

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

Northern Championships

Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club, Bridlington

10-11 August 2024

In a rearranged programme the ***Catapult*** fleet is now returning to ever-popular Bridlington for our Northern Championships over the weekend of 10-11 August (instead of the usual bank holiday weekend). 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 10.00, and the briefing will be at 12.30 on the Saturday. The first of three races on the Saturday will be at 13.30. three more will be held on the Sunday with the first start at 11.00. One discard will apply when four or more races have been sailed.

The entry fee will be £30 to be paid at registration on Saturday. 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 motorhomes just behind the clubhouse. Syd and Mo have pre-booked 6 pitches for the Wednesday to Mondays nights inclusive when they are on site (there has to be a club member present). All camping fees should be paid for at Registration. Current prices are not known, but last year it cost £8 per pitch per night and £12 per pitch per night for non-sailing visitors with their own units. Electricity hook-ups are on a first come, first served basis. Prepayment cards can be bought on site.

If you haven't already done so, please let Syd know your camping requirements as soon as possible.

The social side

The Dinghy Section Regatta is being held alongside the RYYC's Cruiser Regatta, so there is a lot more going on than usual.

The club will arrange for a Fish & Chip van to come to the campsite on Friday evening. On Saturday there will be a barbecue, plus a gin tasting in the main clubhouse in town. Breakfasts will be provided on the Sunday morning. Prices have not been set yet, but as a guide the fish & chip supper cost £10 per head last year.

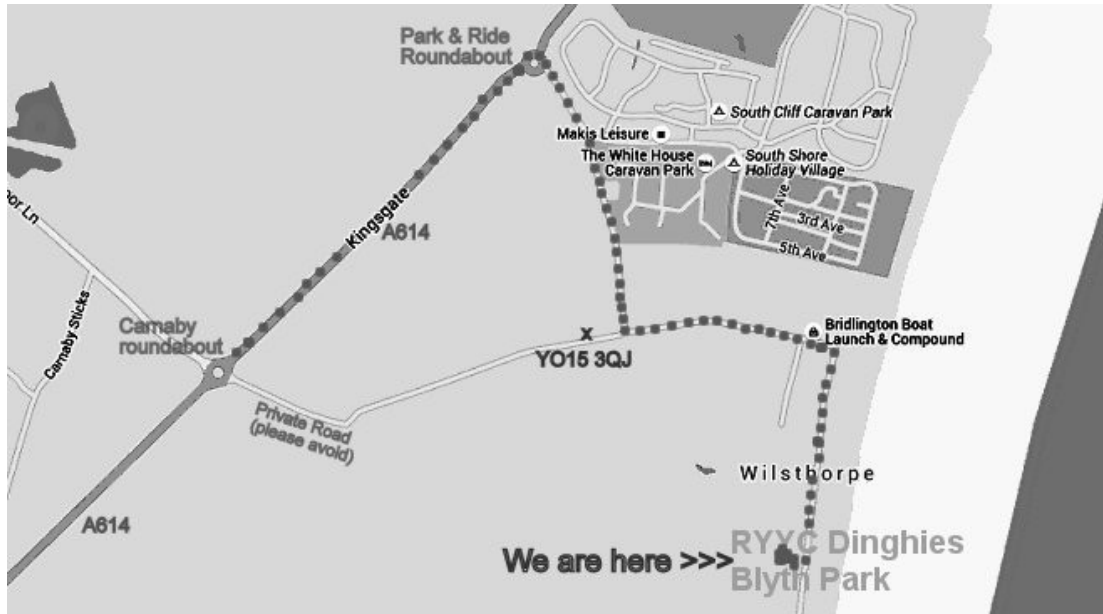
For those staying over Sunday evening there is also the opportunity to go on a Champagne Cruise on the Bridlington Belle at £15 per head.

The club have asked for numbers for:

- the fish & chip supper (Friday)
- the barbecue (Saturday)
- Sunday breakfast
- the Champagne Cruise

Please let Stuart Ede know (catamaranstu@outlook.com, 07575 059339) how many in your party will want to partake in each activity **by Sunday 4 August**.

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!