

Vortex and Catapult National Championships 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The **Vortex and Catapult National Championships** will be held at Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club on **24-25 August 2024**. The organising authority is the Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club.

The location of Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club is:

- Address: Grimwith Reservoir, Hebden BD23 5ED
- Grid Reference: SE 06432 64203
- Lat/Long: 54.072897, -1.905250
- X: Y: X= 406432 Y= 464203
- WHAT3WORDS STRENGTH / QUILT / FRIDAY

1. Rules

1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the YDSC byelaws which are available on the club website under Club > Club Information > Constitution and Byelaws.

1.2 Competitors shall behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The event is open to Vortexes and Catapults.

2.2 Note that competitors under 18 will require parental consent as part of their entry.

2.3 All competitors must register their attendance at the registration desk near the entrance to the club house upon arrival.

2.4 Donations of £30 per boat are invited (the Club is a registered Charity), and payment will be taken at Registration.

2.5 All competitors and parents of U18s who are UK taxpayers are requested to complete a Gift Aid form for their entry at registration whenever possible. Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club is a Registered Charity (No.1110757).

2.6 Competitors wishing to have meals from the YDSC Galley will be asked to order their food and pay at the registration desk.

3. Conditions of Entry

3.1 Competitors are entirely responsibly for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

3.2 It is for the competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going afloat, the competitors confirm that their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them.

3.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or Competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or Personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the

3.4 The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club, the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

4. Schedule of Races

4.1 The regatta will be a series of 6 races on 24 and 25 August 2024.

- Registration at the clubhouse from Saturday 10.00 hrs
- Competitor Briefing Time Saturday 12.00 hrs

- Race 1 warning signal not before 12.55 hrs
- Race 2 back-to-back
- Brief break ashore
- Races 3 and 4 back-to-back
- Races not completed, eg through adverse weather, up to a maximum of one will be carried over to the Sunday
- Sunday: first race warning signal not before 09.55 hrs
- 2 races back-to-back plus up to 1 race postponed from Saturday

4.2. No warning signal for races on the last day will be made after 14.00 hrs.

5. Sailing Instructions

YDSC Sailing instructions can be found on the club website at: yorkshiredales.sc/sailing-instructions-21-24/ and linked under Sailing > Open Meetings.

5.1 Amendment to SIs for both Vortex and Catapult classes: Rule 44.1 (first sentence) is amended to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*."

6. Scoring System

6.1 ONE race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

6.2 When only 2 races are completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores.

6.3 When 3-6 races are completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score including any black flag results

6.4 If 7 or more races are completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her 2 worst scores

6.5 Low point scoring system Appendix A will be used.

7. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the winner, 2nd and 3rd. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers. The prize giving will be held soon after the conclusion of racing.

8. Risk Statement

8.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

8.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

9. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

10. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

11. Further Information

For further information please contact:

- Phil Whitehead (Saturday Race Officer and Vortex representative) on jphilwhitehead@gmail.com or 07971461994
- Stuart Ede (Secretary, Catapult Class Association) on catamaranstu@outlook.com or 07575 059339

Or for more general information about sailing at YDSC:

- Peter Robinson (Sailing Secretary) on lulhamrobinson@yahoo.co.uk or 07411 359800

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Additional information

Camping

1. Free camping for tents and motorhomes will be available from Friday 13.00 to Sunday afternoon 17:00.
2. Unfortunately caravans are not allowed under the terms of the YDSC lease.
3. Please follow the camping guidance to be found on www.yorkshiredales.sc under Club > Club Information > Camping covering such matters as on where to pitch camp, use of club facilities and expected norms of behaviour.

Social / Catering Arrangements

1. Details of catering arrangements to follow due to ill health and bereavement in the regular catering team.
2. There are also snacks and cool drinks vending machines available for use at other times.