

# **Catapult** CLASS ASSOCIATION

## **Rutland TT, 2 - 3 July 2022**

For our return to the popular venue of Rutland Water for the first time since the pandemic we shall be racing as part of the Club's Catamaran Series on the Saturday and with the dinghy fleets on the Sunday.

### **The racing**

There will be 6 races: 2 back-to-back windward-leeward races at 12.00 on Saturday plus a long distance race in the afternoon. Three further round-the-cans races will be held between 11.00 and 13.30 on Sunday. One discard will apply once 4 or more races have been sailed. A briefing for visiting helms will be held at 10.30 in the clubhouse wet bar on the Saturday.

### **Cost**

The entry fee will be £42.75 (plus the Association's £5 event levy to be collected by our event liaison person, John Terry – 07957 806608, [johnterry@supanet.com](mailto:johnterry@supanet.com)). There is no advance booking; competitors should register and pay at the Club Office on arrival.

### **Directions**

The Club is situated on the south shore of Rutland Water near Edith Weston. From the A1 turn off on the A606 (Oakham signs). After 3 miles turn left following South Shore signs. Take the second exit from the roundabout in Edith Weston, and turn right at the Rutland SC sign. [Dog owners please note that no dogs are allowed on the club grounds.]

### **Be sure to CHECK, CLEAN and DRY before you come**

Please note the requirements to avoid the transference of non-native species to and from Rutland Water. So before arriving be sure to CHECK, CLEAN and DRY your boat and equipment. Be warned: there will be spot checks on visiting boats.

### **Accommodation**

Campers have the benefit of a campsite for tents, caravans and motorhomes just across the road ([www.rutlandwatercampsite.co.uk](http://www.rutlandwatercampsite.co.uk)). When booking be sure to ask for the RSC visitor rate. E-mail contact is preferred, but they will accept bookings on 07989 585723.

There are no electrical hook-ups, nor are there any toilet or shower facilities. However, as a visitor to Rutland SC you can use their facilities – contact the Club to arrange access on 01780 720292. You may have to pay a temporary membership fee.

Rutland Sailing Club has 48 beds in 10 simply furnished bunk rooms, some with ensuite facilities (rates: £30.00 pppn for an en-suite room and £15.00 pppn for a bunk). Clubhouse accommodation can be booked through the Club Office on 01780 720292. Please note that the Office is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

In the surrounding villages and towns there are lots of B&Bs, guesthouses and hotels. A list can be found on the Rutland SC website, or check out [www.discover-rutland.co.uk](http://www.discover-rutland.co.uk) or [www.discoversouthkesteven.com/where-to-stay/](http://www.discoversouthkesteven.com/where-to-stay/). Alternatively there are the usual suspects: [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com), [www.laterooms.com](http://www.laterooms.com) and [www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com).

### **Social activities**

On Saturday and Sunday the Club's Galley is open all day from 08.30 and provides a good selection of breakfasts, lunches and snacks.

Since the expected turnout is lower this year (being in holiday season), any evening meal arrangements will be left to the participants to organise amongst themselves.

### **Other activities**

The surrounding area offers lots to do to suit all tastes. Hiking and cycle tracks that follow the shores of the lake are very popular because of the great views. Bikes can be hired locally. The famous Barnsdale Gardens are close by, and Rutland Water is renowned for its wildlife and fishing, too. Local towns and villages are very picturesque, especially Stamford, which was the setting for Middlemarch.

Then there are any number of stately homes including Burleigh, Kirby Hall, Prebendal Manor, Stoke Rochford, Lyveden, New Bield, Deene Park and Rockingham Castle. For nature lovers there are reserves at Bedford Purlieus, Castor Hanglands, Hills & Holes and Cribbs Meadow, plus country parks at Burrough Hill, East Carlton and Burleigh again.

And we mustn't forget the Nene Valley and Rutland railways for steam buffs. So there's something for everyone in the family.

With so much to do there are plenty of reasons to come along to this usually popular venue.