

# ***Catapult* CLASS ASSOCIATION**

## **National Championships**

**Yorkshire Dales, 24-25 August 2024**

Our Nationals this year are being held at Yorkshire Dales SC. Set in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, YDSC offers great sailing and a comfortable modern clubhouse on Grimwith Reservoir perched on the moors above Pateley Bridge and Grassington. We are sharing the event with the Vortex fleet, which is also holding its Nationals.

### ***Entries***

There is no online booking this year; instead entries will be taken on the day. The suggested donation is £30 (YDSC is a charity funded by the National Lottery so cannot charge for entry), and you will be invited to fill out a Gift Aid form.

The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions accompany this invitation.

Stuart Ede ([catamaranstu@outlook.com](mailto:catamaranstu@outlook.com), 07575 059339) will be the Association's liaison person for the event, though his actual attendance depends on whether he is needed to assist with his son Gareth's house move.

### ***Racing programme***

On the Saturday we shall have up to 4 races starting at 13.00, probably 2 back-to-back, a short break ashore followed by 2 more back-to-back. Then 2 further races back-to-back on Sunday at 10.00, with provision for a third if any races cannot be sailed on the Saturday. There will be a briefing at 12.00 on the Saturday. One discard will apply once 3 races have been sailed (this is a provision of the Club's standard SIs).

NB The Sailing Instructions have been amended in the NoR to change the Two Turns Penalty to a One Turn Penalty for all infringements.

The starting order will be Catapults first, Vortexes next. Depending on wind direction the Catapults will sail either a trapezoid or triangular course, while the Vortexes will sail a windward-leeward course using the same windward and leeward marks as us.

### ***How to get there***

The Club sits on Grimwith Reservoir just off the B6265 between Pateley Bridge and Grassington. All the location information you may need (postcode, grid reference, latitude and longitude or What3Words are in the NoR. From the A1(M) take the A59 turn-off at Junction 47 and follow Harrogate signs. At the second roundabout turn right (still on the A59) for Knaresborough. At the pair of mini-roundabouts at the bottom of Knaresborough High Street go left and quick right to pick up the B6165 for Ripley. Just before Ripley the road briefly joins the A61 Ripon Road (turn right at the roundabout) and then splits off left at the next one in 300 metres. Follow the B6165 through Burnt Yates and Summerbridge along Nidderdale. Just before Pateley Bridge it joins the B6265 (you may not notice it, as you have right of way). Go through Pateley Bridge, up Greenhow Hill, past Stump Cross caverns and then start looking out for a Yorkshire Water Grimwith Reservoir sign. Turn right along the approach road which will lead you to the Club. NB Greenhow Hill is quite steep; if you have concerns about your ability to climb it, there is an alternative route: in Knaresborough stay on the A59, go through Harrogate and turn right at Blubberhouses for Greenhow village. Fortunately the Kex Gill pass reopened in June after prolonged closure to repair a landslip.

### ***Accommodation***

There will be FREE camping on YDSC grounds over the Friday and Saturday nights when the clubhouse will be open. Please note that in common with many other water authorities Yorkshire Water does not allow caravans. The main gate to the club will be

open from 13.00 on Friday. If for any reason it is not, go up to the Yorkshire Water car park above the club and knock on the door of the Reservoir Manager's cottage and ask for Maxine who holds the key.

If you want to stay longer to enjoy the delights of the Yorkshire Dales, there are a number of campsites nearby. From previous events the two most popular ones have proved to be at Pateley Bridge and Appletreewick. The latter, found by Syd Gage, is at Howarth Farm Caravan Park (<http://howarthfarm.co.uk/>) 3.5 miles from the club. It is a quiet, basic site (no electricity hook-ups, but good toilet and shower facilities). It costs £20 per caravan per night. Ring 01756 720226 to book. To get there, coming from the Pateley Bridge direction, take the first turn left off the B6265 after Greenhow village for Appletreewick (key BD23 6DE into your satnav). Soon after Black Hill Road becomes Skyreholme Bank, you're there.

Since the Dales is a major tourist area, B&Bs abound. Key "Yorkshire Dales accommodation" into a search engine and a variety of sites pop up. If you want to be in a town, then Pateley Bridge, Grassington and Skipton are nearby, with Addingham and Ilkley a little further. If you are prepared to drive for 30 minutes or so, then the Victorian spa town of Harrogate and the cathedral city of Ripon offer even more options.

### ***The social side***

Catering for the event has been thrown into disarray by the catering manager suffering first a bereavement and then a heart attack. Temporary staffing is being arranged for catering during the day, but it is likely that the hoped-for Saturday evening meal will be replaced by a take-away. It is hoped that more details can be provided later.

Vending machines are available in the clubhouse at other times.

### ***Local attractions***

You are in the midst of the world famous Yorkshire Dales with some of the best walking country in the British Isles. There is so much to do for all the family. Lots of ideas can be found on the Parks Authority website at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk).

Fabulous Wharfedale starts just below the club, and Bolton Abbey is a particularly picturesque spot on the river with lovely walks through the woods to the Strid, where the river rushes through a narrow cleft in the rocks.

Railway buffs might like to know that a steam railway runs from Bolton Abbey to Embsay. Alternatively it is a relatively short hop from there to Airedale where you can take the Keighley and Worth Valley steam railway (the real star of the Railway Children) to Haworth in the heart of Bronte Country.

Garden and stately home lovers will be spoilt for choice. Nearby there's Parceval Hall, while heading towards Knaresborough you'll come to Ripley Castle where Jane Eyre was filmed. Knaresborough itself graces many a chocolate box lid. Take in the magnificent view from the Castle over the Nidd Gorge and walk along the riverside. The magnificent World Heritage site of Fountains Abbey is to be found near the attractive cathedral city of Ripon. For keen gardeners the jewel in the crown is the Royal Horticultural Society's Harlow Carr Gardens in Harrogate – and there's a Betty's Tea Room there as well! Or stroll around the beautiful spa town of Harrogate with the famous 200 acre Stray running right through its heart, where you'll find the original Betty's Tea Room.

And if you like spectacular scenery try:

- clambering over the fantastically shaped Brimham Rocks
- climbing out of Malham Cove onto the Limestone Pavement and Malham Tarn
- rock hopping through Howstein Gorge
- going underground at Stump Cross Caverns (just up the road from the club)

There's so much to see and do that you could stay forever!