

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

Northern Championships

Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club, Bridlington

27-29 August 2022

The *Catapult* fleet is returning to ever-popular Bridlington over the August Bank Holiday weekend for our Northern Championships. Brid, as the locals call it, is situated at the northern end of a beautiful sweep of golden sand that stretches for miles from Flamborough Head all the way south to the mouth of the Humber. The sailing waters are protected by the Smethwick Bank, giving relatively flat water on which to sail.

Racing programme

We shall be sailing as part of the RYYC's Dinghy Regatta (we shall have a separate start). Registration will be open from 9.30, and the briefing will be at 12.00 on the Saturday. There will be 6 races: two back-to-back at 14.00 on Saturday, three on Sunday (11.00 plus two back-to-back at 14.30) and one on Monday morning at 11.00. One discard will apply when four or more races have been sailed.

The entry fee will be £30. Syd Gage (sydney.gage@gmail.com, 01964 204131 or 07949 851794) is the Association's liaison person for the event, and Joe Franks (07930 860932, joe5329@hotmail.co.uk) is the RYYC's organiser.

Accommodation

Bridlington is an Edwardian resort town, so there is B&B and hotel accommodation galore. A web search for Bridlington accommodation throws up a number of sites like www.bridlington.net or www.bridlington.co.uk.

The RYYC has its own camping field for tents, caravans and campervans just behind the clubhouse. The cost of camping during the event will be covered by the entry fee. Extra nights before or after the event will cost £8 per pitch per night.

Syd has provisionally pre-booked 6 pitches, all with electricity hook-ups, from the Wednesday night to the Tuesday. As far in advance as possible **please be sure to let Syd know if you are camping** and whether you would like to extend your stay before or after the event, so he can amend the booking accordingly.

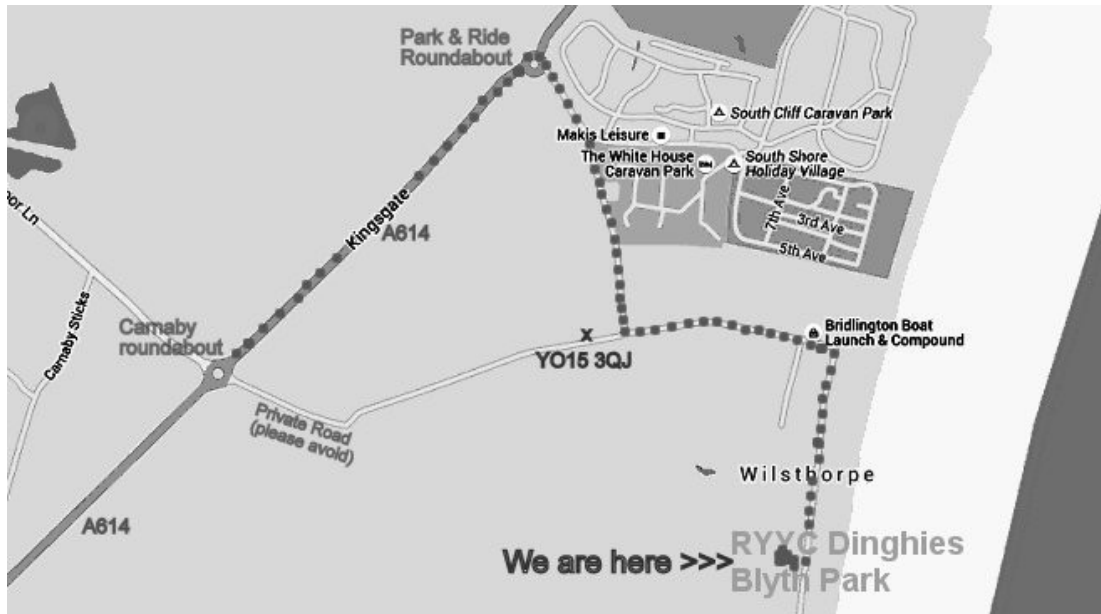
The social side

The galley will be open for breakfasts and lunches on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The Club has asked that you pre-book your lunches at registration.

The Club are offering a fish & chip supper on the Saturday evening. It is included in the entry fee for competitors. Partners will be charged £8. The Club needs to know numbers in advance, so **please tell Syd by Wednesday 17 August how many takers there will be in your party**, and any special requirements like extras, sausages or veggie options. There will be a licensed bar, which may well be in operation on other evenings, too.

Syd has already launched a consultation over what members would like to do on the Sunday evening with regard to catering. **Please be sure to respond to Syd by Saturday 30 July.**

How to get there



[Thanks to Syd for the map and co-ordinates]

The club is situated a mile or so south of Bridlington town. The nearest postcode for your SatNav is YO15 3QJ (position shown on the map below). Entering coordinates N 54°03.454, W 0°12.818 is more accurate. Approaching on the A614 from Driffield or York, turn right at the first roundabout in Carnaby, which then takes you to the second Carnaby roundabout (shown on the map) where you turn left onto the A165 Hull to Bridlington road. At the next roundabout (signposted to Park & Ride) turn right, then right again at the next mini roundabout, then left at the T junction. As you approach the sea the road takes you right towards the dinghy park. The entrance to the camping field is on the right directly opposite the slipway entrance. The dotted line on map shows the route.

Local attractions

There is plenty to do for all the family. Bridlington offers all the traditional attractions of a seaside resort. Behind the town lie the relatively undiscovered Yorkshire Wolds, beautiful chalk downs that are gaining increasing fame through the landscapes of East Riding born David Hockney who has forsaken LA for Brid. The Wolds meet the sea at spectacular Flamborough Head. Just round from the Head is the famous bird sanctuary at Bempton Cliffs, where there are colonies of puffins, gannets, razorbills and guillemots. Nature lovers can also enjoy Hornsea Mere and Spurn Point further down the coast.

The stately homes of Sledmere and Burton Agnes are well worth a visit, as is Castle Howard ('Brideshead') just a bit further afield. Alternatively you can walk the ancient streets of Beverley or York, or visit Hull Old Town which houses the Museums Quarter, where you can see the merchants' houses alongside the River Hull, including that of William Wilberforce. Just a step or two away is the Deep, the largest oceanarium in the world.

Heading north up the coast you come to the classic seaside resort of Scarborough watched over by its historic castle. Beyond that is Whitby, the former whaling port and home port to Captain Cook that is dominated by the atmospheric St Hilda's Abbey and St Mary's church, supposedly the burial place of Count Dracula, a mecca for the Goth community.

Behind Whitby and Scarborough stretches the glorious walking country of the North York Moors National Park. If you are of a lazier disposition, you can view it from the comfort of the North York Moors Steam Railway or the picturesque Esk Valley line. And where the Moors come down to the sea there are more quaint fishing ports like Robin Hood's Bay, Runswick Bay and Staithes (known for its artists colony).

If you would like any more recommendations for what to see and do, Syd will be pleased to help. So get your bags packed and your accommodation booked and head for Yorkshire's promised land!