

Pre-Event information

A big welcome to all of you for the event here at Grafham Water Sailing Club.

Your team from Grafham for the event is:

Club Host: Nigel Denchfield

Club Office: Anna Aldridge

Coxswain: Przem Poblocki

RO: Nigel Denchfield

Camping and overnight:

The Clubhouse toilets will be available at night over the weekend. There is also a Portaloo toilet for use on the East side of the clubhouse.

Car & Trailer Parking:

Campers can proceed directly to their booked space with their boat. They can rig there and launch from slipways 1 & 2. All other visitors' please park in the main visitors' car park. Please drive carefully on the grass. It is firm enough for parking, but over enthusiastic movement will create ruts. Boats should be wheeled from there past the roundabout to the launching areas. We suggest using slipways 5, 6 and 7. Please park cars and trailers perpendicular to the roads so that the space is used efficiently.

The road above the dinghy park is for club members only please.



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 both days of the event. Breakfasts will be available from 0830 each day. The bar (top floor of the Clubhouse) will be open on Saturday after sailing. Evening meals for Saturday should be pre-booked when entering. These are planned to be served from around 1730.

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 1045 on Saturday on the shore side of the Clubhouse. Note this time is changed from the stated time in the NoR.

Please make sure that you have read the SI as it is not the intention to discuss them at the briefing.

Race Area: This is likely to be the western end of the Lake but will be confirmed on the Online Notice Board and competitors' briefing.

Courses: Will be displayed on the Starboard side of the Committee Boat. Make sure you check the course before each race.

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: Only the first 3 boats will be 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 a 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 on both days: please allow adequate time for launching; take into account the number of competitors [including club members on Sunday] trying to launch and plan accordingly.

Launching: Please do not leave your trolley so that it blocks the slipway-especially on Sunday when the club sailors will be present in numbers. 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.

Photographer. Our photographer partner Paul Sanwell will be taking photographs during the event.

Nigel Denchfield [Race Officer].