

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the Sailjuice Winter Series.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 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.
- 1.3. [DP, NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.4. TRACKERS - Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit onboard as supplied by the Organising Authority. The tracker shall be collected from the ground floor cafe before going afloat and returned there after the day's racing within the protest time.
Failure to collect and carry a tracker will result in no Great British Sailing Challenge result. It may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the first race of the day sailed calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS Appendix A, A5.
- 1.5. Failure to return the tracker within the protest time may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the last race of the day sailed calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).
This changes RRS 60.5(b) and Appendix A, A5.
- 1.6. If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions with final fleet compositions will be published on the official notice board (see 3.1 below) by 2000 on Friday 2nd January 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>.
- 3.2. [DP, NP] 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.
- 3.3. Briefing
Any relevant notices will be posted on the GWSC on-line Notice Board (see 3.1 above). There will be a competitor briefing at 0945 on the day in the café.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats with Great Lakes Event Handicaps as listed in APPENDIX 2. The intended handicap ranges are:
 - 4.1.1. Asymmetric Monohulls ratings 697 - 1190
 - 4.1.2. Multihulls/Catamarans ratings 570 - 1166
 - 4.1.3. Non Asymmetric Monohulls ratings 858 - 1369
 - 4.1.4. Foiling Classes ratings 570 - 800
 - 4.1.5. These handicap ranges may be changed at the discretion of the organising authority and any variation, or addition of boats, detailed in the Sailing Instructions and posted on the official notice board.
 - 4.1.6. We cannot accept entries from Sailboards.
- 4.2. Entry is by on-line at www.sailjuiceseries.com with entry open no later than 1st December 2025.
- 4.3. Entries on the Sailjuice web site will close on 2000 Thursday 1st January 2026 (the Event Closing Time).
Thereafter late entries will be at the absolute discretion of GWSC and will be subject to a late entry fee of £10 and made on the Grafham Water web site:

<https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1>

or by completing entry forms at the GWSC office.

- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Entry is limited to the first 150 boats received and paid. Should entry numbers need to be restricted below 150, due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be accepted in order of receipt of entry.
- 4.5. Entries may be substituted up to the Event Closing Time. Thereafter only the following changes will be permitted:
- Change of helm or crew
 - Change of sail number (but not in conjunction with change of helm).
- Any such changes must be notified to the Grafham Club Office (email office@grafham.org) by 0930 on Sunday 4th January 2026.
- More substantive changes e.g. change to a different class, substitution of both helm and crew or substitution of helm and change of sail number may be permitted but only at the absolute discretion of the Club and if permitted will be subject to a £10 administration fee.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee includes a pasta dish to be served after sailing is completed and provision of Sailjuice Trackers.
- 5.2. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors will be £36 for single hander boats and £47 for double hander boats.
- 5.3. Entry fees for boats helmed or crewed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member who has a registered boat at Grafham will be £16 for single hander boats and £23 for double hander boats.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Class rules apply.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP. NP] 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
Will be done on arrival at the Club Gate from 0800 by Meet and Greet personnel.
- 9.2. Classes and starts
The Annex, attached to this Notice of Race, groups eligible dinghies into their provisional Race Starts.
Final Fleet compositions will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
There will be three race tracks with one start on each.
- 9.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:55.
- 9.4. Three back-to-back races are scheduled.
- 9.5. No warning signal will be made after 14:30.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

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 parking and slipways is attached as Appendix 1.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. Three separate race tracks are planned and the courses to be sailed will be:
- Fast Fleet - Windward/Leeward
 - Medium - Trapezoid

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed for all multihulls and monohulls in the Fast Fleet so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This change also applies to the Challengers racing in the Slow fleet.
Rule 44.1 is not changed for all other boats in the Medium and Slow fleets.

15. SCORING

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

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1. Support vessels shall not be allowed.

17. CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS-Does not apply

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Equipment and kit must not be placed on club members' boats.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS-Does not apply

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS-Does not apply

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. The GWSC data protection policy can be found at
https://www.grafham.org/wpcontent/uploads/_pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf
21.2. By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event and consent to these being published in class, club, sponsor and other publications and / or the class, club, sponsor or other websites.

22. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing 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) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims
(h) 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 £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be given to each of the fleet starts according to entry numbers. There will also be Spot Prizes.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. CANCELLATION

By 1200 on Friday 2nd January 2026 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength, weather conditions generally and any other external factors. In the event of cancellation at this time a notice will be posted on the GWSC website by 14:00 and full refunds of the entry fees will be given less a £3 Sailjuice administration charge.

25.2. GENERAL

Camping will not be permitted prior to or after the event.

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. COVID-19

Currently there are no COVID 19 restrictions which apply. We may need to impose restrictions onshore, offshore or both depending on the prevailing Covid-19 situation. The nature of any restrictions will be communicated to competitors in the pre-event briefing note.

25.4. 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, Queen Mary Reservoir, Warwick East Reservoir, Warwick Reservoir and William Girling Reservoir all located in the Lee Valley

25.5. 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



Grafham Water Sailing Club Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 0BU. Tel: 01480 810478 or 07943 196522
Email office@grafham.org Website www.grafham.org

APPENDIX 2—Fleet allocations—these may alter depending on entry numbers.

