

EVENT & DATE: A class national Champion ship & Spitfire Open. July 12th & 13th 2025

Pre-Event information

RO: Eric Joyce

Car & Trailer Parking:

On arrival, please take boats to the far end of the road above the dinghy park. Boat can be rigged there and launched off slipways 6, 7 & 8. Campers can then move their vehicle to their booked space on the east side of the clubhouse. There is slipway 2 at the camping side that campers could use instead, but the entrance to it is quite narrow—have a look and see. If it is wide enough, it will save wheeling the boats all the way to the other end.



Event communications:

The Official Notice Board is online, so please bring mobile device. The Notice Board can be accessed via https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html. Email for use during the event will be office@grafham.org

Wash down:

Boats must be washed down before leaving the Club to comply with non-native species guidance. Jet washes will be placed on shrimp alley and a hose at the top of slipway 2.

Results:

Will be published online as soon as possible after the completion of racing on the GWSC web site.

Prize giving:

Will be in the upstairs lounge at 1500 or as soon as practical thereafter.

Catering:

The café on the ground floor of the Clubhouse will be open. Cash or card can be used.

Breakfast will be available Sunday morning.

The Saturday evening meal will begin serving between 1700 and 1730.

Safety & Security:

Please do not walk through fenced off areas: they are fenced off for your safety.

Take particular care of the coxswains' slipway (East side of the Clubhouse in front of the coxswains' shed) as there

are regular tractor movements on this slipway.

The fire exits from the Clubhouse are marked – the fire muster point is on the grass of the roundabout on the landside of the Clubhouse.

Please do not valuables in the changing rooms. There are lockers (green) in the café area which take a £1 coin

Sailing

Competitor Briefing: There will be a short competitor briefing at 1030 outside the café unless it is raining, when it will be inside the café. Please make sure that you have read the SI as it is not the intention to discuss them at the briefing.

There is weed growing inshore. We recommend using minimum foils until you clear the moorings.

If a fishing boat is encountered sailing boats are required to go no closer than 20m, unless it is proceeding under motor. However, they are not as fast as catamarans, so we recommend keeping clear of them in all circumstances, it will be safer.

Windsurfers: If conditions are suitable for them it is likely that a variety of boards and wing foilers will be sailing through the race course at times, although this will depend on the wind direction. Please keep a good lookout for them, especially those that have fallen off the board.

Race Area: Will be confirmed on the Online Notice Board and competitors' briefing.

Finishing: The first 3 boats may be the only ones given a finishing sound signal. If you are finishing in a crowd of boats, do note the sail numbers around you in case we cannot see your number. Note that boats within the fleet may sail different numbers of laps.

Trash: Carry your own personal supply of food, drink and kit, you will not be able to deposit your dry bags nor trash in the safety boats.

First race of the day: Our aim is to start on time: please allow adequate time for launching; take into account the number of competitors which includes club members trying to launch and plan accordingly.

Eric Joyce [Race Officer] & Mark Rushton [Club host]