

County Antrim Yacht Club

Topper Traveller

9 April 2017

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Welcome all - to **County Antrim Yacht Club** and the 1st Topper Traveller of 2017. A special thanks to the sponsors Pallet Centre Ltd. We are delighted that they have agreed to associate their name with this event.

The following will give you, as competitors, some information about this event and CAYC.

On Arrival: - [Link to Customised Google Map ! \(Includes Accommodation\)](#)

If you are approaching Whitehead from the Belfast direction you will pass a Solo petrol station on the right hand side. The next turn on the right takes you on to Cable Road. If you are approaching from Larne, you can take the first on the left at the Bentra Grill on to Slaughterford Road.

Or travel another 500 yards and take the next on the left on to Cable Road. Follow signs for the Yacht Club at junctions along the way in Whitehead itself.

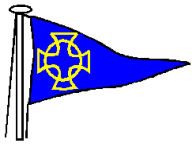
Cable Road, is the main road into Whitehead. Literally named as a communications cable ran its course from here to Scotland many years ago. At the junction of this road and King's Road you will see some signposting directing you left. In general, only Camper-vans with Toppers can continue to the bottom of Cable Road, this then becomes Beach Road. (No through Road)

At Beach Road, dinghies can be offloaded from road trailers and taken through a tunnel under the railway that separates the road from the shore and CAYC. Camper-vans can park in the Scout owned private property and council public area. Cars may park along the pavement opposite to the Scout Hall and CAYC Beach Road Boathouse. Of note, there are Camper van facilities at Bentra Golf course. This is shown on our Location Map on the Website.

Not all cars are advised to go to this direction (No through Road), therefore at the King's Road junction, cars with RIBs or multiple dinghies will be directed to the Promenade, Marine Parade where the Clubhouse is situated at the South end. The route is signposted.

RIBs must be taken over to the north end of the Promenade where there is a secure Dinghy Park. There is limited space along the Promenade and Residents will require the areas in front of their houses for personal parking. Residents have been informed about the Event. However, should there be any issues in offloading dinghies or parking please contact any of the Volunteers to assist you. There is an area just beside the Club house and a private house that is marked as no parking – this must be observed. The Club thanks you in anticipation in adhering to this restriction.

(Saturday morning) TRAINING DAY - upon arriving onto Marine Parade, all Trailers with boats should be unhooked (outside the Dolphin Care Home where there will be Volunteers to assist you to offload Toppers) and cars are to be taken to the designated parking area.



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Club volunteers will take your boat to the Clubhouse. Toppers will be rigged outside CAYC, no cars are allowed within the club hard-standing area. (Promenade parking beside the Clubhouse is restricted to residents only). Once again no waiting on the no parking marked zone. Residents must not be blocked in.

RIBs will be directed to the Public Dinghy Park and Slipway where they can remain throughout the Event. Trailers may be secured in the Dinghy Park.

When you arrive, you will understand why we have provided this preamble! As a busy and active Club we do have space limitations. However, we have developed a tried and tested method of managing large volumes of cars and dinghies. 2013 also saw the completion of an additional hard-standing area for dinghies in front of the Clubhouse. Further car parking is available along the promenade and even further past the old Swimming Pool. This is only a short walk and enables the appreciation and view of the bay and multicoloured houses!

Information for “the youngsters” in the fleet or anyone who hasn’t heard of CAYC, Whitehead. In 1988 we hosted European Scorpion Championships. In 1993 we hosted the Ulster Laser Championships with at that time a record number of dinghies (95). (We had even less space then!) More recently we hosted a Topper Traveller event in 2010 and in 2011 the Northern Flying Fifteen Championships. 2012 Ulster Laser Championships. 2013, Topper Traveller and Northern Flying Fifteen Championships. 2014 we hosted the Ulster 420 Championships and an RS400 open event. 2015, we hosted the East Coast Flying Fifteen Championships followed by the Irish National Topper Championships with 76 competitors. 2016 saw the hosting of Ulster Laser Champs with 92 dinghies. Everyone at the Club is looking forward to this Topper event as we have a very active Fleet.

Launching:

You will be assisted in the launching of your Topper at the club slipway on the race day and there will be help to retrieve your trailer. In the event of a strong Easterly breeze there is provision to launch at the town slip at the end of the Esplanade. This will result in extra time being allowed for launching and can be done with safety with masts in place.

Please follow the directions you are given by the Beach Master and his support team as they have planned the most efficient method to launch boats from our slipway.

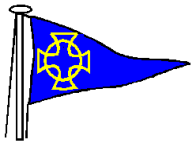
Tags & Safety Tally System:

At registration all visiting boats will be given a trailer number along with tags to be attached to their trailer and boat. Please attach this tag as soon as possible as this will assist recovery each day.

The Safety Tally system will align with these numbers you are assigned. Please adhere to this system and the volunteers providing the administration. The Safety Tally board is made up of numbered wrist bands and additional coloured medical bands will be allocated as appropriate.

