



Sailing Instructions

Christmas Pursuit Race

Sunday 17 December 2023

[DP] before a rule indicates that a penalty other than disqualification may be applied by the Race Committee.

[NP] Before a rule indicates that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS60.1

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*

1.2 SAIL NUMBERS A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the office when entering. Even when such confirmation is received the Race Committee does not have the authority to amend the requirements of class rules. As a result, a boat could be protested for failing to comply with class rules.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [Club Noticeboard | Grafham Water Sailing Club](#)

3.2 From the first warning signal until the end of the race, 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Grafham Water Sailing Club 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 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on flagpole 1. Signals may be announced on the tannoy as well.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The warning signal (3 minutes) for the first start (RS Tera Sport) will be no earlier than 10:47

6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least one minute before the first warning signal is made



7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 No class or fleet flags will be used for starting signals

8. RACING AREA

8.1 As shown in Appendix 1

9. COURSES

See Appendix 1

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks used will be the fixed marks as shown on the lake map and in Appendix 1

11. [DP] OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The prohibited area at the West end of the water is an obstruction. Its boundary is a line of small yellow buoys forming its eastern boundary.

11.2 Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is a prohibited area and an obstruction.

11.3 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction and a prohibited area. Boats must not sail between the safety boat and the craft or competitor in difficulty.

12. THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the Committee boat flying an orange flag and a Dan buoy carrying an orange flag.

12.2 The numbers displayed on boards on the committee boat shall be changed with a sound signal every minute until 11:41 or for as long as there are starters in the starting area.

12.3 The scheduled start times for classes are as listed in Appendix 2.

12.4 [DP] The warning signal for each class is deemed to be 3 minutes before its Starting Signal (this changes RRS 26). Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.5 In the event of a postponement after the Preparatory Signal by displaying pennant AP, the numeral board is removed for re-use. The sequence will be restarted one minute after the removal of AP by re-displaying the numeral board and resuming the one minute sequence. This modifies the interpretation of Race Signal AP in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE (Does not apply)

14. THE FINISH

14.1 Near the end of the race keep within 50 metres of the centreline of your sailing leg to make sure you receive a finish, especially if beating or tacking downwind.

14.2 The Race ends at 12:15. Finish ranking is the order of boats on the water, the leader being finished at 12:15, the boats following as soon as possible afterwards.

14.3 Note the boats next in front and behind you at the finish time and continue sailing until your finish has been recorded from a RIB or Committee boat. After the finish time do not change order with boats ahead or behind you until your finish has been so recorded.



15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 For all competitors RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The target finishing time is 12:15, or 85 minutes after the initial start signal if later

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the race, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the club office.

17.3 Hearings may be held in person at the Club or online as soon as practical after the request.

17.4 The Club may offer an arbitration hearing as an alternative to a full protest hearing.

Appendix 1

Course

- 1 The course will be chosen depending on the wind direction and strength.
- 2 The Course uses the Club's fixed marks as shown on the map below and on the Club's Lake Map
- 3 Marks are listed in order with rounding direction (p-port, s-starboard).
- 4 The Course (name) will be announced on the morning of the race and displayed ashore (in the Café), on the online noticeboard and on the Committee Boat.
- 5 If none of the courses below is considered suitable then a Special course **SP** may be used. In this case the marks to be rounded will also be displayed using course boards on the Committee Boat. The background colour of the boards indicates whether marks are to be left to port (red) or starboard (green).
- 6 After rounding the final mark in the Course sequence continue to Mark 1 again and sail marks in the order listed until the race ends **AND** you are finished on the water.
- 7 Boats must not pass through the starting line when sailing in a downwind direction

Course name/ Wind direction	S	SW	W
Start area	F	F	F
Mark 1	C - p	X - p	J - p
Mark 2	K - p	K - p	X - s
Mark 3	B - p	P - p	L - s
Mark 4	R - p	L - s	M - p
Mark 5	X - s	S - s	H - s
Mark 6	L - s	R - s	S - s
Mark 7	S - p	H - p	R - s
Mark 8	H - p	M - s	F - p
Mark 9	M - s	J - p	P - s
Mark 10	J - p	B - s	B - s
Mark 11	P - s		

- 7 Boats which fail to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with RRS28 may be disqualified without protest or a hearing

Lake map with approximate mark positions (Note that "T" is currently missing)





Appendix 2

Start Times

For each class, the start is when the start number shown below is displayed on the Committee Boat

