



DERWENT RESERVOIR SAILING CLUB



WELCOME TO THE 2026 NORTH REGION YOUTH & JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Welcome to Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club!

This information is provided to assist competitors in obtaining the best from the club's facilities and does not override any content of the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

LOCATION / DIRECTIONS

Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club is set in the beautiful North Pennines on the border of County Durham and Northumberland, to the West of Newcastle. Most Sat Navs can find the club using our postcode – DH8 9PT – although some may take you to other locations around the reservoir.



FROM THE NORTH

Take the A1 South to the A69. Travel west on the A69 towards Hexham until the A68 (signposted Darlington). Take the A68 south until the crossroads at Kiln Pit Hill then turn right towards Slaley. Take the second turning on the left. Follow the road. The club entrance is on the left a few hundred yards after the Millshield picnic site.

FROM THE SOUTH

Either take the A1(M) north to the A68 and then follow the directions as for travelling from the north, or (for a more direct route but the road is single carriageway) take the A1(M) north to junction 58 (signposted Darlington). Follow the A68 north, following signs for Corbridge. After the village of Castleside you will start to see brown tourist signs for Derwent Reservoir. You should ignore these signs, and continue to the crossroads at Kiln Pit Hill. At Kill Pit Hill turn left and then take the second turning on the left. Follow the road. The club entrance is on the left a few hundred yards after the Millshield picnic site.


FROM THE EAST

Travel west towards the A1/ A1(M) and then follow the appropriate directions for the north/south.

FROM THE WEST

Either cross the country on the A66 and follow the instructions from the south, or cross the country on the A69 towards Newcastle and pick up the directions from the north.

ARRIVAL

The club grounds will be open from midday on Friday 19 June. There is a 4-digit PIN which will allow access through our barrier during the event, which is  [Redacted for security, will be sent by email](#)

Rob, our club manager, or another volunteer will be present to welcome you on arrival. They will check your name and tickets, and direct you where to park your car, caravan, boat and campervan and where to pitch your tent.

We will endeavour to allocate hard-standing pitches for motorhomes on our car park, but there will not be room for awnings. Most units will be sited in our camping field behind the car park. If you have a tent, there may be an option to camp on the field next to the car park, near to your dinghy. This field is smooth but slightly sloping.

If no-one is around, please park safely and call in up-stairs in the club house and speak to someone behind the bar. (If you arrive very late and the bar has closed – park your vehicle safely in the car park and pitch your tent in the camping field). During the night the gates may be closed but will not be locked.

The changing rooms/toilets will be open throughout the weekend. The upstairs part of the club house (where the galley and bar are) may be locked once the bar has closed and will open by 8am the following morning.

