



# Sailing Instructions

## Christmas Pursuit Race

### Sunday 15 December 2024

It is expected that the course will be finalised around 0930 on Sunday morning and published (see App1 pt4) immediately thereafter.

There will be no formal competitor briefing but the Race Officer will be available in the café between 0930 and 1000 on Sunday morning to answer any questions

[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 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 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](http://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 The racing area will be defined by the fixed buoys used for the Course. The start is expected to be in the vicinity of Club buoy.

## 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 Starts will be indicated by a number displayed on boards on the committee boat. These will 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 visual starting signals are the number boards. Times will be taken however from the sound signals: this changes Rule 26.

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, and the Preparatory Signal deemed to be 2 minutes before the 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.



12.6 Individual recalls will be signalled by displaying flag X with one sound signal as detailed in RRS29, except that the flag will be removed on the next sound signal.

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

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The Race ends at 12:15, or 85 minutes after the initial start signal if later. 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.

14.2 Near the end of the race boats should keep within 50meters of the centreline of their sailing leg to make sure they receive a finish, especially if beating or tacking downwind.

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.

15.2 No boat need display a protest flag

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The target finishing time is 1215, 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.

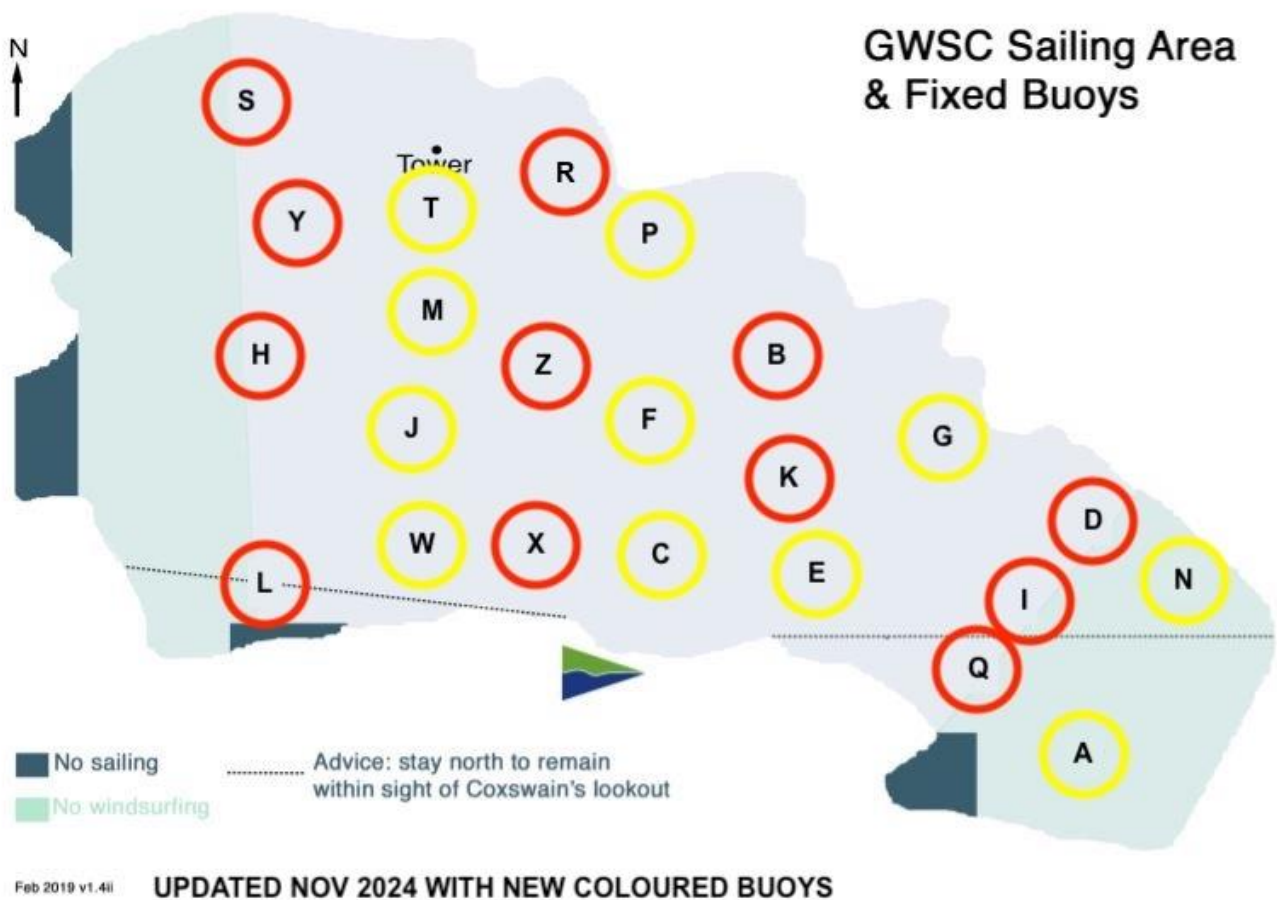
17.3 Hearings will be held as soon after the conclusion of racing as is possible

