



Notice of Race:

2026 Duke of Edinburgh Trophy Regatta

Sunday 13th September 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2. **Before competing**, each helm must enter using the Grafham Water Sailing Club WebCollect facility.
- 1.3. 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>.
- 1.4. 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 GWSC Website at the sign-on/entry page.

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 2-person classes that have been given dispensation to sail single-handed off a different handicap.
- 4.2. The [*Great Lakes Handicap System*](#) applies to boats racing in handicap fleets.
- 4.3. Start composition is as follows:

Start	Start Numeral	Fleets	Handicap
1	3	All boats with handicap below	<998
2	6	All two-handed boats	>997
		Asymmetric single handed	>997
3	9	Single-handed non-asymmetric	>997

- 4.4. Boats shall enter the event by registering online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham>

5. FEES (Does not apply)

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. The following crew limitations apply: *Sailors shall be members or guests of Grafham Water Sailing Club*

7. ADVERTISING



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- 7.1. Advertising shall comply with World Sailing Advertising Code 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 series is scheduled to have three races.
 - 9.2. The warning signal for the first start of Race 1 will not be before 1057.
 - 9.3. Races 2 and 3 will be sailed back to back after the finish of Race 1.
 - 9.4. If, at the race officer's discretion, the event cannot be held on the scheduled day, there is a reserve day available on 27th September. Separate Sailing Instructions will be issued in this eventuality.
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. Courses will be described in the SIs.
14. PENALTY SYSTEM
15. SCORING
 - 15.1. All races are to count for the overall regatta results.
 - 15.2. Appendix A 5.3 will apply.
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 by its nature is 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



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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 organiser 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

Grafham Water Sailing Club General Instructions state that all craft shall be covered by third-party insurance for claims up to £3 million arising in any one accident.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes for the series are awarded to:

24.1.1. Overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd

24.1.2. Other prizes dependent on the entry.

24.2. The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on the day. Time and location will be announced on the tannoy.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. For further information please contact : office@grafham.org