



## Notice of Race

### Christmas Pursuit Race Sunday 17 December 2023

*The event is a Pursuit Race. All boats sail the same course. The slowest boats start first. Subsequent start times are calculated using The Great Lakes Handicaps on the basis that all boats, if sailed to their handicap, would be level on the water at the Prescribed Finishing Time. So the winner of the race is the boat that is first on the water at the Prescribed Finishing Time.*

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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. 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 will be available at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/club-racing> by Friday 15 December 2023

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. While racing, 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. The event is open to all boats sailing within their class rules and with a Great Lakes Handicap number of 1445 (RS Tera Sport) or lower.
- 4.2. Boats shall enter by registering online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/club-racing>

5. FEES (Does not apply)

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. The following crew limitations apply: *Sailors should be members or guests of Grafham Water Sailing Club*
- 6.2. 2-person classes that have been given a dispensation to sail single-handed off a different handicap may compete.

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. The warning signal (3 minutes) for the first start (RS Tera Sport), will be no earlier than 10:47.
- 9.2. Individual Class Start times will be included in the Sailing Instructions to be published on the GWSC Website by Friday 15 December 2023. As a guide, a sample of start times is set out below:

Laser4.7/ILCA4	11:04
Laser Radial/ILCA6	11:08
Laser Std/ILCA7	11:10
Flying Fifteen	11:15
Musto Skiff	11:25
Dart 18 S/H	11:26
Formula 18	11:36

- 9.3. The finishing time will be 12:15 (or 85 minutes after the First Start if later).

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (Does not apply)

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

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

12. VENUE (Does not apply)

13. COURSES

- 13.1. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the [Club Noticeboard on the GWSC website](#) and on the Café Noticeboard at least 30 minutes before the warning signal for the first start.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM



15. SCORING

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.



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### 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 to the top finishers in line with the number of entries; there may also be spot prizes
- 24.2. The prize giving will be held in the top bar after racing on 17 December and immediately prior to the Christmas Lunch (approximately 1330)

### 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1. For further information please contact: [office@grafham.org](mailto:office@grafham.org)

