

Dear Topper Sailors and Parents/ Guardians,

Thank you for your entries to the Topper Training and/or Open Meeting at CVLSC on 5-6 October 2024.

These joining instructions are to provide a few details ahead of your arrival. Those taking part in the open Meeting will be issued with separate sailing instructions in relation to that event.

1. Location/ Directions

The Address is: Chew Valley Sailing Club, Walley Court Road, Chew Stoke, Bristol, **BS40 8XN**. **The entrance to the club is off Walleycourt Road (what3words cautious.wider.hazy) just west of the dam at the Northern end of the lake.** The address / postcode *may* on some devices try to take you via Woodford Lodge off the B3114. There is **no access** to the club from this direction. Keep your eye out and you will see a sign off Walley Court Road and the club gates which have CVLSC signs.

2. What time will the gates be open?

One of the CVLSC Youth Team will have arrived at the club in time for the gates to be unlocked and the padlock removed **by 8.30am** on both 5th and 6th October 2024.

*Please be aware that the gate **MUST** be left closed, regardless of the state it is found in by you. So please ensure that you pull over on the left once through the gate and close it again.*

3. Dog policy

Unfortunately, no dogs are allowed at CVLSC.

4. Where should I park and unload our Toppers?

Once you have closed the gate back over, please follow the road which will lead you around the edge of the lake until you reach the parked dinghies.

Please then follow that road until you pass the clubhouse on your left and find the main parking area beyond the club. You will be able to find space there to park and unload your trailers.



If you park on the gravel spaces closest to the water, you can often park your car/van and trailer diagonally without having to unhitch. See Green shading on this screenshot.

Once you have unloaded and rigged, please wheel your Topper around to the grassy area in front of the biggest slipway by the club-see map below. Your toppers can be left in that area overnight if you are taking part on both days, or put back on your trailers if you prefer/ it is windy.



Please be aware:

- Like many other slipways, ours can become very slippery – please take care.
- Anyone using pontoons must have appropriate buoyancy protection on.
- On Saturday 5th October, a number of CVLSC groups including both able bodied and our disabled sailors will also be running events at the lake and on Sunday 6th October, CVLSC standalone club racing will also be taking place. We have a relatively big lake and there should be ample room for all but all sailors should be encouraged to be considerate of others using the same sailing areas.

5. *Will the Galley be open?*

The Galley will be open all weekend for you to purchase breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks, including tea and coffee. Unfortunately, there is no microwave / kettle facility for you to make your own food, but you are allowed to bring it into the clubhouse with you if you prefer. We would, of course, be delighted if you choose to support the club caterers.

6. *Wifi?*

WiFi is available at the club – there should be details on a couple of the posters on the noticeboards in the main club room but ask the CVLSC Officer of the Day (OOD) if you are stuck.

7. *Changing facilities?*

Male and female changing areas and hot showers are available in the clubhouse – please be aware that all age groups are combined and other club members will be using the facilities also. There is also an inclusive changing area, which also includes easy access changing and showering facilities. These are downstairs at the back of the boatshed, behind the Rib storage area and CVLSC members will be happy to point you in the right direction.



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8. Parent Volunteers

Parent volunteers may be required to support the coaching and racing. Details will be circulated by the ITCA event organiser prior to the event.

9. What time do Sailors need to be rigged and ready for instructor briefing for the training on Saturday 5th October 2024

Boats should be unloaded and rigged and sailors ready to meet their instructor for briefings/ training at 9.30am. Sailors will not go on the water any earlier than 10:00am when the club flags will be hoisted to 'open the lake', subject to the CVLSC OOD, and/or Race Officer on Sunday, being satisfied that adequate rescue cover is ready and the conditions are safe.

Please head to the training room (ground floor, South-East corner of the clubhouse) for the briefing at 09.30am – you should be rigged with your Topper ready to go in the area discussed above, but not yet changed for sailing at that time. The instructors will ask you to change when they are ready, so please do have kit either in the changing rooms, or training room ready to put on.

10. Joining us for Sunday racing?

Sailors entered into the SW ITCA Racing on Sunday should also make themselves familiar with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions published for that event. These are joining instructions only.

11. Invasive Species

CVLSC and Bristol Water are committed to the prevention of the spread of invasive species. We are following the Environment Agency and RYA guidelines – '*CHECK CLEAN DRY*' <http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry> . By entering this event you agree to keep your boat dry and clean for 48 hours prior to the event.

We hope you have a great event and enjoy your time at Chew Valley Lake SC.

Many thanks,

Stephanie Pritchett, Ruth Gribble & Angus Penrice

CVLSC Youth Team