

## Classic and Vintage International 14 Rally & Training Day Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025

### Event information

Grafham Water Sailing Club is pleased to welcome Classic and Vintage International Fourteens to an informal gathering and friendly racing.

#### 1. PROGRAM

The scheduled program for the day is:

- Arrive and rig at 11:00
- Chat and admire the boats until 12:30ish
- Lunch until 13:30
- Three short races with the first start at 1400.
- Ashore by 1600
- Round up and tea in the café.

Camping on site can be booked in advance <https://www.grafham.org/visitors-dashboard.html>  
For those interested we may go up to the Wheatsheaf Pub at the end of the day.

#### 2. ENTRY

- 2.1. Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at <https://www.grafham.org/open-meetings-entry>
- 2.2. Entry fee is £24 for the Saturday. If entrants wish to join in Club Racing on Sunday entry fee will be £47 for the whole weekend.
- 2.3. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 2.4. 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 Bylaws. *Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.*
- 2.5. RRS40.1 (buoyancy aids) shall apply at all times when afloat.
- 2.6. No boats need display a protest flag.

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. There will be a short briefing in the downstairs café during lunch for those wishing to compete in the afternoons racing.

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. The warning signal for the first race for all fleets is scheduled to be at 13:57. Races 2 and 3 for each fleet are scheduled to be sailed back-to-back with the preceding race.

#### 5. FLEET FLAGS

- 5.1. There will be two fleet starts, Classic and Vintage which will be defined on the day.
- 5.2. The Class flags are:
  - 5.2.1. Classic – Flag E
  - 5.2.2. Vintage – Flag R

## 6. THE COURSES

- 6.1. The diagrams in SI APPENDIX 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 7. MARKS

- 7.1. Marks are described in APPENDIX 1.

## 8. [DP] AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- 8.1.1. 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.
- 8.1.2. Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is a prohibited area and an obstruction.
- 8.1.3. 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.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound	Means
4	Orange Flag	Multiple Hoots	
3	Class flag E	One	Warning Signal
2	Preparatory flag	One	Two minute Signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One	One Minute Signal
0	Class Flag Removed	one	Start
3	Class flag R	One	Warning Signal
2	Preparatory flag	One	Two minute Signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One	One Minute Signal
0	Class Flag Removed	one	Start

- 9.2. The3 starting order will be:

Start 1 – Classics

Start 2 - Vintage

## 10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finishing line will be the same as the starting line.

- 10.2. All boats will sail for approximately 40 minutes. At the end of this time and completely at the Race Officer's discretion TWO sound signals will be made and Flag S flown to signify that the race is to be finished. Each boat will then finish as it crosses the finish line at the end of the lap that it is sailing when the race is shortened. This changes RRS 32.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Rule 44.1 is changed for all boats so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2. Boats that fail to pass through the upwind gate (see APPENDIX 1) will not be disqualified but will be credited only with the number of laps they have sailed correctly.

## 12. HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1. This is a friendly event so no protests please, do your turns!

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1. For each fleet one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

13.3. When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score, excluding her worst score.

13.4. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

## **14. PRIZES**

At the discretion of the organisers.

## **15. CLUB RACING ON SUNDAY**

See the club website for the Sailing Instructions which will be the Summer Sprint Series

<https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/sunday-racing/file/Summer-Sprint-Series-2025-SI-v1.pdf>

The Classic fourteens will go with the Fast Fleet – Start 1

The Vintage Fourteens will go with the Double Handed Fleet – Start 2

Please ensure that you sign on through the club office

## **16. 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.

## **17. INSURANCE**

17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per incident or the equivalent.

## **18. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **18.1. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 18.1.1. The safety flags below are displayed on the flag pole near the coxswains shed.
- 18.1.2. A RED FLAG – no launching, if afloat together with a long sound signal from shore the lake is closing in 30 minutes and you must be ashore within this period. Repeated sounds, come ashore immediately.
- 18.1.3. A RED YELLOW FLAG means the water is closed with exceptions, see the monitor or notice boards in the Café about exceptions
- 18.1.4. A BLUE AND WHITE FLAG experienced windsurfers only (wind at 28kts or higher)
- 18.1.5. A BLACK FLAG indicates that wet or dry suits must be worn at all times whilst afloat
- 18.1.6. A BLUE AND GREEN FLAG indicates the presence of BLUE GREEN ALGAE in the reservoir and care should be taken whilst afloat and during launching and recovery of boats.

