



Caterham Graduates Championship Brands Hatch Briefing Note - 22/23 June 2019 and CGRC News

Welcome to the fifth meeting of the 2019 season.

This note supplements the Final Instructions (currently v.2) here: - <https://www.barc.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/HQ14-BH-Finals-V2.pdf>

The timetable (currently v.3) is here: - <https://www.barc.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-HQ14-BH-v3.pdf>

The original timetable has changed and now incorporates additional track time kindly allocated to us by BARC. This allows us to run two practice sessions on Saturday morning of 20 minutes, rather than the original one session of 15 minutes. In addition, the Saturday races have been extended to 25 minutes and the Sunday races to 30 minutes.

1. Entries and our Guests

As at 17 June we have 39 entries, divided amongst the classes as follows: -

17 Sigmax
7 Mega
10 Classic
4 Sigma 150
1 Sigma 135

We have 3 guests racing with us, all in the Sigmax class.

Phil Clarke returns following his first meeting with us at Donington, Andrew Ralph, joins us for the first time and is supported by P T Sports Cars along with Harry Senior, who guested with us in a Sigma 150 at Donington.

2. Venue Access

The Final Instructions state that paddock access is available (for those not testing) from 18.00 on Friday, but as we are in the outer paddock access should available be throughout Friday. The paddock should be vacated by 19.00 on Sunday.

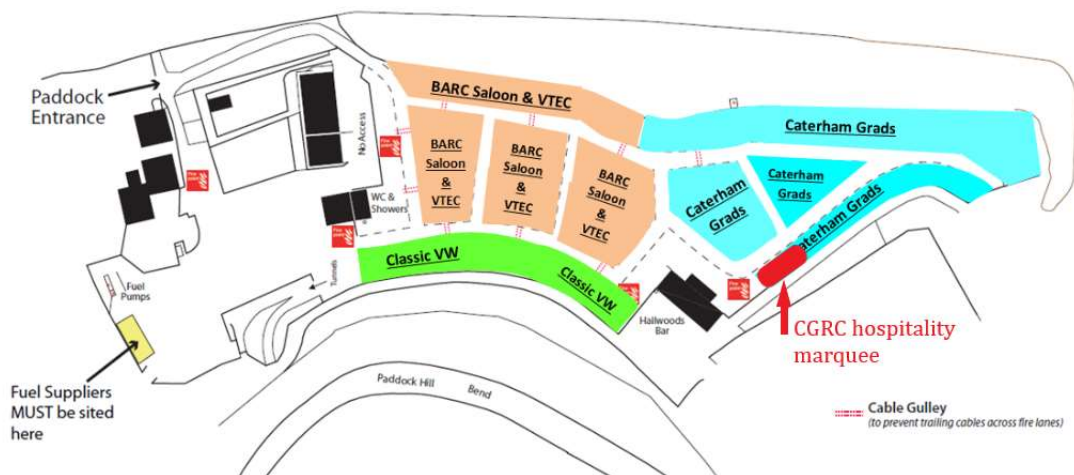
3. Paddock Plan

We have been allocated an area in the outer paddock which will be more than sufficient for our needs. See paddock plan below.

Hospitality Marquee – please do not park in the area allocated to the marquee shown below, nor the adjacent area along the fence line, as this is required for catering and other vehicles.

Displaying Race Cars - we have guests coming this weekend, some of whom are considering racing with us next season – so please, if at all possible, make a show and park tidily with trailers and road cars out of the way and race cars lined up facing out on to the roadways.

Guest Parking - here should be plenty of space for all, including guests. Please ask your guests to park away from working areas, there should be plenty of space to park in the area to the top of the plan against the boundary fence.



4. Safety and Eligibility Scrutineer – Keith Marchment

Keith plans to call in on Friday afternoon to carry out some scrutineering then. Otherwise, the timing for scrutineering is as per the Final Instructions.

5. Scrutineering and Driving at Donington

Helmets - a relatively new helmet belonging to one of our guests was missing its scrutineering sticker - it had evidently peeled off, revealing a note on another sticker underneath stating that the sticker had been removed. This is highly unusual as the sticker is designed to stay in place and would only be removed by a scrutineer if the helmet has been associated with an accident. Keith Marchment is aware of the issue and if you have a similar problem please speak to Keith. The matter has been reported to Motorsport UK who are aware of a number of other instances where this has happened.

