



**Grafham Water
Sailing Club**



Sailing Instructions

International Moth Inland Championships

Switch Open Meeting

26th & 27th April 2025

The notation '(NP) ' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2. *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.
- 1.3. SAIL NUMBERS
 - 1.3.1. [DP] *A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration. Even when such confirmation is received the Race Committee does not have the authority to amend the requirements of class rules. As a result, a boat could be protested for failing to comply with class rules.*

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the start of any race affected.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>
- 3.2. The race office is located on the first floor of the club house, telephone 01480 810478, email office@grafham.org
- 3.3. 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on flagpole 2 on the foreshore in front of the Clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. There will be a competitors briefing at 1030 on the first day of racing, outside the downstairs café.

6.2. Scheduled Race times

		Scheduled Warning Signal Start	
Race 1,2,3,4,5,6	26th April 2025	1155	
Race 7,8, 9,10,11,12	27 th April 2025	1025	

6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least one minute before the warning signal is made. Both classes will use the same start.

6.4. Racing each day will take place over a 3 hour period, at the end of this period, races in progress will be allowed to be completed.

6.5. On Sunday 27th April 2025, no start signal will be made after 1500.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The Class flag is:

Flag G

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is expected to be at the west section of the lake.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks are described in Addendum A.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:

11.1.1. The prohibited area at the West end of the water is an obstruction. Its boundary is a line of small yellow buoys forming its eastern boundary.

11.1.2. Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is a prohibited area and an obstruction.

11.1.3. A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction and boats shall not pass between the craft in difficulty and the safety boat.

12. THE START

12.1. Races will be started as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound	Means
5	Class flag	One	Warning Signal
4	P, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

12.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be an orange dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

12.3. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. To change the next leg of the course the race committee may move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position by up to +/- 15 degrees or up to 20% length without signalling or flying Flag C, this changes RRS 33 (a) and (b).

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The Finishing Line will be between the mast of the Committee boat displaying a BLUE flag and mark 2P (or the single mark 2 if there is no gate).

14.2. Grand Prix finish – When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the Committee boat at the finish will immediately display Numeral Pennant 0 with a sound signal. Numeral Pennant 0 will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit.

14.3. All boats that;

- A) have completed a lap before the Numeral Pennant 0 is displayed, but then fail to finish while it is displayed, or
- B) cross the finishing line while Numeral Pennant 0 is displayed shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their positions in the race will be based on the order when they either completed their last lap or finished, with those having completed more laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4.

14.4. SHORTENED COURSE

14.4.1. The meaning of Flag 'S' is changed as follows:

When the committee boat is in its normal position and flying flag S, the leading boat, will proceed thereafter to the Finishing Line. All other boats should proceed to the finish line in the same way.

14.4.2. Regardless of where Flag 'S' is displayed on the Committee Boat, the Finish Line will be between the staff displaying a BLUE flag and the finish mark as defined in ADDENDUM A – COURSE.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1. The Mark 1 Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
15mins	30 mins	15 mins after 1 st boat in class

16.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3. Boats failing to complete one lap earlier after 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2

16.4. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. The class protest time limit for on the water incidents is 45 minutes after the last boat [in that class] finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS60.3(b)(1).

17.2. Hearing request forms are available from the office.

17.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings may be held in the protest room, located at the Secretaries Office, beginning at the time posted. Alternatively hearings may be held remotely and may be after the event, the parties involved will be advised by email of the arrangements.

17.4. RYA Arbitration

17.4.1. Appendix T shall apply

18. SCORING

18.1. The scoring system is APPENDIX A

18.2. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

18.4. When four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score, excluding her worst score. When seven to nine races completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score, excluding her worse two scores, and when ten to twelve races completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score, excluding her worse three scores.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall inform office no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes that race (or the last race before going ashore if races are sailed back-to-back).

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1. Unless otherwise specified in class rules, for the series of races comprising this event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible.

20.1.1. Helm Substitution

20.1.1.1. Boats must sail with the nominated helm entered for the event. Any change to the nominated helm constitutes a new entry and must be requested in writing to the Race Office and their written approval given prior to leaving the shore

20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection..

22. SUPPLIED BOATS – Does not apply

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS- Does not apply

24. (DP) SUPPORT TEAMS.

24.1. Support Teams are not be allowed.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1. Trash may NOT be placed aboard Official Vessels

26. BERTHING

26.1. (DP) Boats must not block access to slipways and members dinghy spaces.

26.2. (DP) Equipment and kit must not be placed on members boats.

27. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS – Not used

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – Not used

29. PRIZES

29.1. Prizes will normally be given to the square root of the entry numbers.

30. RISK STATEMENT

30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

Sailing is by 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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 a 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

31. INSURANCE

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

32. OTHER INFORMATION

32.1. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

32.1.1. A RED FLAG – no launching, if afloat together with a long sound signal from shore the lake is closing in 30 minutes and you must be ashore within this period. Repeated sounds, come ashore immediately.

