EVENT & DATE: **Dart 15 winter TT.**
March 8th 2026

Pre-Event information

RO: Nigel Denchfield

Car & Trailer Parking:
The grass is currently waterlogged and extremely soft, please do not drive or attempt to park cars and trailers on it. Apart from the gouges in the surface this causes, if you get bogged down you will be there for few weeks! The tractor cannot go onto the grass to pull you out because it will get stuck as well. Please park tidily on the tarmac of the visitors' car park, or the hard standing to the east of the club. Alternatively, park on the hard section alongside the road above the dinghy park, leaving car and trailer perpendicular to the road please. Boats should be wheeled from there to the launching areas. We suggest using slipways 2, 5, 6 and 7.

Event communications:
The Official Notice Board is online, so please bring mobile device. The Notice Board can be accessed via https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html. Email for use during the event will be office@grafham.org

Wash down:
Boats must be washed down before leaving the Club to comply with non-native species guidance. There is a hose on the rear of the clubhouse, and one on slipway 2.

Results:
Will be published online as soon as possible after the completion of racing on the GWSC web site.

Prize giving:
Will be in the upstairs lounge at 1500 or as soon as practical thereafter.

Catering:
The café on the ground floor of the Clubhouse will be open.

Safety & Security:
Please do not walk through fenced off areas: they are fenced off for your safety.

Take particular care of the coxswains' slipway (East side of the Clubhouse in front of the coxswains' shed) as there are regular tractor movements on this slipway.
The fire exits from the Clubhouse are marked – the fire muster point is on the grass of the roundabout on the landside of the Clubhouse.
Please do not leave kit bags in the changing rooms, we cannot guarantee the safety of items left in there. Club members will also need space in which to change particularly on Sunday. There are lockers (green) in the café area which take a £1 coin

Sailing
Competitor Briefing: There will be a short competitor briefing at 0945 outside the café.
Please make sure that you have read the SI as it is not the intention to discuss them at the briefing.

Race Area: Will be confirmed on the Online Notice Board and competitors' briefing.

Starting: It is intended that we will use "P" (Papa) as the preparatory flag, at least initially, for the first attempted start in each race. If there are frequent General Recalls or if we are under time pressure we will probably use the Black flag throughout.
The start line will be set square to the measured mean wind direction…after that we are at the mercy of the usual random wind shifts. Races will be postponed if there is excessive perceived bias.

Finishing: The first 3 boats may be the only ones given a finishing sound signal. If you are finishing in a crowd of boats, do note the sail numbers around you in case we cannot see your number. Note that boats within the fleet may sail different numbers of laps.

Trash: Carry your own personal supply of food, drink and kit, you will not be able to deposit your dry bags nor trash in the safety boats.

First race of the day: Our aim is to start on time: please allow adequate time for launching; take into account the number of competitors which includes club members trying to launch and plan accordingly.

Launching: Please do not leave your trolley so that it blocks the slipway. There are mooring buoys next to the slipways that can be used to secure to whilst moving your trolley, or alternatively, buddy up to assist each other.

Nigel Denchfield [Race Officer].