Track Limits! - many drivers tested the track limits at Donington and thought they had paid to use the new areas of Mr Palmer's green concrete beyond the kerbs! Many were lucky not to have been penalised in qualifying and the races. Please beware aware of track limits at Brands Hatch – there are 3 sensors – at the exits of Paddock Hill, Druids and Graham Hill bends.

Drivers deciding not to compete – please note that if you decide not to compete in a qualifying session or race, for any reason (mechanical, personal etc), you are required to inform the Secretary of the Meeting and the CGRC Race Day Coordinator as soon as possible.

6. **BARC New Drivers Briefing**

Drivers who have **not raced** the Brands Hatch Indy Circuit before **MUST** attend the BARC “new drivers” briefing before they go on circuit - the times are 08.30, 09.30, 10:30 and 15.00 on Saturday.

This means any “new drivers” who wish to use the practice session will need to attend the 08.30 briefing.

The briefings are held in the briefing room next to the café in the GP (inner paddock), a long way from our position in the outer paddock – please allow time to get there.

Please note non-attendance at a BARC briefings can result in a significant fine (up to £200) by Motorsport UK.

7. **Championship Briefing**

There is no CGRC Championship Briefing at Brands Hatch.

8. **Decals for Guests Cars**

Please note **all guest cars** are required to carry CGRC class decals to aid recognition in mixed class practice / racing. They can be obtained from race support team GRS on test and race days.

9. **Tyre Decals on Guest Cars**

CGRC are sponsored by Yokohama, any other tyre decals are to be covered up.

10. **Saturday Practice Session**

There are now two 20-minute practice sessions. The first, for the Sigmax class, is scheduled to start at 09.30 and the second for the other classes is scheduled to start at 10.00. There is no additional charge for this. Cars must run in their relevant class session, unless approved otherwise by the clerk.

If anyone does not wish to take part in free practice please advise John Benfield (07770 995395 or competitions@cgrc.uk) before the weekend, or Kate Outterside (07595 393187 or raceadmin@cgrc.uk) first thing on Saturday morning.

11. Grid Composition and Start Procedure

We have 2 grids. The Sigmax class will form one grid. The second grid will comprise a combined grid, incorporating the Sigma 150, 135, Mega and Classic classes.

The Sigma 150, Mega and Sigma 135 classes will form the front section of the combined grid and will be gridded by reference to qualifying time (i.e. a mixed grid), the rear section of the grid will be the Classic class, gridded by reference to qualifying time. There will be a two-row gap between the back of the front section of the grid and the Classic class.

For the avoidance of doubt, there will be no delayed flag start. All classes will start at the same time on the lights.

12. Tyre Supply

Polleysport are at Brands Hatch and not at Zandvoort. As normal, if you need tyres for Brands or Zandvoort please contact Steve Polley on 01354 688111 in advance to place your order for delivery at Brands Hatch.

13. Race Support Teams

If you would like to discuss support arrangements (from emergency support to full support) the contacts are: -

CTS Motorsport - Jon Curry - 01652 649589

GRS - Pete Godfrey - 07936 190352

Revolution Motorsport - Joel Doherty - 07909 901571

14. Parts Shop

GRS will have their parts shop open and parts are available for purchase by all drivers and support teams. See Pete Godfrey or one of the GRS team.

15. Decal Supply

We ran out of CGRC back panel decals at Donington. A new supply will be available at Brands Hatch.

GRS are carrying the stock of spare sponsor and Club decals / number squares. They are available on test and race days.

16. DST at Brands

All Racing Members of the Driving Standards Team members are at Brands Hatch - Marc Noaro (Mega 68) Andy Molsom (Sigmax 20), Steve McMaster (Sigmax 7) and Andy Skinner (Mega 55).

They will be pleased to give an informal opinion should you wish to discuss any driving standards issues.

