

## Notice of Race: Gill Flying Fifteen Inland Championship

**Saturday & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024.**

The Organising Authority is:

**Grafham Water Sailing Club with the UK Flying Fifteen Association Class Owners Association.**

**The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).**

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024*, the prescriptions of the RYA and the Flying Fifteen International Class Rules.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they 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).
- 1.3. 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 on the Club Web Site at:  
<https://www.grafham.org/open-meetings-entry>  
by 2000 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>.
- 3.2. 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 International Flying Fifteen class boats where the helms are a current member of UKFFA or another National Class Association affiliated to Flying Fifteen International.
- 4.2. Entry will open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- 4.3. Entry is limited to 50 boats.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at <https://www.grafham.org/open-meetings-entry> together with the required fee by midnight on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6. Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be found on the entry page.
- 4.7. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and subject operational considerations. Late entry will be online only.
- 4.8. Acceptance of entries is at the absolute discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **5. FEES**

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:
  - 5.1.1. For boats sailed by visitors:- £65
  - 5.1.2. Boats sailed by a GWSC member, who has a registered boat at GWSC: - £20
- 5.2. An additional late entry supplement of £10 per boat will apply for entries or payments received after midnight on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- 5.3. The entry fee includes a post-race hot pasta to be served after racing has concluded on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## **6. CREW LIMITATIONS**

- 6.1 As per Class rules.

## **7. ADVERTISING**

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does not apply**

## **9. SCHEDULE**

- 9.1. There will be no registration, and no event documentation will be issued during the event.
- 9.2. There is no scheduled equipment inspection and event measurement.
- 9.3. A briefing will be held outside the downstairs café at 11:00 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. If this is not possible the briefing will be posted on the ONB.
- 9.4. Dates of Racing:
  - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July: 3 back to back races are scheduled with the first warning signal not before 1255.
  - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 3 back to back races are scheduled with the first warning signal not before 1025.
- 9.5. No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July.
- 9.6. At the discretion of the Race Officer and the Class representative race 4 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. If so decided, this decision will be announced at the briefing and posted on the ONB.

## **10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 10.1. Each boat shall complete online an UKFFA Championship Scrutineer & Registration Sheet. This can be accessed via the Fixtures and Results page of the UKFFA website, or directly at: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/UKFlyingFifteenAssociation/ScrutineerAndRegistrationSheetInlands2024>. To assist organisers, please complete this at least one week before attending the championship. A boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid certificate.
- 10.2. Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from at any time except when racing.

- 10.3. Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.
- 10.4. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of boats does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NoR.
- 10.5. All competing boats should hold a valid measurement certificate, which may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 10.6. All sails used at this event must be measured and endorsed on the boat's measurement certificate in accordance with the rule 13.8.2 of the International Flying Fifteen Association. The boat shall race only with sails endorsed on her certificate, except that in the case of a borrowed boat, the boat may race with any combination of the sails endorsed on the certificate of the boat, or on the certificate of another boat owned by the helmsperson.
- 10.7. The Race Committee reserves the right to require any boat or sail to be submitted for measurement at any time before or during the series, this will include an inspection of the required safety equipment in accordance with International Flying Fifteen Association Rule 15.
- 10.8. The UKFFA has no obligation to have an official class measurer available for the purpose of measurement of new equipment at events; competitors requiring new sails measured at the event should make their own arrangements with a class measurer prior to the event.

## **11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

- 11.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.
- 11.2. Class Rule B15.3 is changed such that the anchor and its line need not be carried.

## **12. VENUE**

- 12.1. A site plan showing camping, parking and slipways is shown in Appendix 1.

## **13. COURSES**

- 13.1. The course to be sailed will be selected from Sausage –Triangle, Triangle –Sausage and Windward-Leeward.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The Post Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.  
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.3. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

## **16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 16.1. Support person vessels are not allowed.

## **17,18, 19, 20 DO NOT APPLY**

## **21. DATA PROTECTION**

- 21.1. The GWSC data protection policy can be found at <https://www.grafham.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf>

## **22. RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 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.'

22.2 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.

## **23. INSURANCE**

23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **24. PRIZES**

24.1. Prizes will be given according to the total number of entries according to UKFFA Championship regulations. Extra 'special' prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

24.2 The Inland Championship trophies are:  
The Championship Trophy  
Silver Fleet Half Hull (1<sup>st</sup> Silver Fleet boat)  
The Flying Fifteen Plan Drawing (1<sup>st</sup> Classic)

24.3 SPONSORSHIP: Grafham Water Sailing Club would like to thank our club sponsor Gill for their support of the club, this event and the prize giving. The full range of Gill products can be seen at: <https://www.gillmarine.com/>

## **25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

25.1 On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength and any change in COVID-19 restrictions. In the event of any cancellation a notice will appear on the GWSC website by 2000 and full refunds of the entry fees will be given less any committed non recoverable costs incurred.

### **25.2 GENERAL**

25.2.1 Campers and camper vans are welcome and pre booking is available online at <https://www.grafham.org/open-meetings-entry>.

Pre-booking of camper vans is essential. There is a charge of £15 per night for Campervans, £10

per night for Camping (please note – NO caravans – our lease does not allow them, and sleeping in cars counts as a campervan).

Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club, details of local accommodation, and other information are available on the Club website - <http://www.grafham.org> .

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 Regulations. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

25.2.2 Rooms are also available at Grafham Water Centre situated next door to the Club.

These can be booked directly with the centre via:

<https://grafhamwater.cinolla.com/grafham-water/course/accommodation-for-sailing-club-events>

Prices are £40 per adult person, £25 per junior.

25.2.3 Meals for Saturday night need to be pre-booked. The menu and booking process is within the entry page. Further information can be found on the Pre-Event Notice on the Class website.

### 25.3 MOVEMENT OF BOATS TO GRAFHAM WATER

In order to prevent the spread of non-native species there is a requirement to ensure that boats are clean before they visit the site using the principle of Check Clean Dry

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm> . This includes:

CHECK your equipment and clothing for live organisms – particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN and wash equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

DRY all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Anglian Water ask for boats and equipment, arriving at Grafham Water that are from the following locations, to have been clean and dry for at least two days prior to arrival – if not, then they must not be launched at the Club:

- Wraysbury Reservoir and Wraysbury River near to Staines
- The Queen Mother Reservoir
- Queen Elizabeth II/Bessborough Reservoirs
- Queen Mary Reservoir
- Warwick East Reservoir, Warwick West Reservoir and William Girling Reservoir all located in the Lee Valley

### 25.4 MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER

A non-native species of fresh-water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimps) have been found in Grafham Water and certain restrictions on boat movement have been imposed by AW, DEFRA or other bodies to prevent the spread of these to other locations in the UK. These requirements are prominently displayed on the club premises and will include washing boats and equipment before removal from the Club premises.

Failure to comply with the requirements of these restrictions may lead to expulsion from the event.

### 25.5 PHOTOGRAPHER

**Professional Photographs** - Our photography partner, Paul Sanwell of OP Photography will be taking action photographs of the event. These images can be viewed and purchased the day after the event on the Grafham Water SC photo-gallery at [www.grafham.org/photos](http://www.grafham.org/photos) .

## APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN



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