a shorten course signal, all the boats in that fleet will finish as they next cross the finish line.

11.4 Direction of finishing will be from the previous course mark. (As per RRS definition of finishing)

11.5 Boats having finished MUST NOT interfere with boats still racing.

12. Time Limits

12.1 At the discretion of the race committee, any boat failing to cross the finish line within 30 minutes of the leading boat in that fleet may be deemed to have retired.

12.2 At the discretion of the race officer any boat, trailing well behind the main body of the fleet may be given a finishing position on the water. This information will be transmitted to them by a safety boat displaying a W flag.

13. Dispute procedures

13.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Procedure of the RYA Disputes and Procedures will be available. See Official Notice board for details.

13.2 Catapults will Exonerate themselves via a 360° one complete turn.
Contenders will Exonerate themselves via a 720° two complete turns

13.3 Protests must be lodged at the Race Office no later than 30 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day and a £5 deposit is required (returnable if protest is judged not to be frivolous).

14. Declarations

14.1 Boats crossing the finishing line will be assumed to have sailed the race in accordance with the Racing Rules and will NOT be required to sign a declaration.

14.2 Boats retiring or resigning MUST advise the Race Officer to that effect asap.

15. Scoring

15.1 The low points scoring system of 'APPENDIX A' will apply

16. Discards

16.1 The following discard system will be used for one or two day events:

- 7 races sailed, 5 to count
- 6 races sailed, 5 to count
- 5 races sailed, 4 to count
- 4 races sailed, 3 to count
- 3 races sailed, 3 to count
- 2 races sailed, 2 to count
- 1 race sailed, 1 to count

17. Handicapping for Catapults Only

17.1 Results will be calculated using average lap times and the RYA PY system and numbers

18. Identification

18.1 All boats must sail under their class insignia and number. Permission to do otherwise must be sought from, and granted by, the Race Officer on behalf of the Committee PRIOR to racing or disqualification may result.