



**Datchet Water
Sailing Club**



Flying Fifteen Southern Championships and Wayfarer Inlands

Arrival and Launching Information

We are expecting a total of up to seventy boats for this event so it would be helpful if competitors understand our planned launching procedures before they arrive at the club. The preferred method of launching is different between the two classes so we would like them to rig and launch in separate areas.

Wayfarers

We assume most Wayfarer sailors are happy to launch off the Southern beach area. Therefore please rig up at the Southern end of the gravel in the area marked by brown box on the attached diagram. Once rigged you are welcome to move your boats onto the southern beach area marked in Orange. Please move down the beach as far as possible to allow other boats access. Please park your cars in the area marked green.

Please note the beach can get very slippery. There are now a couple of matted areas which should provide some additional grip. If you prefer to launch using a pontoon please use the southern-most of the two in front of the clubhouse.

Flying Fifteens

The first 20 to 25 visiting Flying Fifteens will be directed to the area at the southern end of the car park and will be asked to launch next to the Southern Pontoon, which is the one normally used by the local fleet (see plan on page 3). The remaining visitors and all club members will be directed beyond the clubhouse to rig up at the north end of the car park and launch against the right hand pontoon in front of the clubhouse. It would be useful if as many club members as possible launched before the briefing and moored out on one of the buoys (a club patrol boat will be made available to facilitate this). Once your boat is unloaded please park in the area marked in green on the attached plan.

At Datchet Flying Fifteens are launched from their trolleys down a shallow ramp next to a pontoon. Having a **tow rope** attached to the trolley of at least 10 metres will assist with this. The gradient of the ramp is such that boats should be easily launched by two people. It would be helpful if people in the queue can assist with the retrieval and stowing of trolleys so that once launched boats can be moved down the pontoon and then sailed away from the pontoon as soon as possible. Please be



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prepared to **sail out on just the jib** and hoist the mainsail once in open water (there are buoys to attach to if you prefer to hoist the mainsail while stationary). Hoisting mainsails on the pontoon will cause delays to the boats behind you in the queue.

Retrieval of boats is basically the reverse process. Please sail in on the jib only and use a stern line (or knots in the spinnaker sheets) **so your boat remains bow towards the ramp at all times**. The turning of boats on the pontoon causes serious delays. Once on the pontoon please send one member of your team to find your trolley and assist the teams in front. The other should keep hold of the boat. The club will have a 4x4 available to assist with retrieval so once your boat is attached to your trolley please use the tow rope to hitch it to the tow bar. It is worth following the boat up the ramp as the boat needs to be controlled and unhitched once it reaches the level area of the car park. Please park your boats so there is enough room for the 4x4 to operate in the middle of the rigging area.



Trolley Tags

To help with the retrieval of boats we will be issuing trolley tags at reception. Please write on your sail number and attach these to the top of your jockey wheel (or as close to this area as possible) as shown.

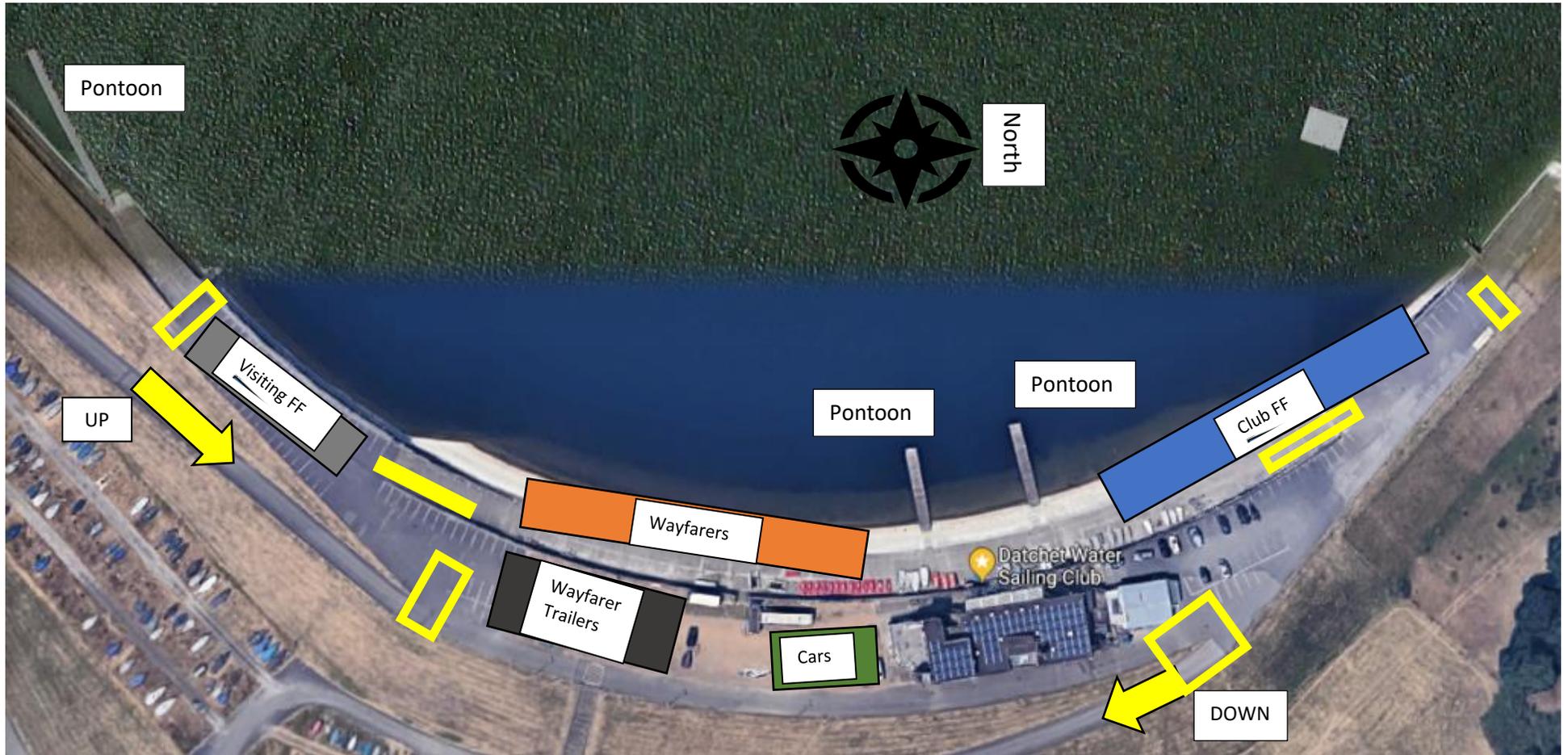


Invasive Species Precautions

Quagga Mussels are known to be present in Queen Mother Reservoir. Thames Water have installed a washing station on the turning area at southern end of the club grounds. The club would recommend that you use this facility to wash your boat and trailer if you are travelling back to a non-infected fresh water sailing club.

Washing Station





Please do not obstruct the areas shown by yellow boxes as they are required by emergency vehicles and as turning areas for towing vehicles.