

## Notice of Race

### Fox's Great Eastern Tour RS200 Open

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the RS200 Class Association.

#### 1. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.

1.2. **COVID STATEMENT** - All sailors, parents and authorised guests must comply with both Government rules and GWSC COVID-19 Operating Procedures available at:

<https://www.grafham.org/covid-19-operating-procedures.html>

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

1.3 A breach of the COVID rules or guidance by a competitor or a supporter of a competitor is grounds for exclusion from the event

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club Web Site at

<https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> by 20:00 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

#### 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 boats of the RS200 class.

4.2. Entry will open at 0900 on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

4.3. Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> together with the required fee by midnight on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.5. Late entries will not be accepted.

4.6. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:

4.6.1. The entry is limited to 30 boats.

4.7. **COVID ENTRY RESTRICTIONS**

- 4.7.1. Attention is drawn to the Government and RYA guidance regarding the minimising of travel.

## **5. FEES**

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

5.1.1. boats sailed by visitors will be £34.

5.1.2. boats helmed by a GWSC member, who has a registered boat at GWSC, will be £15.

- 5.2. All entry fees include a post-race pasta meal for all competitors.

## **6. CREW LIMITATIONS**

Class rules apply.

## **7. ADVERTISING**

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. Registration

9.1.1. Registration will be done on entry to the site from 0930 on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

- 9.2. Dates of Racing

Date	Class	Number in series	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	RS200	4	4	4

- 9.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11.55. Subsequent scheduled races for the day will be sailed back-to-back with the first race.

- 9.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00.

## **10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 10.1. Each boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

- 10.2. Boats are required to display the Fox's sticker provided on their starboard bow.

## **11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

- 11.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

- 11.2. GWSC Local Rule - Wet or dry suits must be worn whilst afloat.

## **12. VENUE**

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

## **13. COURSES**

- 13.1. The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty is 20% of the entry.

## **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 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

## 16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1. Support vessels shall not be 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. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## 23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be given as follows approximately to the square root of the number of entries.
- 24.2. Additional special prizes have been provided by Fox's.

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

### 25.1. COVID-19 INFORMATION

- 25.1.1. Note that changing rooms and showers are not available and a 'one way' system operates in the toilets.
- 25.1.2. COVID-19 guidelines in operation at the event may restrict the support boat provision; consequently the upper wind limit for racing may be reduced.
- 25.1.3. The final decision on whether the event can proceed will be made by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021. If the forecast wind strength, or COVID-19 restrictions cause cancellation of the event by 20:00 on that day, full refunds of the entry fees will be given. Notice of cancellation will be posted on the GWSC website no later than 20:00 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### 25.2. GENERAL

All day takeaway service from the cafeteria will be available on Saturday.

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

### 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.

### APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN



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