FAST FLEET			
Foilers		Asymmetric Multihulls 597 - 961	
Int Moth (Foiling)		A Class Classic	
Nacra F20 Carbon FCS		Formula 16 D/H	
Switch		Formula 16 S/H	
Nacra 17 Olympic Foiler		Formula 18	
A Class Foiling		Hobie 16	
Skeeta 8.5		Hobie 16 Spi	
Waszp		Hobie Dragoon Spi	
UFO		Hurricane 5.9	
		Hurricane 5.9 SX	
Fast Asymmetric Monohulls 697-1040 and 505		Hurricane 500	
505		Nacra 15 Spi D/H	
4000		Nacra 16 Solo Spi curved foils	
29er		Nacra 16 Solo Spi straight foils	
49er		Nacra 16 Spi D/H curved foils	
49er (Old rig)		Nacra 16 Spi D/H straight foils	
49er FX		Nacra 17 Olympic Non-Foiler	
59er		Nacra 17 Olympic Foiler	
59erXX		Nacra 500 Sloop D/H	
B14		Nacra 500 Solo Spi	
Boss		Nacra 500 Sport Spi D/H	
Buzz		Nacra F20 Carbon	

Cherub			Nacra Inter 17 Solo	
Cherub 97			Nacra Inter 17 Solo Spi	
Devoti D-One			Nacra Inter 20 D/H Spinnaker	
Ghost			Prindle 18	
Int 14			Prindle 18.2 Spi	
Int Canoe Spi			Prindle 19 Spi	
ISO			RS Cat 16 S D/H	
K2			RS Cat 16 XL Spi D/H	
K6			Shadow	
Laser 5000			Shadow X	
Melges 15			Shearwater	
Musto Skiff			SL16	
MX-Ray			Spitfire	
Norfolk Punt			Spitfire Spi S/H	
Norfolk Punt Hardchine			Topaz 14CX Spi	
RS100 10.2			Topaz 14Xtreme D/H	
RS100 8.4			Topaz 14Xtreme S/H	
RS400			Topaz 16C	
RS500			Topaz 16CX	
RS700			Topaz 16S Spi	
RS800			Topaz 16S	
Spice			Tornado	
Sport 16			Tornado Classic	
V3000			Unicorn	
Vortex spi			Weta	
VX One				

MEDIUM				
Medium Monohulls 847-1070		Medium Non Asymmetric		
470		Multihulls 822 - 1018		
Albacore		Catapult		
AltO		Dart 15		
Blaze		Dart 15 D/H		
Contender		Dart 15 Sport		
Devoti D-Zero		Dart 16 Sloop D/H		
Devoti D-Zero Black		Dart 16 Spi D/H		
Farr 3.7		Dart 18		
Finn		Dart 18 S/H		
Fireball		DX Catamaran		
Flying 15		Hobie 17		
Flying 15 Silver		Nacra 500 Singlehanded		
Flying Dutchman		Prindle 15		
Hadron H2		RS Cat 16 Club S/H		
Hornet				
Icon		Medium Asymmetric Monohulls 1046-1050		

Int Canoe				
Int Canoe OD		RS200		
Int Moth (Non-foiling)		Comet Trio (MK II)		
Javelin				
K1				
Kestrel				
Lark				
Laser EPS				
Marauder				
Merlin Rocket				
MRX				
National 12				
National 18				
National 18 Ultimate				
Osprey				
Phantom				
Rooster 8.1				
RS Aero 7				
RS Aero 9				
RS100 7.4				
RS300				
RS600				
Scorpion				
Skeeta 8.5 no foils				
Sport 14				
Tasar				
Vortex (No Spi)				

SLOW				
Slow Non Asymmetric Monohulls 1068-1369				
420			Fleetwind	
2.4mR			Fusion Pro	
Bosun			Fusion Pro Spi	
British Moth			Hartley 12 Racer	
Byte			Heron	
Byte CII			Laser Pico Race	
Comet			Otter	
Comet Duo			RS Tera Pro	
Devon Yawl			Signet	
Devoti D-Zero Blue			Topaz Uno	
Enterprise			Topper	
Europe			Vagabond	
Firefly				
Flash				
Fusion II				
GP14			Slow Asymmetric Monohulls 1074-1190	

Graduate			2000	
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7			Comet Trio (MK I)	
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial			Comet Versa	
ILCA 7 / Laser			Laser 3000	
Leader			Laser Bahia	
Lightning 368			Laser Stratos	
Megabyte			Laser Vago XD	
Miracle			Laser Vago XD S/H	
OK			RS Feva	
Pacer			RS Feva XL	
Redwing			RS Quest	
RS Aero 5			RS Toura	
RS Aero 6			RS Vareo	
RS Neo			RS Venture Connect	
RS Zest			RS Venture S	
Seafly			RS Vision	
Snipe			Topaz Argo	
Solo			Topaz Duo	
Solution			Topaz Magno	
Splash			Topaz Omega	
Streaker			Topaz Vibe	
Sunfish			Topaz Xenon	
Supernova				
Wanderer			Slow Non Asymmetric Multihulls 1044-1166	
Wayfarer			Dart 12 S/H	
Yeoman			Challenger	
YW Dayboat				