17. Updated Driving Standards Information and Guidance for 2019

This has been updated for 2019 and all drivers should read it. It can be found here: -

https://www.cgrc.uk/docs/2019325_CGRC%20Driving%20Standards%20Information%20and%20Guidance%20FINAL%20March%202019.pdf

18. Clerking at Brands Hatch

Andrew Outterside, our Commercial Director, is again clerking this weekend. He will not be responsible for directly clerking our races, however some of you may see him at a new drivers briefing and he may start some of the races.

19. Catering

As normal Gail and Cathy are providing the catering. Please pick up wristbands for you and any guests you have booked in.

Below is the note Gail recently posted on the Forum and the CGRC Facebook Community Page.

“CATERING AT BRANDS - only a week to go and it is going to be a busy one!

There will be unlimited tea, coffee and biscuits available on Friday from 9 and all-day Saturday and Sunday as usual.

There will be a buffet style lunch provided SATURDAY and SUNDAY with tea and cakes at prize giving on both days.

In addition, there will be a Club hosted BBQ on Saturday evening where all are welcome. Further details, including times etc to follow.

A REMINDER ABOUT CHARGES for lunch.

Drivers that are racing and one guest are entitled to lunch.

ANY ONE ELSE - Food Wristbands can be purchased at a cost of £7.50 per day for adults and over 12s, £5 for children 5 to 12 years and no charge for under 5's.

DRIVERS - GUESTS must be booked in advance, please let me know if you have anyone else attending that you would like to be included for lunch so that I can cater accordingly.

Email - gail@rockeyracing.com

Text – 07960 159979

ABOUT THE FOOD - Did you know ?

The beef and ham that I provide for the buffet is bought from my local butcher and is home cooked by Ben Rockety. Cath and I slice the meats at the circuit just before serving.

The burgers and sausages for the BBQ will be bought from them too.

I always provide something suitable for Vegetarians and so that it is easy to identify the veggie option is served on green napkins.

if you or your guests have any special requirements, I will always try to provide something suitable for them, just let me know.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Gail”

Gail has just posted a reminder which reads: -

CATERING AT BRANDS

DRIVERS - have you invited anyone to come and watch you race?

Would you like them to join you for lunch?

If so, you MUST let me know so that they can be counted in. For yourself and ONE other there is no charge but any one over that will need to purchase a wristband.

TEXT 07960159979 email gail@rockeyracing.com

I will be checking for food wristbands this weekend

Many thanks

Gail

20. Saturday 22 June 6pm - Evening Social and “Meet the Club”

The CGRC are hosting a BBQ on Saturday evening from 6pm at our race centre in the outer paddock.

Drivers, their invited guests and CGRC support teams are welcome to join us for the evening, which is also being attended by potential new members who would like to get to know more about racing with the Club.

Food and beverages are free of charge. Some alcohol is being provided, but please feel free to bring a bottle.

Our last race of the day is due to finish at 4.10pm, therefore we will be having the awards and prize giving at 5pm in the race centre, followed by the BBQ, with food available from 6pm.

We hope you can join us.

21. Our guests at Brands Hatch

As part of our marketing to potential new members we are holding a “Meet the Club” event over this weekend. We have invited various guests who have expressed interest in the Club following meeting us at MotorsportDays LIVE and Autosport International, or heard of us through social media marketing and word of mouth.

The majority of invited guests (it currently looks like some 20 guests) are coming on Saturday and will joining us for lunch and some will be staying for the BBQ. There are a few more coming on Sunday and we will also be visited by members of Kent 7s, who are interested in understanding more about our racing.

Leanne Fahy (who has recently started helping us with the Club’s social media) has kindly offered to act as the host for our guests on both days and introduce them to Members / Race Support teams etc. Suzie Black will be assisting Leanne.

Please provide a warm welcome to our guests over the weekend and take the opportunity to speak to them about the Club.

22. Staying in Touch – CGRC WhatsApp Group

We have introduced a bulletin WhatsApp group to provide updates throughout the 2019 Season, including race day information. It is used by the CGRC Executive and Kate, our Race Day Administrator, and is for drivers and race / support team managers.