17.4 Advisory hearings, post race penalty and RYA Arbitration are available as described in the Club Winter Series SIs 17.4, 17.5 and 17.6



## Course

- 1 The course will be chosen depending on the wind direction and strength.
- 2 The Course will use the Club's fixed marks as shown on the map below and on the Club's Lake Map
- 3 Marks will be listed in order with rounding direction (p-port, s-starboard).
- 4 The Course 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 After rounding the final mark in the Course sequence continue again to the first mark in the sequence again and sail marks in the order listed until the race ends **AND** you are finished on the water.
- 6 Boats must not pass through the starting line when sailing in a downwind direction
- 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





## 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
Cadet	1440	10:50	3
Topper 4.2	1425	10:51	4
Mirror	1380	10:54	7
Mirror - singlehanded	1370	10:54	7
Topper	1369	10:54	7
RS Tera Pro	1364	10:55	8
Heron	1345	10:56	9
Laser Pico Race	1330	10:57	10
Fusion Pro	1300	10:59	12
Hartley 12 Racer	1290	10:59	12
RS Feva	1280	11:00	13
Fusion Pro Spinnaker	1275	11:00	13
Otter	1275	11:00	13
Fleetwind	1268	11:00	13
Signet	1265	11:01	14
RS Zest	1255	11:01	14
Topaz Uno	1251	11:01	14
Vagabond	1248	11:02	15
RS Feva XL	1244	11:02	15
Splash	1240	11:02	15
2.4 mR	1230	11:03	16
Sunfish	1229	11:03	16
Comet	1210	11:04	17



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ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	1208	11:04	17
Miracle	1200	11:04	17
YW Dayboat	1200	11:04	17
Bosun	1198	11:05	18
Pacer	1193	11:05	18
Byte	1190	11:05	18
Firefly	1190	11:05	18
Topaz Duo	1190	11:05	18
Wanderer	1188	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
British Moth	1165	11:06	19
Comet Versa	1165	11:06	19
Lightning 368	1160	11:07	20
Enterprise	1155	11:07	20
Streaker	1155	11:07	20
Solo	1152	11:07	20
Byte CII	1147	11:08	21
Europe	1147	11:08	21
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	1145	11:08	21
RS Aero 5	1145	11:08	21
Dart 12	1144	11:08	21
Yeoman	1140	11:08	21
GP14	1138	11:08	21
Graduate	1132	11:08	21
RS Quest	1130	11:09	22
RS Venture Connect	1130	11:09	22
RS Vision	1130	11:09	22



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Leader	1115	11:09	22
OK	1115	11:09	22
RS Venture S	1110	11:10	23
Snipe	1110	11:10	23
Wayfarer	1109	11:10	23
RS Aero 6	1105	11:10	23
Solution	1105	11:10	23
ILCA 7 / Laser	1104	11:10	23
Laser Stratos	1103	11:10	23
Flash	1101	11:10	23
Comet Trio MK 1	1096	11:11	24
Laser Bahia	1095	11:11	24
Topaz Argo	1095	11:11	24
Redwing	1094	11:11	24
Laser 3000	1090	11:11	24
Hobie 405	1089	11:11	24
2000	1085	11:11	24
Laser II	1085	11:11	24
RS Vaneo	1083	11:11	24
Supernova	1080	11:11	24
Devoti D-Zero Blue	1079	11:12	25
Topaz Xenon	1079	11:12	25
420	1075	11:12	25
Topaz Omega	1075	11:12	25
Laser Vago XD	1074	11:12	25
Laser Vago XD - singlehanded	1074	11:12	25
Seafly	1074	11:12	25
Lark	1070	11:12	25
National 12	1070	11:12	25
RS Aero 7	1069	11:12	25
Megabyte	1068	11:12	25
Fire	1065	11:12	25



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Farr 3.7	1063	11:12	25
K1	1060	11:13	26
Skud 18	1058	11:13	26
Devoti D-Zero Black	1056	11:13	26
Sport 14	1055	11:13	26
Albacore	1053	11:13	26
Comet Trio MK 2	1050	11:13	26
Finn	1049	11:13	26
RS200	1046	11:13	26
Hadron H2	1045	11:14	27
Devoti D-Zero	1043	11:14	27
Marauder	1042	11:14	27
Blaze	1040	11:14	27
Sport 16	1040	11:14	27
Flying Fifteen Silver (2701-3400)	1036	11:14	27
Kestrel	1035	11:14	27
Rooster 8.1	1035	11:14	27
Scorpion	1035	11:14	27
RS100 7.4	1034	11:14	27
Laser EPS	1033	11:14	27
Buzz	1030	11:14	27
K2	1030	11:14	27
RS Aero 9	1024	11:15	28
Tasar	1022	11:15	28
Flying Fifteen	1021	11:15	28
MX-Ray	1020	11:15	28
V3000	1007	11:16	29
RS100 8.4	1002	11:16	29
Phantom	1000	11:16	29
Skeeta 8.5 - no foils	1000	11:16	29
Halo	992	11:17	30
Topaz 14C	992	11:17	30





