

Notes for the Rutland gathering 26th and 27th of April 2014

Sailing Venue Address and contact details

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Directions:

[view location on Google Maps](#)

Venue Information

Trailer parking and rigging

As you drive down Bull Brigg lane, take a ticket from the barrier control, continue straight over the mini roundabout, turn left into the park. The single storey building just in front of you slightly to the left is the water sports centre. I suspect that the trailer parking and rigging area will be the flat gravel space on the right hand side as you enter the park, this will be confirmed on the day.

Take you parking ticket to the water sports centre and they will validate for the weekend.

When rigged and ready to launch the slip is just to the left of the water sports centre.

Once on the jetty and launched please vacate the jetty area close to the shore for other users. You can take the boat to the left side of the jetty should you not be ready to sail. Alternatively the pontoon in the centre of the creek can be used for short stopovers.

Sailing Area

You are free to sail in all parts of the reservoir with two exceptions, the first being at the far end of the North finger, when you pass the water pumping tower by some several hundred feet red buoys strung across the water mark the start of the nature reserve. The second reserve is down the West leg of the reservoir, you will pass the south shore sailing club on your left hand side, and some distance ahead the “H” racing buoy is just in front of a string of buoys which mark the start of the second nature reserve area..

Safety

This is not intended to be a definitive list just the ones that spring to mind.

The Whitwell centre provides safety cover from several ribs, all crew carry vhf and can be contacted on vhf M2 channel, call sign “Whitwell Water sports Centre” seems to get their attention.

You are not allowed to launch or sail out of the hours of the Waters ports Centre opening times which are detailed on the signing in sheet.

You must sign on, and off the water on the control sheet provided in the Watersports Centre.

The Rutland Belle passenger tour boat has the right of way over all craft.

Life support jackets must be worn before going on to the jetty and at all times when on the water.

Fees

As mentioned before I have negotiated a 25% discount on launch and sailing fees which will be honoured if we have 6 boats minimum and the fees are paid in advance of the sail dates. The fees cover your car parking fees as well so get your car parking ticket validated.

Evening Meal Venue

Website

<http://www.whitehorserutland.co.uk/>

As you leave the water sports centre, continue up Bull Brigg Lane and at the T junction turn right, the village of Empingham is only a couple of miles away on that road. Car park at the rear.

I have the menu for 2 course and 3 course set meal which I will post on the forum, you can also view the menu on the website and select from that, it will help if we tell them what we want beforehand so it can be prepared ready for us. The (hopefully) attached pages list the set meal options, you are not restricted to these options, see the full menu on the website.

Saturday and Sunday 1300 hrs

I have permission for anyone who is interested to use the beach area (directly in front of the café) look to the right as you leave the creek, for us to beach our boats. I thought this would be nice to have a coffee break, sandwich and look over each other boats.

Meet for drinks at the White Horse Empingham before our meal which is booked for at 2000hrs.

Sunday morning

To be discussed perhaps over our evening meal but a suggestion that we could have a “fun race” perhaps a couple of times around the “water towers” and then the finish point would be the beach in front of the café.

Peter and Andy