

King George Sailing Club Topper Traveller 2025

Welcome all entrants!

We are looking forward to meeting you at KGSC for our first Topper Open for years. Let's hope there are many more.

Here are a few notes to help you find your way round and enable things to run as smoothly as possible.

The gates will be open from 7:45 am.

Please park your car in the carpark before the bridge when you arrive, and pull your boat over the hill on foot - the congestion gets unbearable when we have cars driving over the hill.

Sign on will be in the first building you get to after the garage - this is the clubhouse building - it has a door on both ends but it is likely that the first door you get to will be locked.

Then comes a small outdoor seating area.

Then the next building along is the galley - crucial for getting hold of **food**!

You can eat in here, but it is quite small, so you can also spread outdoors, or into the clubhouse (and enjoy the vintage 1980s vibe...it's comfy and warm and we're very fond of it!).

The **changing rooms** are in the green double height block, next to the galley.

Please can the boys use the one upstairs and the girls the downstairs ladies one. Please keep your spare stuff tidy in your bag whilst you are racing.

Please can male adults use the middle men's toilets, and women use the disabled loo, or the toilet in the clubhouse, whilst the changing rooms are busy with kids - safeguarding. No restrictions whilst the kids are out racing.

Please can you **pre-order** your hot food when you sign on, so it's easier for the galley volunteers to plan. Parents are welcome to have hot food whilst the racing is on if they prefer, but please also order in advance. See menu on the next page.

Please rig your boats, keeping sails furled, in the boat park and keep them off the road until you are told to move them. We have to keep the road clear for Thames Water vehicles. Please make sure your trolley is labelled to match your boat number as clearly as possible. We will have some spare labels available on the day.

We will leave all boats at the bottom until after the race briefing is done. This will be at **10 am at the top of the hill** so we can see the water as we talk. Please be changed and ready to bring up your boat to take it to the jetties for launch straight after this briefing. There will be willing and happy volunteers around to help you pull up your boat.

The Beachmaster will give the signal to launch when he's happy with the powerboat support on the water.

We will be racing all four races back to back, with no break in between. Please take water and food on the water with you. If you want to come back to shore early you can, but please inform your nearest safety boat, so we can alert the shore team.

Please note that no dogs are allowed on site (sorry - Thames Water ruling).

KGSC is just inside the ULEZ charging area. We do however have a member who drives his 2003 non-ULEZ-compliant Passat onto the site most Sunday mornings, who has never been charged. He approaches the site from Sewardstone Road and turns right into Lee Valley Road. He thinks the first cameras are further down Lee Valley Road. I can't swear to this being true, and take no responsibility for any resultant fines, but I have seen him do it.

See you bright and early on Saturday. Fingers crossed for the wind :-)

Sarah Bolton on behalf of the fantastic KGSC Volunteer Team.

Menu

Available all day in the galley from 8:30.

Hot and tasty bacon rolls £2.50. Veggie burgers £2.50. Plenty of Heinz ketchup

Toast and jam £1

Delicious home made cake selection - various prices. Crisps 40p. Chocolate 50p

Coffee £1.50. Hot Chocolate £1.50. Tea £1

Available during and after racing:

Hot oven cooked jacket potatoes £4.50, with any combination of:

Baked beans. Grated cheese. Butter. Fresh homemade coleslaw. Meat chilli. Veggie chilli.

Chilli with rice and tortilla chips £4.50