RIBs will be launched at the Public Slip at the far end of the Esplanade. Only CAYC RIBs will be permitted to launch at the Club slipway. RIBs may be moored off the Club on the Flying 15 moorings. Assistance will be provided by Club volunteers at the public slip.

Weather dependent, you may leave your RIB on the Moorings overnight should you wish. Alternatively, you may bring your RIB ashore at the end of racing and secure it in the Public Dinghy Park.



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Local knowledge:

In the briefing session there will be two key elements of information:-

- 1) There are two submerged rocks either side of the bay marked by red & black striped barrels.
- 2) At half to low tide there is a reef running out from the old outdoor swimming pool this area should be avoided, marker buoys will be laid. Approx. 10 metres from the end of the reef there is an orange inflatable mark, remain to the seaward side of this for safe water.

Race Office and Registration:

A temporary Race Office will be situated in the Committee Room on the first floor of CAYC to the right of the stairs during Registration on the morning of Sunday 9 April 09:00 – 10:00. The official Race Office is situated on the second floor of CAYC directly opposite the stairs and will be in use at all other times during the Event.

Registration should be completed along with cash/cheques as payment for **Topper membership** if required. All cheques should be made payable to **County Antrim Yacht Club**.

The Sailing Instructions will be provided at Registration. The NoR is online on the Club Website.

CAYC Event team will also be registering all support RIBs in case of any emergencies. **RIBs must register** and be contactable.

Protests:

In the event of a protest please read the Sailing Instructions. Protest Forms will be available in the Race Office. A set of racing rule books will be available in the Race Office for reference, please return these as soon as possible.

Protest schedules will be located on the **Official Race Notice Board** located in the Main Hallway next to the entrance. Note that the onus is on each competitor to check the Notice Board for protests. Please note you will not be contacted personally in the event of a protest.

Security:

Please ensure that you do not leave any valuables in the changing rooms. Boats are stored within the hard standing of CAYC throughout the year without incident. The Clubhouse can be accessed during the night to facilitate Camper-vans and Campers who may wish to use the Club facilities. Please advise well in advance to enable the monitoring of this facility.

Food & Social Program:

Complimentary Coffee, Tea and Scones, butter, jam and cream will be provided on Sunday morning. (An RNLI box will be available for any donations)

Soup & Bread are included in the entry fee and will be provided immediately after racing:

Coffee/ tea and biscuits will be available on Sunday for all Visitors at the Prizegiving.

Additional Catering:

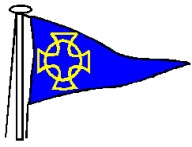
We have also created a plan to show within Whitehead where all types of food are available.

Accommodation:

See our Link [Customised Google Map ! \(Includes Accommodation\)](#)

Camping/Caravan:

There is a parking area nearby to the Clubhouse. The Beach Road location can accommodate Camper Vans overnight. Although the Council has not provided facilities you will have access to the Clubhouse during the event. 2-3 min walk. There is a grass clearing beside the Parking area that you



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can pitch a tent on which has picnic tables for general use. The local Scout Hall is also located here and available for use; access to mains power and water. There is also an official Campervan location approx. 0.7 miles from the Club. It is at the Bentra Municipal Golf Club. An Electrics / Water stand point is available.

Travel:

For those staying in Carrickfergus we have a regular train service running from Whitehead Train Station situated 100 metres from the Clubhouse.

Taxis are also available at approx. £8.50 each way to Carrickfergus.

Mahoods Taxis - 028 9336 2727

Whitehead Taxis - 028 9335 3302

Leaving CAYC:

Prize Giving at approx. 4:00 pm as soon after racing has been completed and all Results finalised. Toppers will be prepared for loading and they must be wheeled to the loading area at the **Dolphin Care Home**. Trailers cannot be permitted past this point as there will be restrictions on turning space and this will only create a logjam. Volunteers will be available to assist those ready to depart.

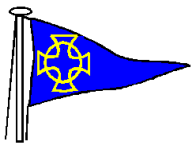
County Antrim Yacht Club would like to thank you all for coming and we hope you have a very enjoyable Event.

