

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

Carsington TT, 18-19 April 2026

Our 2026 sailing season starts here! After a long absence we shall be returning to Carsington Water in the beautiful White Peak district of Derbyshire for our first TT event of the season. We shall be sailing alongside the Dart 18 and Dart 15 fleets.

Entries

Online entry costs £50 for the weekend. The booking system is open at:

<https://www.carsingtonsailingclub.co.uk/event/dart-15-tt-dart-18-open-and-catapult-open/>

where you will find the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, though for convenience copies accompany this invitation.

Besides paying for entry, bookings for a motorhome pitch and for the Saturday evening meal can be made there. Late entries at the club office are allowed up to 10.00am on the Saturday, but incur a £10 surcharge.

Racing

There will be 6 races, 3 on Saturday at 1.00 and 3 on Sunday starting at 10.30. One discard will apply if 4 or more races are sailed. There will be a briefing on the Saturday at 11.45 in the clubhouse or on the Terrace. Catapults will have a separate start in the sequence after the Dart 18s and before the Dart 15s.

Directions

The Club is situated on the west side of Carsington Water; its postcode is DE6 1SU, and its What3Words location is ///crunched/pools/plank. The easiest approach is from the B5035 Wirksworth-Ashbourne road taking the turning signed for the Carsington Water Visitor Centre a few metres west of the Knockerdown Inn.

Arrival

The club gates will be open 9.00 to 18.00 on the Friday (and the weekend), so it will be possible to drop off and/or assemble your boat between those hours.

SPECIAL NOTE: All boats should be washed down prior to arrival to prevent contamination with killer shrimp or other non-native species.

Contacts

The club office is open from Wednesday to Sunday. You can contact them on 01629 540609 or at office@cscmail.co.uk.

Stuart Ede (catamaranstu@outlook.com, 01904 738158 or 07575 059339) will be our Event Liaison person.

Accommodation

Members with campervans/motorhomes (sorry, not caravans) can camp on club grounds on the Friday and Saturday nights for £20 per night. However, there are only 15 pitches available so get in quickly. No hookups are available. Be sure to arrive before 18.00 when the club normally closes. It is safest to assume that the clubhouse will be closed from 18.00 both nights.

Alternatively there are a number of campsites nearby, listed at <https://www.carsingtonsailingclub.co.uk/the-club/accommodation-near-carsington-sailing-club-1> together with B&Bs, hotels and guesthouses.

Alternative sources of accommodation include the Ashbourne tourist information office on 01335 343666, or there are several websites, such as www.visitpeakdistrict.com or www.peakdistrictonline.co.uk.

The social side

A galley service will be provided both days. The Saturday evening meal costs £15 per head, and it can be booked online. The menu is:

Pie, chips and peas OR Chilli and rice

Cheesecake and cream OR Apple pie and custard

A vegetarian option (unspecified) will be available.

Lots to see and do

As always we have selected Carsington not just for its great sailing but also for its location. It is in the White Peak, close to the Peak District National Park, and offers wonderful walking. Beautiful Dove Dale is just a few miles away. Stately homes abound, like Chatsworth, Haddon Hall, Market House, Kedleston Hall and Wingfield Manor. The picturesque towns of Matlock Bath (take the cable car up the Heights of Abraham), Bakewell and Buxton offer lots to do and see, and then there is the Alton Towers theme park as well.

For those interested in transport there is the Peak Railway and a Tramway Museum to be visited. So Carsington could be the centrepiece of a super holiday or long weekend break.

So let's go and have some fun!