

# *Catapult* CLASS ASSOCIATION

## **TT at Grafham Water, 30-31 October 2021**

As usual the last blast of our season's sailing programme will be held at Grafham Water Sailing Club in Cambridgeshire as part of their annual Cat Open. Grafham Water is a large reservoir with clean wind providing excellent sailing, so it should give us a great last event.

### **Entries**

The sailing club offers an online entry and camping booking system at [www.grafham.org](http://www.grafham.org). From the home page click Sailing & Racing>Open Meetings, click on the link to the page that lists the forthcoming meetings and follow the links for booking your entry, meal requirements and camping. There is also a link to the entry form from the Notice of Race, which is attached to this invitation for convenience. A further link from the NoR takes you to the Club's Covid guidelines, which you are urged to read beforehand.

The entry fee is £47 for the weekend plus the £5 Association levy (to be collected on the day). NB **Entries after midnight on Wednesday 27 October will incur a £5 surcharge.** Payment is by direct debit, bank transfer or credit card.

**You are strongly advised to enter online well in advance**, since there is a limit of 100 visitors, and because the Sprint 15 fleet will be holding their Inland Championships as part of the event, which will also include a Shearwater TT. Camping is on a first come first served basis.

The Association levy will be collected on the day by our Event Liaison person, Stuart Ede ([catamaranstu@outlook.com](mailto:catamaranstu@outlook.com), 01904 738158, 07575 059339).

For those who like to travel to the venue the day before, you might like to know that you can sail on the Friday, provided you inform the Club Office before launching.

### **Clean your cat!**

Please note that a condition of entry is that you must have cleaned and dried your boat to ensure you are not inadvertently bringing any more non-native species from other lakes and reservoirs. You will also be required to pressure wash your boat before leaving Grafham to avoid spreading any of the non-native killer shrimps that already infest the reservoir. Full details are provided through a link in the Notice of Race.

### **Racing**

The Notice of Race accompanies this invitation, but it is also available on the Grafham website. In summary there will be 6 races: 3 back-to-back on Saturday (first start 12.00) and 3 back-to-back on Sunday (first start 10.30). The briefing will be held at 10.45 outside the clubhouse. There will be 1 discard when 4 or more races have been sailed. There will be 2 starts: Sprint 15s and medium handicap (including us and the Shearwaters).

The Sailing Instructions will be mounted on the Grafham website by Thursday 28 October.

### **Accommodation**

CCA members with campervans and tents can stay on the club grounds on the Friday and Saturday nights- **but not caravans** because of lease restrictions. The cost is £15 per night for campervans and £10 for tents. **NB It is on a first come first served basis, and you must pre-book.** You can select which pitch you want.

The Club maintains on their website a list of local accommodation (campsites, B&Bs and hotels), which is also attached to this invitation for convenience. Alternative sources are [www.huntingdon-accommodation.org.uk/](http://www.huntingdon-accommodation.org.uk/) or [www.cambridgetouristinformation.co.uk](http://www.cambridgetouristinformation.co.uk).

**Directions**

The Club is situated in Perry on the south side of the lake (postcode PE28 0BU). At the Buckden roundabout on the A1, turn west on the B661. In Perry turn right following the signs to the club.

**Social side**

The entry fee includes a two course meal on the Saturday evening. You can choose your dishes when booking your entry. There is a veggie option available. Extra tickets for partners can be bought on the Saturday.

Breakfasts, lunches and snacks will be available through both days of the event.

**Local interest**

Those wanting to do a bit of sightseeing can wander among the dreaming spires of Cambridge, or enjoy the delights of nearby Huntingdon, Godmanchester and St Ives. Nearby stately homes and gardens include Woburn Abbey, Bushmead Priory, Wimpole Hall, Anglesey Abbey and Houghton House. For the more active there is Xscape in Milton Keynes, while flying buffs will enjoy the Shuttleworth Collection near Biggleswade. Ely Cathedral and the Fens are also in easy reach. So there is something for all the family.