



Notice of Race

41st Gill Grafham Grand Prix - 4th event of the Selden SailJuice Winter Series

Saturday 30th December 2023

Sponsored by Gill

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the Sailjuice Winter Series.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

[DP, NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.3 If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions with final fleet compositions will be published on the official notice board (see 3.1 below) by 14:00 on Friday 29th December 2023.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>.
- 3.2. [DP, NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3. Briefing

Any relevant notices will be posted on the GWSC on-line Notice Board (see 3.1 above). There may be a live competitor briefing on the day; this will be announced with the publication of the Sailing Instructions

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats with Great Lakes Event Handicaps as listed in APPENDIX 2. The intended handicap ranges are:
 - 4.1.1. Asymmetric Monohulls ratings 697 - 1190
 - 4.1.2. Multihulls/Catamarans ratings 570 – 1166
 - 4.1.3. Non Asymmetric Monohulls ratings 858 – 1210
 - 4.1.4. Foiling Classes ratings 570 – 800

These handicap ranges may be changed at the discretion of the organising authority and any variation detailed in the Sailing Instructions and posted on the official notice board.

We cannot accept entries from Sailboards.

- 4.2. Entry is by on-line at www.sailjuiceseries.com with entry open no later than 1st December 2023. Entries after 20:00 on Monday 25th December 2023 and up to 20:00 Wednesday 27th December 2023 (the Event Closing Time) will be subject to a late entry fee of £10. Thereafter late entries will be at the absolute discretion of GWSC and will be subject to a late entry fee of £10 and should be made by completing entry forms at the GWSC office.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. **Entry is limited to the first 150 boats received and paid. Should entry numbers need to be restricted below 150, due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be accepted in order of receipt of entry.**
- 4.5. Entries may be substituted up to the Event Closing Time. Thereafter only the following changes will be permitted:
Change of helm or crew
Change of sail number (but not in conjunction with change of helm).
Any such changes must be notified to the Grafham Club Office (email office@grafham.org) by 09:30 on Saturday 30th December 2023.
More substantive changes e.g. change to a different class, substitution of both helm and crew or substitution of helm and change of sail number may be permitted but only at the absolute discretion of the Club and if permitted will be subject to a £10 administration fee.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors will be £31 for single hander boats and £38 for double hander boats.
- 5.2. Entry fees for boats helmed or crewed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member who has a registered boat at Grafham will be £12 for single hander boats and £18 for double hander boats.

The entry fee includes a pasta dish to be served after sailing is completed.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Class rules apply.

7. ADVERTISING

[DP. NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does not apply

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Registration
Will be done on arrival at the Club Gate from 08.00 by Meet and Greet personnel.
- 9.2. Classes and starts
The Annex, attached to this Notice of Race, groups eligible dinghies into their **provisional** Race Starts. Final Fleet compositions will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
There will be three race tracks with one start on each.
- 9.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:55.
- 9.4. Three back-to-back races are scheduled.

9.5. No warning signal will be made after 14:30.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Each boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

11.2. GWSC Local Rule - Wet or dry suits must be worn whilst afloat.

12. VENUE

12.1. A site plan showing parking and slipways is attached as Appendix 1.

13. COURSES

13.1. Three separate race tracks are planned and the courses to be sailed will be:

Fast Fleet - Windward/Leeward

Medium - Trapezoid

Slow Fleet - Trapezoid

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Rule 44.1 is changed for all multihulls and monohulls in the Fast Fleet so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. Rule 44.1 is not changed for boats in the Medium and Slow fleets where the Two Turns penalty applies to all classes.

15. SCORING

15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

(b) When three races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

15.3. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. Support vessels shall not be allowed.

17. 18. 19. 20 DO NOT APPLY

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The GWSC data protection policy can be found at https://www.grafham.org/wp-content/uploads/_pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf

21.2. By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event and consent to these being published in class, club, sponsor and other publications and / or the class, club, sponsor or other websites.

22. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims
- (h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be given to each of the fleet starts according to entry numbers. There will also be Spot Prizes.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. CANCELLATION

By 12:00 on Thursday 28th December 2023 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength, weather conditions generally and any other external factors. In the event of cancellation at this time a notice will be posted on the GWSC website by 14:00 and full refunds of the entry fees will be given less a £3 Sailjuice administration charge.

25.2. GENERAL

Camping will not be permitted prior to or after the event.

Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club, details of local accommodation, and other information are available on the Club website - <http://www.grafham.org> .

Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Grafham Water Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

25.3. COVID-19

Currently there are no COVID 19 restrictions which apply. We may need to impose restrictions onshore, offshore or both depending on the prevailing Covid-19 situation. The nature of any restrictions will be communicated to competitors in the pre-event briefing note.

25.4. MOVEMENT OF BOATS TO GRAFHAM WATER

In order to prevent the spread of non-native species there is a requirement to ensure that boats are clean before they visit the site using the principle of Check Clean Dry <http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm> . This includes:

CHECK your equipment and clothing for live organisms – particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN and wash equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

DRY all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Anglian Water ask for boats and equipment, arriving at Grafham Water that are from the following locations, to have been clean and dry for at least two days prior to arrival – if not, then they must not be launched at the Club:

- Wraysbury Reservoir and Wraysbury River near to Staines
- The Queen Mother Reservoir
- Queen Elizabeth II/Bessborough Reservoirs
- Queen Mary Reservoir
- Warwick East Reservoir, Warwick West Reservoir and William Girling Reservoir all located in the Lee Valley

25.5. MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER

A non-native species of fresh-water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimps) have been found in Grafham Water and certain restrictions on boat movement have been imposed by AW, DEFRA or other bodies to prevent the spread of these to other locations in the UK. These requirements are prominently displayed on the club premises and will include washing boats and equipment before removal from the Club premises.

Failure to comply with the requirements of these restrictions may lead to expulsion from the event.

25.6. PHOTOGRAPHS

Professional Photographs Our photography partner, Paul Sanwell of OP Photography will be taking action photographs of the event. These images can be viewed and purchased the day after the event on the Grafham Water SC photo-gallery at www.grafham.org/photos.

APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN



Grafham Water Sailing Club Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 0BU. Tel: 01480 810478 or 07943 196522
Email office@grafham.org Website www.grafham.org

APPENDIX 2 – Schedule of eligible boats - FLEET COMPOSITIONS ARE PROVISIONAL

FAST FLEET

Foilers			Fast Multihull 773 - 785		
Int Moth (Foiling)			Dart 18 Sloop S/H		
Nacra F20 Carbon FCS			Asymmetric Multihulls 597 - 961		
RS600 FF			Nacra F20 Carbon		
Waszp			Tornado Spi		
Nacra 17 Olympic Foiler			Formula 18		
A Class Foiling			Tornado 24m2 Spi		
^Skeeta			Nacra 17 Olympic Non-Foiler		
UFO			A Class Classic		
Cherub Foiling			Prindle 19 Spi		
Fast Asymmetric Monohulls 697-1040 and 505			Hurricane 5.9 SX		
49er			Nacra 16 Spi D/H curved foils		
49er FX			Formula 16 D/H		
Int 14			Nacra 16 Solo Spi curved foils		
49er (Old rig)			Nacra 16 Spi D/H straight foils		
RS900			Formula 16 S/H		
RS800			Nacra F17 Sloop Spi D/H		
29erXX			Prindle 18.2 Spi		
Int Canoe Spi			Tornado Classic		
VX One			Spitfire		
Norfolk Punt			Hurricane 5.9		
Musto Skiff			Nacra Inter 17 Sloop Spi D/H		
RS700			Nacra 16 Solo Spi straight foils		
Laser 5000			Nacra F17 Solo Spi		
Boss			Spitfire Spi S/H		
B14			Nacra 15 Spi D/H		
12ft Skiff			Shadow X		
505			Nacra Inter 17 Solo Spi		
59erXX			Hurricane 500		
29er			Shadow		
Cherub			Nacra 500 Sport Spi D/H		
59er			SL16		
4000			Hobie 16 Spi		
K6			Dart 18 Spi D/H		
ISO			Nacra 500 Solo Spi		
Spice			Prindle 18		
Vortex			Shearwater		
RS400			Nacra 500 Sloop D/H		
X1			Unicorn		
RS500			Nacra Inter 17 Solo		
Cherub 97			Hobie 16		
Devoti D-One			Topaz 16CX		
RS100 10.2			RS Cat 16 Race Spi D/H		
X0			RS Cat 16 XL Spi D/H		
RS100 8.4			Topaz 14Xtreme S/H		
V3000			Topaz 14Xtreme D/H		
MX-Ray			Topaz 16S Spi		
Buzz			Topaz 14CX Spi		
K2			Topaz 12		
Sport 16			Weta		
			Hobie Dragoon Spi		