Kind Regards

Event Committee

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*Additional information on Places to Eat & Drink: There is also an excellent **SPAR on Edward Road**, a Bakery and Butchers on King's Road.*



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Places to eat and drink

Coffee Shops & Cafes

1. Whistle Stop: Monday – Sunday 6:30am – 6:30pm
2. Coastal Coffee: Mon – Fri: 9:00am – 9:00pm, Sat & Sun 9:00 – 8:00pm
3. Coffee and Cream:
4. Bank House: Mon - Sat 9:30am – 4.45pm. Sunday: Closed
5. The Old Tea House: Mon – Fri 10:00am – 4:30pm Sat & Sun 10:00am – 5:00pm

Carry Out Food

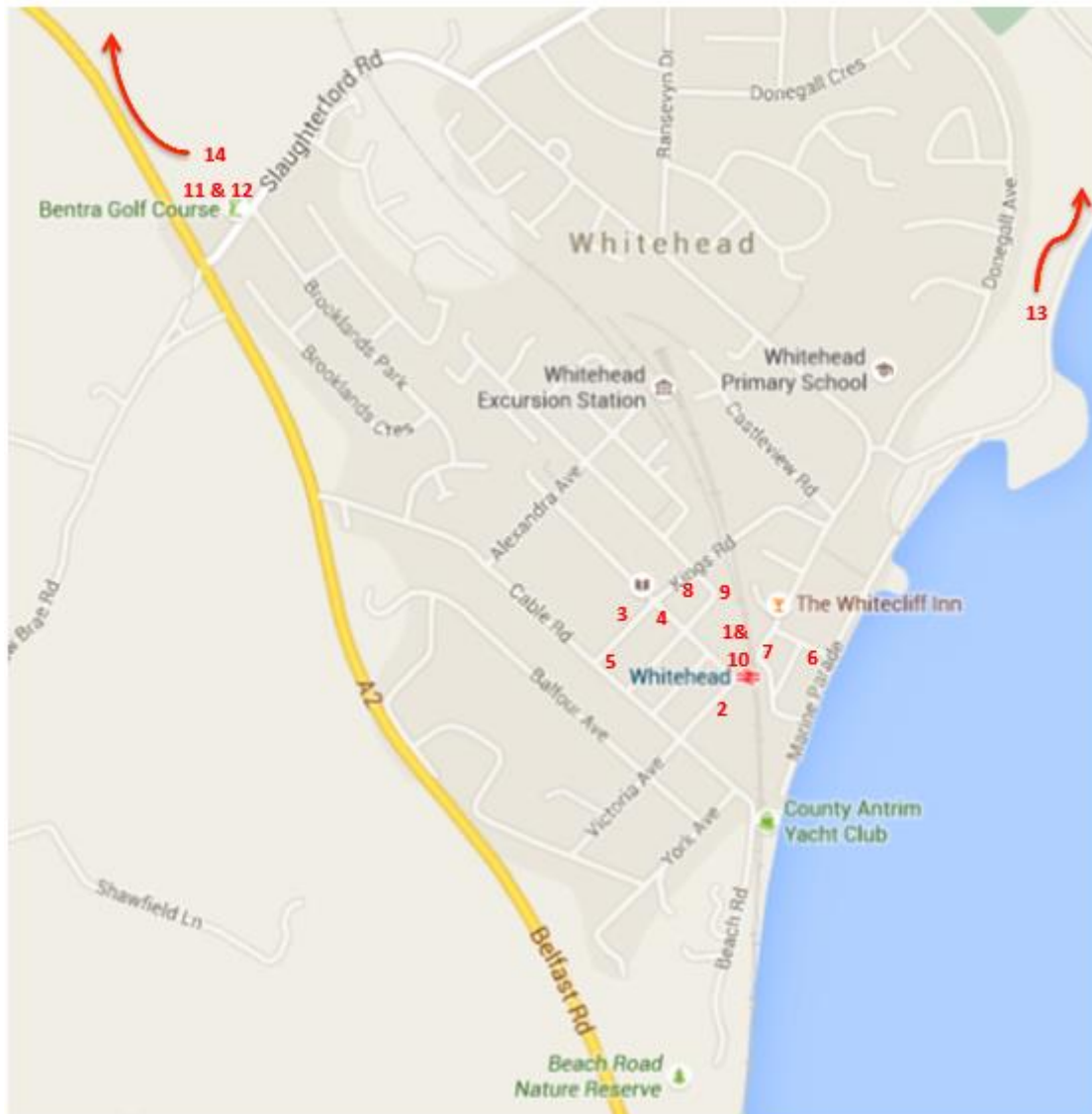
6. Cantonese Noodles: 02893372484
7. Johnny Chef: 02893373877
Closed Tuesdays. 4:30pm – 11:30pm (12:00pm Sat & Sun)
8. Youkee: 02893353969 Closed Wednesdays
9. Gourmet Pizza: 02893372783
10. Jess's Pleace: 02893353009
Mon: 4:00pm – 8:00pm,
Tues – Thurs: 4:00pm – 9:00pm
Fri & Sat 12:00pm – 9:00pm
Closed Sunday

Restaurant

11. The Bentra Roadhouse:
Monday – Saturday 12:00 pm – 9:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday Breakfast Club 10:30 – 3:00pm

Entertainment

12. Bentra Golf Course & Mini Golf 02893378996
Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 8:30pm, Fri – Sun 8:00am – 8:00pm
13. Blackhead path.
14. Jubilee Wood



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Today Store / McKee's Bakery – Carryout food / McMaster's Butcher