To access the WhatsApp group, you will need to download WhatsApp and follow this link:

<https://bit.ly/2YgEM4i>

If you have any issues with the above link, please send a WhatsApp message to **07595 393 187** and you will be invited into the group. Please note that by joining the group, your telephone number will be visible to all within the group.

23. Child and General Safety

Please ensure that children are supervised at all times. They should not be in the paddock around the cars unless they are accompanied by an adult. Drivers should keep their speed to an absolute minimum when driving in the paddock. In addition, please note, no one should ride on the back of race cars.

24. Contact / Further Information

Prior to the meeting – John Benfield - 07770 995395 or competitions@cgrc.uk

Race Days - Kate Outterside – 07595 393187 or raceadmin@cgrc.uk

Kate is our Race Day Coordinator and is the liaison between CGRC and BARC and our race Clerk.

If you have any queries or issues over the weekend day please do not hesitate to contact Kate.

25. CGRC News – a few important items of news

Feedback from Donington

We've had some great feedback from our guests at Donington, thank you for making them so welcome, in particular our novices Phil Clarke and Matthew Lewis.

Here are a couple of the emails we have received -

"We had a brilliant weekend with you all. Everybody made us feel very welcome and came and had a chat with us. The on-track experience was great also, with good hard, but clean racing throughout the weekend with all the guys."

"I wanted to say thank you for such a terrific event despite the rain. Really enjoyed the racing and organisation."

Donington Photos

The photos have been uploaded and can be found here - <https://cgrc.smugmug.com/CGRC-Donington-Park-2019/>

With many thanks to our photographer for the weekend Sean Mulcahy.

AGM

The Club AGM will be held at Brands Hatch at 11.00am on Sunday 23 June. A Board report was recently email to all Racing and Social members. If you have not received the email please contact chairman@cgrc.uk

It's important to come along and have your say – it's your Club.

Helpers Required

If you can spare some time to help out during race weekends and on various projects outside race weekends please contact any of the Club directors to discuss.

Race Suit Badges

The majority of drivers were supplied with a CGRC badge, along a sewing kit, with their decal packs. If anyone is missing one please see Kate Outterside. It would be good to see as many as possible on race suits to help promote the Club.

Awards Dinner - Saturday 16 November

Thank you to those who responded to the membership survey. We have decided to go back to Hellidon Lakes at Daventry, following its refurbishment. Please note we have added the awards dinner to the race schedule – please complete and let us know if you plan to attend.

Below is a note about the dinner recently posted by Peter Marsh: -

The 2019 Club Annual Awards Evening will take place on Saturday 16th November at Hellidon Lakes Golf and Spa Hotel near Daventry.

The hotel interior has just been refurbished to an excellent standard and dining complemented by a new chef.

This year's event will support "Mission Motorsport" - the Forces' Motorsport Charity whose mission is ...

"To aid the recovery and rehabilitation of those affected by military operations by providing opportunities through Motorsport and the Automotive Industry."

Our guest speaker is Jim Cameron the CEO and Founder of Mission Motorsport which will be our designated charity for 2020.

Chris Dawes has again kindly agreed to host our event for the evening

Tickets for the evening are £55 per person which includes: -

***pre-dinner reception drink
professional master of ceremonies - Chris Dawes
3 course meal with choices
1/2 bottle of wine per person
tea/coffee/mints
guest speaker - Jim Cameron (Mission Motorsport)
presentation of awards
disco/dance***

Rooms with breakfast are available to book directly with Hellidon Lakes Hotel

***double - £85
single - £75***

In order to satisfactorily organise the event, and keep within budget, it is vital that we have an accurate picture of the number of people attending. Could you therefore, as soon as possible, please complete the race schedule Awards Evening section on the CGRC website to signal your intention.

The event entry and payment system will go live on the club website shortly.

All past and future guest racers are warmly welcomed, so if you wish to attend please contact me.

thank you Peter

***Peter Marsh,
Treasurer,
07967706363***

Race Schedule Updating

Can you please check that your race schedule in the Members Area is up to date? This is important for our race planning for the remainder of the season.

Motorsport Days Live - Silverstone Wing and International Circuit - 1 / 2 November 2019

We are repeating our attendance at this event and have taken a garage which is being shared with CTS Motorsport.