Class	Great Lakes Handicap	Start Time	Start Number
RS Tera Sport	1445	10:50	3
Topper 4.2	1420	10:51	4
Mirror D/H	1387	10:53	6
Mirror S/H	1377	10:54	7
Topper	1369	10:54	7
RS Tera Pro	1364	10:55	8
Heron	1345	10:56	9
Laser Pico	1330	10:57	10
Fusion Pro	1300	10:59	12
Hartley 12	1290	10:59	12
RS Feva S	1280	11:00	13
Fusion Pro Spi	1275	11:00	13
Otter	1275	11:00	13
Fleetwind	1268	11:00	13
Signet	1265	11:01	14
Topaz Uno	1251	11:01	14
Comet Zero	1250	11:01	14
Vagabond	1248	11:02	15
RS Feva XL	1248	11:02	15
RS Zest	1245	11:02	15
Splash	1235	11:02	15
2.4m	1230	11:03	16
Sunfish	1229	11:03	16
Byte CI	1210	11:04	17
Comet	1210	11:04	17
Laser 4.7 / ILCA 4	1210	11:04	17
YW Dayboat	1200	11:04	17
Bosun	1198	11:05	18
Miracle	1194	11:05	18
Comet Mino	1193	11:05	18
Pacer	1193	11:05	18
Wanderer	1193	11:05	18



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Byte	1190	11:05	18
Firefly	1190	11:05	18
Topaz Duo	1190	11:05	18
Topaz Vibe	1185	11:05	18
Devon Yawl	1184	11:05	18
RS Neo	1180	11:06	19
Comet Duo	1178	11:06	19
Topaz Magno	1175	11:06	19
Challenger	1166	11:06	19
Comet Versa	1165	11:06	19
British Moth	1165	11:06	19
Lightning 368	1160	11:07	20
Streaker	1155	11:07	20
Enterprise	1153	11:07	20
Solo	1152	11:07	20
Laser Radial / ILCA 6	1147	11:08	21
Dart 12 S/H	1144	11:08	21
RS Aero 5	1142	11:08	21
Europe	1141	11:08	21
Vaurien	1140	11:08	21
Yeoman	1140	11:08	21
Byte CII	1135	11:08	21
Graduate	1132	11:08	21
GP14	1130	11:09	22
RS Quest	1130	11:09	22
RS Vision	1130	11:09	22
Leader	1115	11:09	22
OK	1115	11:09	22
Snipe	1108	11:10	23
Laser / ILCA 7	1106	11:10	23
RS Aero 6	1105	11:10	23
Wayfarer	1105	11:10	23
Laser Stratos	1103	11:10	23
Flash	1101	11:10	23
Comet Trio	1096	11:11	24
Laser Bahia	1095	11:11	24
Redwing	1094	11:11	24
RS Vario	1092	11:11	24
RS Venture	1092	11:11	24
Solution	1092	11:11	24
405	1089	11:11	24



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Laser 3000	1085	11:11	24
Laser II	1085	11:11	24
420	1083	11:11	24
2000	1080	11:11	24
D-Zero Blue	1079	11:12	25
Topaz Xenon	1079	11:12	25
Supernova	1077	11:12	25
Topaz Argo	1075	11:12	25
Topaz Omega	1075	11:12	25
Laser Vago XD	1074	11:12	25
Laser Vago XD S/H	1074	11:12	25
Megabyte	1072	11:12	25
Seafly	1071	11:12	25
RS Aero 7	1069	11:12	25
Lark	1065	11:12	25
K1	1064	11:12	25
National 12	1064	11:12	25
Farr 3.7	1063	11:12	25
Hadron H1	1059	11:13	26
Fire	1058	11:13	26
Sport 14	1055	11:13	26
Albacore	1053	11:13	26
Comet Trio MKII	1052	11:13	26
Int Moth Magnum 8	1050	11:13	26
Merlin Rocket (sail number up to 2832)	1050	11:13	26
Finn	1049	11:13	26
RS200	1046	11:13	26
Comet Race	1043	11:14	27
D-Zero	1043	11:14	27
Marauder	1042	11:14	27
Sport 16	1040	11:14	27
Kestrel	1038	11:14	27
Hadron H2	1038	11:14	27
Flying 15 Silver	1036	11:14	27
Rooster 8.1	1035	11:14	27
Blaze	1033	11:14	27
Laser EPS	1033	11:14	27
Scorpion	1032	11:14	27
Buzz	1030	11:14	27
K2	1030	11:14	27
12 sqm Sharpie	1026	11:15	28



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RS Aero 9	1024	11:15	28
Tasar	1022	11:15	28
Flying 15	1021	11:15	28
MX-Ray	1020	11:15	28
Hobie Dagoon	1018	11:15	28
Merlin Rocket (sail number 2833 to 3330)	1010	11:16	29
Punk	1010	11:16	29
3000	1007	11:16	29
Int Lightning	1003	11:16	29
Phantom	1002	11:16	29
RS100 8.4	1002	11:16	29
MRX	1000	11:16	29
Halo	993	11:17	30
Topaz 14C	992	11:17	30
RS300	989	11:17	30
X0	985	11:17	30
RS100 10.2	981	11:17	30
Int Moth - No foils	980	11:17	30
Merlin Rocket	980	11:17	30
Icon	976	11:18	31
470	973	11:18	31
Contender	971	11:18	31
D-One	971	11:18	31
Cherub 97	970	11:18	31
RS500	966	11:18	31
Vortex (Non-Asym)	964	11:18	31
Hobie Dagoon Spi	961	11:18	31
Weta	960	11:19	32
Hornet	959	11:19	32
National 18C	957	11:19	32
Topaz 16S	956	11:19	32
X1	955	11:19	32
Fireball	952	11:19	32
Topaz 12	949	11:19	32
RS400	948	11:19	32
RS Cat 16 Club S/H	944	11:19	32
Sonar	940	11:20	33
Topaz 14CX Spi	940	11:20	33
Javelin	935	11:20	33
Osprey	934	11:20	33



