



Notice of Race

Cambridgeshire Youth Sailing League

Grafham Meeting Saturday 6 June 2026

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club ("GWSC") in conjunction with the Cambs Youth Sailing League.

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

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a discretionary penalty may be applied for breaking the rule

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028*.
- 1.2. GWSC implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors 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 2025-2028 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rya-racing-charter/>.
- 1.3. If there is conflict between the NoR and the Event Sailing Instructions ("SI"), then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c)

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The event Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club Web Site at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/cambs-youth-league-2026> by 20:00 on Thursday 4 June 2026.
- 2.2. The CYSYA Supplemental Sailing Instructions for the Series apply: these are available at [Rules \(cysya.org.uk\)](https://www.cysya.org.uk)

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board will be online, located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>
- 3.2. Notices for competitors will be posted on the official notice board. There will be a Competitor briefing on the day, to be held at 1030 on the waterside of the Clubhouse (or inside if raining)
- 3.3. 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Competitors shall be under the age of nineteen years (19) on 31 August 2026.
- 4.2. Competitors shall be members of one of the participating clubs: Grafham Water SC, Cam SC, Ely SC, Hunts SC, and Paxton Lakes SC, or otherwise specifically invited by CYSYA

- 4.3. The event is open to any class of dinghy or multihull with a Portsmouth Yardstick Number. The prescriptions of Clause 3 [Rules \(csya.org.uk\)](https://www.csya.org.uk) apply.
- 4.4. Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/cambis-youth-league-2026> together with the required entry fee, by midnight on Wednesday 3 June 2026.
- 4.5. The event is an RYA Junior Club Championship Qualifying event. Further details about the RYA Junior Club Championship can be found at [Could your event be an RYA Junior Club Championship qualifier? | News](#)
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7. Late entries will be accepted at the absolute discretion of GWSC.
- 4.8. There is a maximum entry limit of 50 boats for the event
- 4.9. By 20:00 on Thursday 4 June 2025 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength and other relevant factors. In the event of cancellation a notice will appear on the GWSC website by this time.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £1 per boat.

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 – N/A

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Registration will be at the Club Office from 0900 on Saturday 6 June 2026
- 9.2. Equipment inspection and event measurement: N/A
- 9.3. Date of Racing: Saturday 06 June 2026
- 9.4. Three races are scheduled with the first race, first flight start not before 1100. It is envisaged there will be up to three flights in each race: fast, medium and slow. The constitution of flights will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Racing will be handicap racing using PY numbers (as amended by National Class rules) and average lap times
- 9.5. Competitors will come ashore for lunch after Race 1. It is expected that Races 2 and 3 will be sailed “back to back”. This will be confirmed on the day

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.

12. VENUE

- 12.1. A site plan showing, parking and slipways is shown in Appendix 1. The sailing area will be shown on the Official Notice Board and announced at the Competitor briefing

13. COURSES

- 13.1. The course to be sailed will be a trapezoid with an upwind gate and will be further described in the Sailing Instructions

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Independent judging may be applied as per Clause 12 of [Rules \(csysa.org.uk\)](http://csysa.org.uk)

15. SCORING

15.1. See [Rules \(csysa.org.uk\)](http://csysa.org.uk) clauses 6 and 9

15.2. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. Support vessels shall not be allowed unless expressly authorised by the Race Committee

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

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 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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) 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 £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be given as set out in [Rules \(csysa.org.uk\)](http://csysa.org.uk)

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. GENERAL

The cafeteria will be open during the day on Saturday 06 June

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 Regulations. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

25.2. 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

25.3. 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.

APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN



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