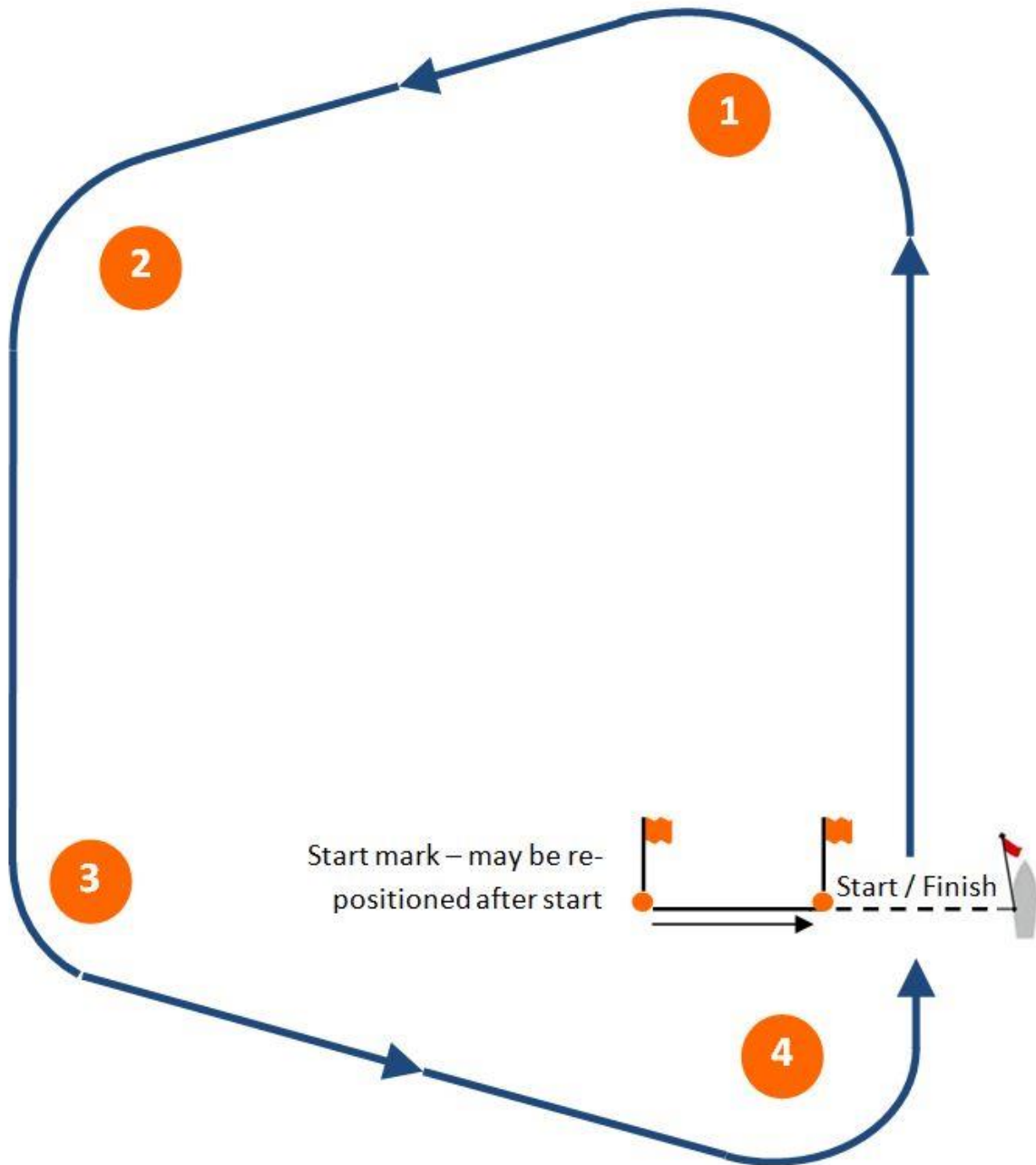
### **18.2. EMERGENCY MEETING POINT**

- 18.2.1. If you are involved in an emergency and you need to go to or direct others (including an emergency service such as an ambulance) to the Emergency Meeting Point at the Coxswain's Shed **52° 17.49 N, 000° 18.85 W**. Should aid be needed elsewhere on site, club staff and/or volunteers will divert resources there.
- 18.2.2. If you call an emergency service, you **must** inform a Staff Member (Coxswain or Office) so that GWSC can invoke its Emergency Protocol.
- 18.2.3. Grafham Water Sailing Club, Chichester Way, Perry, Cambridgeshire PE28 0BU
- 18.2.4. Telephone 01480 810478 or 07943 196522

### **18.3. INVASIVE SPECIES**

All boats must be washed down before leaving the club using the jet washers located at the top of the main dinghy slipway to the west of the club house.

## APPENDIX 1 – COURSE



Mark rounding order - Start - 1 – 2 - 3 – 4 – Start/Finish and repeat

### MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3, & 4 will be dan buoys with yellow, white, red, blue flags.

The Start/Finish line outer limit will be an Orange Dan Buoy with an ORANGE flag.