



Alphabet Race Mon 25 May 2026 Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules>
- 1.3. The Great Lakes Handicap System applies
- 1.4. If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c)
- 1.5. Appendix T (Arbitration) applies

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/club-racing> by Sunday 24 May 2026

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Boats may carry and use VHF radios.

4. ELIGABILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all vessels with a Great Lakes Handicap number. Vessels without a Great Lakes Handicap number may sail, at the sole discretion of the Race Officer, under a provisional number granted by the Race Officer.
- 4.2. Sailors should be members or guests of Grafham Water Sailing Club
- 4.3. Boats shall enter the event by registering online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/club-racing> before the start of racing

5. FEES

- 5.1. There is no entry fee.



6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Class rules for each boat shall apply, with an exception for 2-person classes that have been given dispensation to sail single-handed off a different handicap

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Advertising shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 and the relevant rules of the individual competitor's Class Association. Grafham Water Sailing Club may require the display of advertising material

8. QUALIFYING SERIES & FINAL SERIES (Does not apply)

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. There will be a single race
- 9.2. There will be a starting window between 1030 and 1130. Full details will be given in the Sailing Instructions

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (Does not apply)

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

12. VENUE Grafham Water (all of it!)

13. COURSES

- 13.1. The course will comprise sailing all of the Grafham fixed marks, in alphabetical order. The approximate position of the fixed marks is shown on the [lake map](#) available on the Club web site.
The course length is approximately 34km. (For information, last year in winds of around 15 to 20 knots the F18 completed the course in 1hr 37 min, the foiling sailboat in just under 2 hours, and the Scorpion in 3hrs 6min)
Full details of the course including prescription of mark roundings, will be given in the Sailing Instructions.
All boats will sail the same course.
Boats may come ashore, at the Club site only, during the race, but no time adjustment will be made for this.
- 13.2. The start and finish lines will be lines extending from the shore close to the Clubhouse.
- 13.3. The Race Committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32. In addition (and this modifies RRS 32) the Race Committee may shorten the course at a number of different rounding marks for different boats depending on their position in the fleet. Full details will be given in the Sailing Instructions



14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Boats that finish the whole course and boats that are finished under the Shortened course procedure (see 13.3 above) will be scored separately.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS (Does not apply)

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS (Does not apply)

18. BERTHING (Does not apply)

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS (Does not apply)

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS (Does not apply)

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. Grafham Water Sailing Club's data privacy policy can be found here:
<https://www.grafham.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf>.

22. RISK STATEMENT

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

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

- 22.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 22.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 22.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 22.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 22.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 22.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;



22.7. 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. Grafham Water Sailing Club General Instructions state that all craft shall be covered by third-party insurance for claims up to £2 million arising in any one accident.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entrants. The Golden Jubilee Trophy will be awarded to the boat which has sailed the complete course in the shortest handicap adjusted time.

24.2. The prize giving will be held in the cafe as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: office@grafham.org