32.1.2. A RED YELLOW FLAG means the water is closed with exceptions, see the monitor or notice boards in the Café about exceptions

32.1.3. A BLUE AND WHITE experienced windsurfers only (wind at 28kts or higher)

32.1.4. A BLACK flag indicates that wet or dry suits must be worn at all times whilst afloat

32.1.5. A BLUE AND GREEN flag indicates the presence of BLUE GREEN ALGAE in the reservoir and care should be taken whilst afloat and during launching and recovery of boats.

32.2. EMERGENCY MEETING POINT

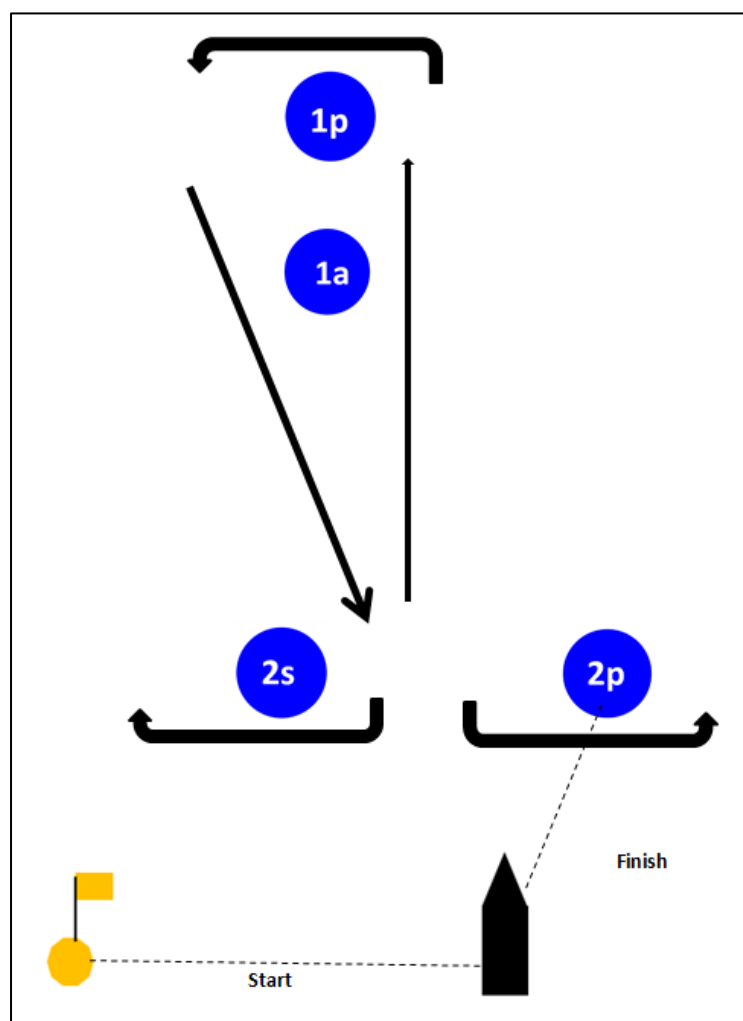
32.2.1. If you are involved in an emergency and you need to go to or direct others (including an emergency service such as an ambulance) to the Emergency Meeting Point at the Coxswain's Shed **52° 17.49 N, 000° 18.85 W**. Should aid be needed elsewhere on site, club staff and/or volunteers will divert resources there.

32.2.2. If you call an emergency service, you **must** inform a Staff Member (Coxswain or Office) so that GWSC can invoke its Emergency Protocol.

32.2.3. Grafham Water Sailing Club, Chichester Way, Perry, Cambridgeshire PE28 0BU

32.2.4. Telephone 01480 810478

ADDENDUM A – COURSE(S) AND MARKS



LA	COURSE :WINDWARD/LEEWARD with offset mark
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start-1a-1p-1a-2s/2p-1a-1p-1a-Finish between RC and 2p
LA3	Start-1a-1p-1a-2s/2p-1a-1p-1a-2s/2p-1a-1p-1a-Finish between RC and 2p
LA4	Start -1a-1p-1a-2s/2p-1a-1p-1a-2s/2p-1a-1p-1a-2s/2p-1a-1p-1a-Finish between RC and 2p

COURSE

Marks 2P and 2S are shown as a gate in the diagram above but may be replaced by a single mark which shall be left to port.

Marks 1p, 1a and 2P are to be left to port; mark 2S is to be left to starboard, except on the final leg of the Race when Mark 2S may be passed on either side. Where Marks 2 is a single mark it is to be left to port.

MARKS

Marks 1p,1a, 2P & 2S (or 2) will be Orange Pillar Buoys.

The port end start mark will be an Orange Dan Buoy with an ORANGE flag.



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