MEDIUM FLEET

Medium Monohulls 858-1069			Medium Non Asymmetric		
			Multihulls 822 - 1018		
Int Canoe			Dart 18		
Flying Dutchman			Hobie 17		
Int Canoe OD			Dart 18 S/H		
National 18			DX Catamaran		
RS600			Dart 16 Spi D/H		
AltO			Nacra 500 Solo		
Osprey			Dart 15 Sport		
Javelin			Catapult		
Fireball			Dart 16 Sloop D/H		
National 18C			Topaz 16C		
Hornet			Prindle 15		
Vortex (No Spi)			Dart 15 D/H		
Contender			Dart 15		
470			RS Cat 16 S Sloop D/H		
Icon			RS Cat 16 Club S/H		
Int Moth (Non-foiling)			Topaz 16S		
Merlin Rocket			Topaz 14C		
RS300			Hobie Dragoon		
Halo					
MRX					
Phantom			Medium Asymmetric Monohulls 1046-1052		
Int Lightning			Comet Race	1043	DA
Punk			RS200	1046	DA
Flying 15			Comet Trio (MK II)	1052	DA
Tasar					
RS Aero 9					
12 sqm Sharpie					
Scorpion					
Blaze					
Laser EPS					
RS100 7.4					
Rooster 8.1					
Flying 15 Silver					
Hadron H2					
Kestrel					
Marauder					
Devoti D-Zero					
Finn					
Albacore					
Sport 14					
Fire					
Hadron H1					
Farr 3.7					
K1					
National 12					
Lark					
RS Aero 7					

SLOW FLEET

Slow Non Asymmetric Monohulls 1071-1210		Slow Asymmetric Monohulls 1074-1190		
Seafly		Laser Vago XD		
Megabyte		Laser Vago XD S/H		
Supernova		Topaz Argo		
Devoti D-Zero Blue		Topaz Omega		
420		Topaz Xenon		
Laser II		2000		
Redwing		Laser 3000		
Solution		RS Vareo		
Flash		405		
RS Aero 6		RS Venture		
Wayfarer		Laser Bahia		
ILCA 7 / Laser		Comet Trio (MK I)		
Snipe		Laser Stratos		
Leader		RS Quest		
OK		RS Vision		
GP14		Comet Versa		
Graduate		Topaz Magno		
Vaurien		Topaz Vibe		
Yeoman		Topaz Duo		
Europe				
RS Aero 5				
Byte CII		Slow Non Asymmetric Multihulls 1040-1162		
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial		Dart 12 S/H		
Solo		Challenger		
Enterprise				
Streaker				
Lightning 368				
British Moth				
Comet Duo				
RS Neo				
Devon Yawl				
Byte				
Firefly				
Comet Mino				
Pacer				
Wanderer				
Miracle				
Bosun				
YW Dayboat				
Comet				
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7				
Byte CI				