

Catapult CLASS ASSOCIATION

Rutland TT, 20 - 21 May 2023

This year we shall be racing as part of the revamped Rutland Catamaran Open. We shall be racing alongside a plethora of cat fleets, rather like the Grafham Cat Open. There will be a fleet of Dart 15s, so we can be confident there will be provision for catamarans that don't like windward-leeward courses.

The racing

There will be 6 races: 3 back-to-back on the Saturday starting at 13.00 and 3 back-to-back on Sunday starting at 10.30. A discard kicks in when 4 or more races have been sailed. A briefing will be held at 11.30 in the Wet Bar on the Saturday.

Further details are in the Notice of Race sent with this invitation (and available on the club website (www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk). The Sailing Instructions will be made available by 15 May at www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rsccatamaran-open.

Entry

Entries must be made ONLINE ONLY with a closing date of 17.00 on 18 May.

Late entries will incur a £10 surcharge and may be refused if the event is booked to capacity. The entry fee will be £43.

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). 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 or www.discoversouthkesteven.com/where-to-stay/. Alternatively there are the usual suspects: www.booking.com, www.laterooms.com and 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.

The club will be providing an evening meal for competitors on the Saturday. A straw poll of sailors and spouses at our recent TT at Yorkshire Dales showed a consensus for taking

advantage of the club's offering rather than booking a meal at a local hostelry. The Club's galley has a good reputation, and the meal is very reasonably priced at £12.50 per head, so be sure to book the meal when booking your entry (closing date 17 May). You'll see that the menu choices are really good:

Menu for Saturday evening meal in the clubhouse (£12.50 per head)

Pesto and Lime Grilled Chicken Thigh
Smoked Paprika and Garlic Chicken Thigh
Smokey BBQ Pulled Pork
Lincolnshire Pork Sausage
Mixed veg, lentil and flax seed Veggie Burgers
Mixed Vegetable Sausage
Grilled Halloumi

Mixed leaf green salad with rocket and watercress
Wholegrain Mustard and Chive Potato Salad
Red onion, purple cabbage and Horseradish Coleslaw

Desserts

Vanilla Cheesecake with fresh fruit
Dark Chocolate Profiteroles
Strawberries & Cream

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.