BOAT RINSING

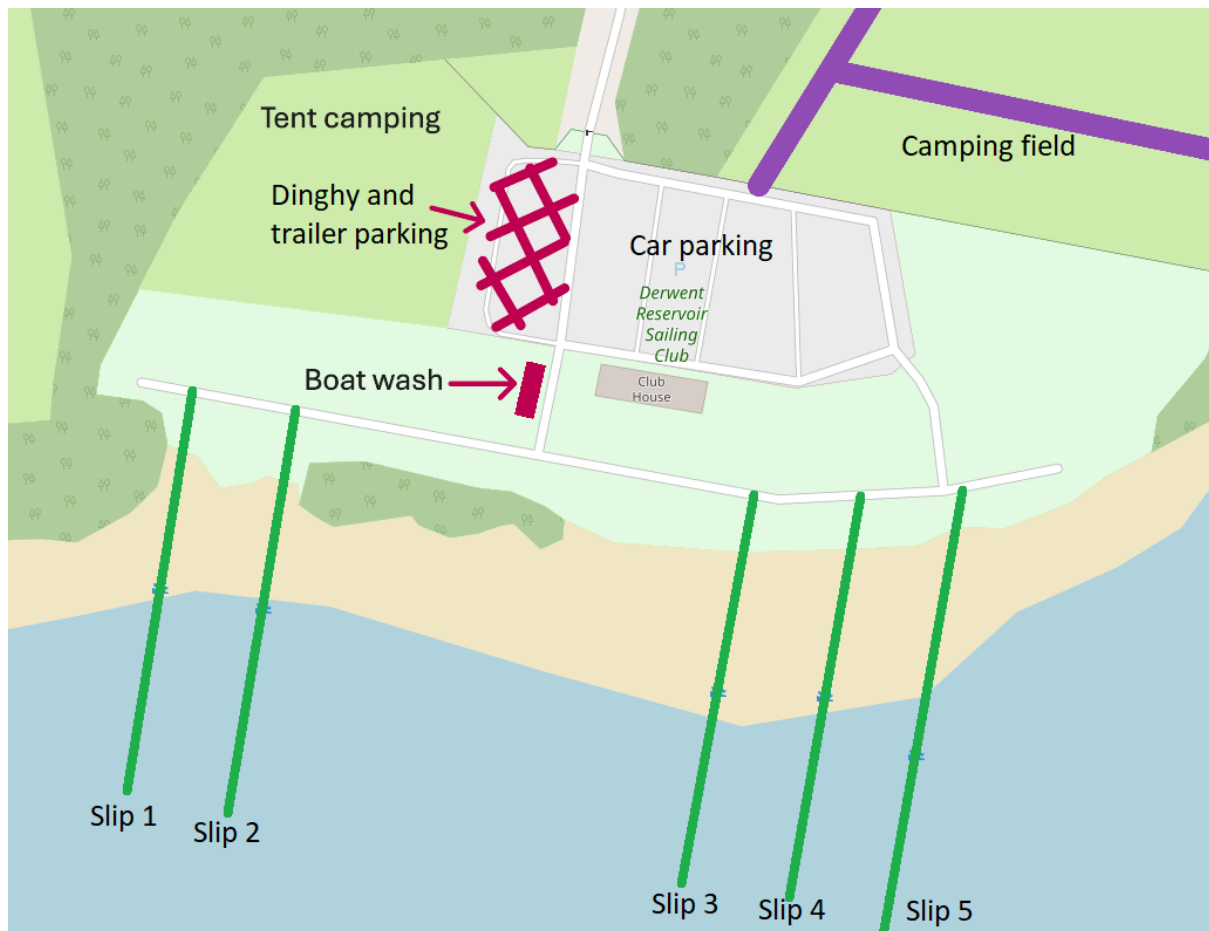
On arrival please rinse your dinghy at the rinsing station (see red location on map) - this helps to prevent invasive organisms from entering our reservoir. Then take it to the allotted dinghy storage area in the car park (see purple hatched location on map).

PARKING

Please refer to the map for trailer and dinghy parking area.

Please use the car park as efficiently as possible, so space is not wasted. For the safety of all competitors please follow the instructions of any club staff / marshals.

SITE MAP



CAMPING & CARAVANNING

The club has a large camping and caravanning field. Please avoid pitching or parking on the access roads (marked in purple on map above).

There are no electric hook-ups available on site. There will be a charge of £20.00 per night, which should be pre-booked on our website. All tents/motorhomes will be issued with a visible ticket which should be displayed. If weather is forecast to be wet then the bottom end of the field may be soft and unsuitable for motorhomes.

Fresh water is available from the tap at the back of the clubhouse. An outside sink is provided at the back of the clubhouse to allow you to wash dishes, etc. Bins are provided between the camping field and the club driveway.

Two temporary toilets will be provided in the camping field. The main facilities in the clubhouse will also be open 24 hours.

Cars may be parked in the field, but must not be moved around the camping field after dark. If the weather is wet then we suggest you leave your car in the car park after unpacking/unhitching to avoid churning the field. We may need to restrict access to the camping field in order to manage the ground.

We do not allow open fires or barbecues in the camping field. This is especially important in hot and dry weather. We invite you to bring your barbecues to the patio area outside the clubhouse and cook there. The club also has a large gas barbecue, and your camping ticket includes use of this facility.

CATERING

BAR

The club has a licensed bar selling a good range of drinks and snacks, which will be open at the following times:

- Friday: as needed, from noon
- Saturday: noon till late
- Sunday: noon till event close

The bar accepts payment by cash or card/contactless.

