

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

Northern Championships

Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club, Bridlington

29-30 August 2026

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). But in a departure from past years our event will be a two days rather than three. Registration will be open from 10.00, and the briefing will be at 12.00 on the Saturday. There will be 6 races: three back-to-back at 13.00 on Saturday and three on Sunday, one at 11.00 then two back-to-back after a lunch break. One discard will apply when four or more races have been sailed.

The entry fee will be £25 payable at registration on the day.

Joe Franks (07930 860932, joe5329@hotmail.co.uk) is the RYYC's organiser, and he will be preparing the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Accommodation

Camping at £10 per night is available on the club's field for tents, caravans and motorhomes and can be paid for at registration. You cannot pre-book electric hook-ups, so availability is on a first come, first served basis. A member of the club has to be present, and so camping will be available from Thursday to Tuesday when Syd and Mo Gage will be on site. Syd has very kindly offered to advise on things like where to park, toilet codes etc, and he can be contacted on 07949 851794, 01964 781427 or sydney.gage@gmail.com.

Bridlington is an Edwardian resort town, so if you are seeking B&B or hotel accommodation there is plenty of choice. A web search for Bridlington accommodation throws up a number of sites like www.bridlington.co.uk, www.bridlington.net, or you can use the usual suspects like Trivago, Booking.com or Hotels.com.

Catering

The old clubhouse has been demolished in preparation for a new one to be built, so there will be no catering facilities. However, there will be a marquee where there will be a licensed bar serving drinks on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Club is planning on organising a fish and chip run on the Saturday evening. Because the fleet meal at the Lobster Pot Inn was disastrous last year, and because a similar run organised by Mo Gage last year proved popular with members, the plan is to join in with the club's fish and chip run.

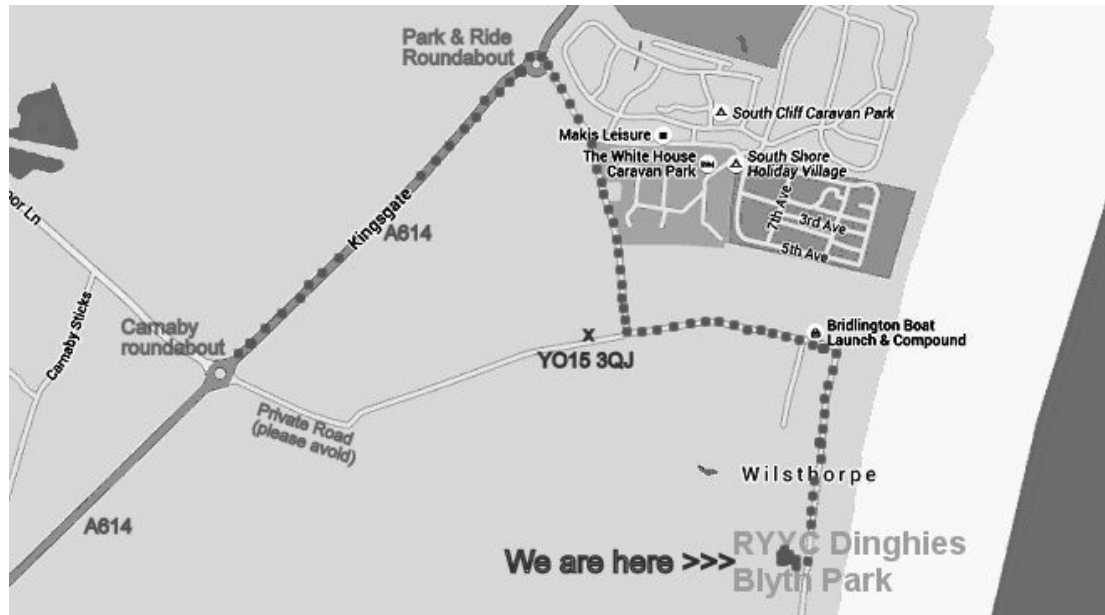
Members staying other nights might like to know that the club can recommend a couple of restaurants in Brid: Salt on the Harbour (mainly a fish restaurant but it

does other dishes as well) and Leo's (Italian). If you fancy a 15 minute drive into the Wolds there is also St Quintin's in Harpham.

Annual General Meeting

Don't forget that our AGM will be held in the Club at 17.30 on Saturday 29 August. Papers will be sent out beforehand.

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 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 (whose octagonal walled garden has been nominated for Historic Houses Garden of the Year 2026) 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, Stuart or Syd will be pleased to help. So get your bags packed and your accommodation booked and head for Yorkshire's promised land!