This is great opportunity to promote and showcase CGRC and meet with those looking to get into racing for the first time or try racing something new. We will have display cars in the garage and have access to the track to demonstrate our cars.

We need a team of volunteers to help out with set up, manning and break down. If you can spare a day to help out please contact Andrew Outterside – commercial@cgrc.uk

CGRC Merchandise



With the introduction of the new Club logo, we have been working with Class Above Personalisations on new merchandise.

A stock of t-shirts, caps and race suit badges will be on display and available to purchase at Brands Hatch in the CGRC Marquee.

Zandvoort - 5th - 7th July

We have 34 entries at present, including 5 guests. The racing member entry fee is £675 and the guest entry fee is £750, both inclusive of free practice sessions on Friday.

Please note you must have a National A licence to take part in this event.

The weekend consists of: - 3 x 25-minute free practice (on Friday 5th July)
1 x 25-minute qualifying
2 x 30-minute races

For further details please contact Charles Elliott

Email - charles@tripleeracing.co.uk

Mobile - +44 7803 015246

Zandvoort SIM Bootcamp

Below is a copy of a recent post by Club member Adam Croft: -

As many of you know, at the start of this year, I set up a brand-new race training simulator venue, 'SIMTrack Driver Performance Centre', based in the premises of Ginetta HQ just outside Leeds, Yorkshire - www.simtrack.co.uk

It is a standalone business, catering for drivers of all levels, in all Championships, with top end simulator technology and ARDS qualified coaches running the customer sessions.

To get a better idea of what we are doing, please check out our promo video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIIY5jpfKo4&t=10s>

You may have seen on social media, that ahead of the CGRC round at Zandvoort on 6th / 7th July, we are running a Zandvoort circuit learning bootcamp.....details as follows:

Running from w/c17th June....what better way to learn the circuit and get ahead of the game before you jet out to Holland for the race weekend!

2hr sim session on Zandvoort circuit, with ARDS qualified coaching, data analysis and video playback.

Laser scanned track map of Zandvoort circuit

Session can be shared between 2 drivers at no additional cost

***Zandvoort Bootcamp will run from Monday 17th – Weds 3rd July
10% discount for CGRC drivers = £270 +VAT for 2 hours (longer sessions can be booked if required)***

To book, please contact Adam Croft on 07775 847892 or email hello@simtrack.co.uk

I appreciate that our location may be an issue for many of you, but hopefully we'll see a few of you over the next week or 2 ahead of the Zandvoort weekend!

Many thanks

Adam

Snetterton 16th - 18th August 24-hour race - SAFETY car drivers wanted!

Below is a copy of a Forum post by former Club member and clerk Richard Ormson: -

After handing duties to Andrew O in 2018, it's my turn to recruit safety car drivers again.

A lot of grads drivers have done this in the past - basically it involves sitting in Mr Palmer's BMW for a couple of hours, waiting for a 2CV to plough up the Norfolk countryside. And then driving round very slowly until the offending snail is returned to the black stuff.

That's not quite as easy as it sounds (have you tried driving on track at a constant 50mph?), and the hours can be a bit antisocial (it is a 24-hour race after all). But you get to see a race from another viewpoint, a few free laps of Snett, some food vouchers, and (on past experience) a goody bag from the 2CV Club. If you're a novice, it also gets you an upgrade signature if you can find a willing clerk. Given that I'm one of the clerks and Andrew is another, that shouldn't be a problem.

The event is at Snetterton on the weekend of 16th - 18th August. That's in the middle of the grads summer break, so no doubt some of you will be getting bored ;-)

The race itself (i.e. the bit I need drivers for) starts on the Saturday. Start time is TBC. SC Drivers generally do 1 or 2 sessions of 2 hours. I fit the rota around who wants to do what.

If you can be there on Friday evening, there will be a late practice session: having a lap or two of Snetterton in the dark is helpful as I swear the circuit is bigger at night.

All you need is to ever have held a National B race license (or better) and a willingness to spend a few hours at Snetterton.

If you're interested please drop me a line at Richard@Ormson.net