GALLEY

The galley serves a range of hot food and light snacks. Meals will be served at the following times:

- Friday: evening meal (17:00 - 20:00);
- Saturday: breakfast (08:00 - 11:30), lunch (11:30 - 15:00), evening meal (17:00 - 19:00).
- Sunday: breakfast (08:00 - 11:30), lunch (11:30 - 15:00)

An afternoon snack (pasta) will be served to sailors as soon as they come off the water.

There will be a pre-ordering system, to help the caterers have all the food ready at the required times. You are kindly requested to order at <https://www.drsc.co.uk/event/regional-youth-junior-championships> by Sunday 14 June. If you do not pre-order, then food may be available to purchase on the day, but there is no guarantee of this.

If you have any specific dietary requirements or allergies, then please inform us in advance by emailing galleycateringdrsc@gmail.com

ACCESSIBILITY

We have two accessible parking spaces close to the club house. We will help you to find the best parking space for you to access the club facilities and the water. It is possible to drop people off closer to the activity, by arrangement, if that is needed.

The club is on a sloping site with rough ground. There is a stairlift to access the first floor of the club house. Please let us know (clubmanager@drsc.co.uk) if you have any accessibility needs.

We are working to improve our accessible inside space, and our new wetroom should be completed in time for the event. Please let us know if you need assistance or if you need a different environment, a quieter, less busy space, etc. There is an outside seating area on the ground floor with views across the reservoir.

Changing rooms and toilets are gender specific. We will support anyone who needs different arrangements. There are tight corners into the toilets and changing areas. There is an enlarged cubicle in each of the male and female toilets, which are suitable for wheelchair users.

ENTERTAINMENT

The bar will be open on Friday evening for a wind down after your journey. The galley will also be serving hot meals. One of our club members Matthew will be playing some popular and upbeat tunes on his Spanish guitar.

On Saturday, a ceilidh band will start from 7.30pm in the club house. They will explain how to do all the dances. This is for all juniors and their parents! There will be a break for younger people to go to bed, and then they will play again later.

FACILITIES

TOILETS

We have a sewage treatment plant on site . It is essential that only normal waste that is naturally digestible should go down the toilets in the clubhouse. There is a chemical toilet disposal point in the corner of the camping field to the left of the entrance gate.

A fully accessible toilet and wetroom will be available for the event.

SHOPS

The nearest shops are in Blanchland (4 miles away). There are supermarkets in Hexham and Consett. Fuel is available in Consett and Corbridge.

CHANDLERY

There is no on-site chandlery service. The nearest chandlers is Trident at Gateshead (NE8 3AE) Tel 0191 4901736 – about 20 miles away. Please check the opening hours before travelling.

MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION

Mobile phone reception across the club site is very poor, with the exception of the EE network. A weak signal from Vodafone is available at a few locations around the club. It is impossible to get reception with most other operators.

SOME RULES

RESPONSIBLE ADULT

Junior sailors must always have a responsible adult on-site.

SPECTATORS

Depending where the course is set there may be better viewing positions around the reservoir than from the club. Please ask at the briefing if you would like advice about the best viewing position for the races. However, please remember that a responsible adult acting under loco parentis must remain on the club premises at all times.

ANIMALS

Dogs must be kept on a lead and any mess cleaned up. Dogs are not allowed inside the clubhouse, or on any of the slipways or in the water.

OTHER INFORMATION

WEATHER

The most reliable weather forecast is usually available from <https://windguru.com>. Current wind conditions can be observed on the club's webcam, which can be viewed at <https://webcam.drsc.co.uk>.

CLUB MARKS

Racing will use inflatable marks, however, the permanent marks (labelled on the water with their first letter) may be mentioned in briefings or at other times as approximate points of reference.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club cannot take responsibility for your personal belongings.

NON-COMPETING BOATS

If other members of your party wish to sail or bring additional boats / windsurf boards please speak to Rob (pictured), the club's manager about paying the appropriate launching fee.