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RS300	989	11:17	30
Merlin Rocket	983	11:17	30
RS100 10.2	981	11:17	30
International Moth - no foils	980	11:17	30
Icon	976	11:18	31
470	973	11:18	31
Melges 15	973	11:18	31
Devoti D-One	971	11:18	31
Cherub - 1997 Class Rules	970	11:18	31
Contender	966	11:18	31
Vortex - no spinnaker	964	11:18	31
RS500	963	11:18	31
Hobie Dragoon	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
Fireball	955	11:19	32
Topaz 12	949	11:19	32
RS400	948	11:19	32
RS Cat 16 Club - singlehanded	944	11:19	32
Vortex	942	11:20	33
Javelin	941	11:20	33
ISO	940	11:20	33
Sonar	940	11:20	33
Topaz 14CX	940	11:20	33
Osprey	937	11:20	33
Spice	930	11:20	33
4000	927	11:20	33
Dart 15	926	11:21	34
RS Cat 16 S - doublehanded	926	11:21	34
AltO	921	11:21	34



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Dart 15 - doublehanded	921	11:21	34
RS600	920	11:21	34
K6	915	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	905	11:22	35
International Canoe One Design	905	11:22	35
Cherub	903	11:22	35
Catapult	898	11:22	35
29er	895	11:22	35
Dart 15 Sport	894	11:22	35
Topaz 16S - spinnaker	894	11:22	35
505	890	11:23	36
Topper Breeze	890	11:23	36
59er XX	887	11:23	36
Flying Dutchman	885	11:23	36
Norfolk Punt Hardchine	884	11:23	36
Topaz 14Xtreme - doublehanded	875	11:24	37
Topaz 14Xtreme - singlehanded	874	11:24	37
RS Cat 16 Race - doublehanded spinnaker	872	11:24	37
RS Cat 16 XL - doublehanded spinnaker	872	11:24	37
Thames A Rater	860	11:24	37
B14	858	11:25	38
Topaz 16CX	856	11:25	38
Dart 16 - doublehanded spinnaker	850	11:25	38
Nacra 500 - singlehanded	850	11:25	38
VX One	850	11:25	38
Boss	847	11:25	38



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International Canoe	847	11:25	38
Laser 5000	846	11:25	38
DX Catamaran	845	11:25	38
RS700	845	11:25	38
Norfolk Punt	844	11:25	38
International Canoe Asymmetric	840	11:26	39
Musto Skiff	837	11:26	39
Dart 18 - singlehanded	833	11:26	39
Hobie 16	826	11:26	39
Hobie 17	826	11:26	39
Dart 18	822	11:27	40
Nacra Inter 17	814	11:27	40
Unicorn	812	11:27	40
Nacra 500 School - doublehanded	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 - singlehanded spinnaker	792	11:28	41
Hobie 16 - spinnaker	780	11:29	42
SL16	774	11:29	42
Skeeta 8.5	770	11:30	43
Nacra 500 Sport - doublehanded spinnaker	761	11:30	43
Shadow	760	11:30	43
Hurricane 500	753	11:31	44
Nacra Inter 17 - spinnaker	751	11:31	44
Shadow X	750	11:31	44
UFO	750	11:31	44
Nacra 15	749	11:31	44
International 14	745	11:31	44
49er Old rig	740	11:31	44



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Waszp	740	11:31	44
Spitfire - singlehanded	737	11:32	45
Nacra 16 straight foils - singlehanded spinnaker	723	11:32	45
Hurricane 5.9	721	11:33	46
49er FX	720	11:33	46
Spitfire	719	11:33	46
Tornado - Classic	715	11:33	46
Prindle 18.2 - spinnaker	714	11:33	46
Formula 16 - singlehanded	712	11:33	46
Nacra 16 straight foils - doublehanded spinnaker	711	11:33	46
Nacra 16 curved foils - singlehanded spinnaker	708	11:33	46
Formula 16 - doublehanded	703	11:34	47
49er	697	11:34	47
Nacra 16 curved foils - doublehanded spinnaker	697	11:34	47
Hurricane 5.9 SX	695	11:34	47
Prindle 19 - spinnaker	687	11:35	48
A Class Classic	684	11:35	48
Nacra 17	678	11:35	48
18ft Skiff	675	11:35	48
Nacra Inter 20 - doublehanded spinnaker	660	11:36	49
A Class Foiling	656	11:36	49
Formula 18	655	11:36	49
Nacra 17 Olympic foiler	645	11:37	50
Tornado	644	11:37	50
Nacra F20 Carbon	597	11:40	53
International Moth	570	11:41	54
Nacra F20 Carbon FCS	570	11:41	54
Switch	570	11:41	54