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Vortex	932	11:20	33
Spice	930	11:20	33
SK2	929	11:20	33
RS Cat 16 S Sloop D/H	926	11:21	34
Dart 15	926	11:21	34
ISO	922	11:21	34
AltO	921	11:21	34
Dart 15 D/H	921	11:21	34
RS600	920	11:21	34
K6	919	11:21	34
4000	917	11:21	34
Prindle 15	912	11:21	34
SB20	911	11:21	34
National 18	906	11:22	35
Topaz 16C	906	11:22	35
59er	905	11:22	35
Dart 16 Sloop D/H	905	11:22	35
Cherub	903	11:22	35
Catapult	898	11:22	35
29er	897	11:22	35
Dart 15 Sport	894	11:22	35
Topaz 16S Spi	894	11:22	35
Topper Breeze	890	11:23	36
505	883	11:23	36
Flying Dutchman	879	11:23	36
Topaz 14Xtreme D/H	875	11:24	37
Topaz 14Xtreme S/H	874	11:24	37
RS Cat 16 Race Spi D/H	872	11:24	37
RS Cat 16 XL Spi D/H	872	11:24	37
12ft Skiff	868	11:24	37
Thames A Rater	860	11:24	37
Int Canoe	858	11:25	38
B14	858	11:25	38
Topaz 16CX	856	11:25	38
Dart 16 Spi D/H	850	11:25	38
Nacra 500 Solo	850	11:25	38
Boss	847	11:25	38
Laser 5000	846	11:25	38
Musto Skiff	845	11:25	38
DX Catamaran	845	11:25	38
RS700	845	11:25	38



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Norfolk Punt	844	11:25	38
Int Canoe - Asym	840	11:26	39
VX One	840	11:26	39
Dart 18 S/H	833	11:26	39
29er XX	830	11:26	39
Hobie 16	826	11:26	39
Hobie 17	826	11:26	39
Dart 18	822	11:27	40
Nacra Inter 17 Solo	814	11:27	40
Unicorn	812	11:27	40
Nacra 500 Sloop D/H	808	11:27	40
Shearwater	807	11:28	41
Cherub Foiling	800	11:28	41
RS800	799	11:28	41
Prindle 18	793	11:28	41
Nacra 500 Solo Spi	792	11:28	41
Dart 18 Spi D/H	785	11:29	42
Hobie 16 Spi	780	11:29	42
SL16	774	11:29	42
Dart 18 Sloop S/H	773	11:30	43
Nacra 500 Sport Spi D/H	761	11:30	43
Shadow	760	11:30	43
Hurricane 500	753	11:31	44
Nacra Inter 17 Solo Spi	751	11:31	44
RS900	750	11:31	44
Shadow X	750	11:31	44
Nacra 15 Spi D/H	749	11:31	44
49er (Old rig)	740	11:31	44
Spitfire Spi S/H	738	11:32	45
Int 14	735	11:32	45
Nacra F17 Solo Spi	732	11:32	45
Nacra 16 Solo Spi straight foils	723	11:32	45
Hurricane 5.9	721	11:33	46
Nacra Inter 17 Sloop Spi D/H	721	11:33	46
49er FX	720	11:33	46
Spitfire	719	11:33	46
Tornado Classic	715	11:33	46
Prindle 18.2 Spi	714	11:33	46
Formula 16 S/H	712	11:33	46
Nacra F17 Sloop Spi D/H	712	11:33	46
Nacra 16 Spi D/H straight foils	711	11:33	46



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Nacra 16 Solo Spi curved foils	708	11:33	46
SK4	705	11:34	47
Formula 16 D/H	703	11:34	47
49er	697	11:34	47
Nacra 16 Spi D/H curved foils	697	11:34	47
Hurricane 5.9 SX	695	11:34	47
Prindle 19 Spi	687	11:35	48
A Class Classic	684	11:35	48
Nacra 17 Olympic Non-Foiler	678	11:35	48
18ft Skiff	675	11:35	48
Tornado 24m2 Spi	666	11:36	49
Formula 18	665	11:36	49
A Class Foiling	656	11:36	49
Nacra 17 Olympic Foiler	645	11:37	50
Tornado Spi	644	11:37	50
Waszp	640	11:37	50
Nacra F20 Carbon	597	11:40	53
Nacra F20 Carbon FCS	570	11:41	54
Int Moth	570	11:41	54