



Grafham Water
Sailing Club



International Moth Inland Championships Switch Open Meeting Notice of Race

25th and 26th April 2026

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the International Moth UK Class 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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and they are 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 Racing Charter (rya.org.uk)
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club Web Site at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> by 2000 on Thursday 23th April 2026.

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 International Moth and Switch classes. .
- 4.2. 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 22nd April 2026.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Late entries will be accepted only at the absolute discretion of the Club. If permitted late entries will be subject to a £10 late entry fee.
- 4.5. Entry is limited to a total of 35 boats.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

5.1.1 boats sailed by visitors will £60

5.1.2 boats helmed by a GWSC member, who has a registered boat at GWSC, will be £18

5.2. The entry fee includes a one course meal, after sailing is completed on Saturday 26th April 2026. A desert course to follow may be booked, and paid for, on the day for an extra £2.50.

5.3. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 24th April 2026 at no extra cost but must register at the Office before doing so.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Class rules apply.

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. No Registration and no event documentation will be issued during the event.

9.2. There will be a competitors briefing at 1030 on the first day of racing, outside the downstairs café. No event documentation will be issued at the event.

9.3. Dates of Racing

Date	Class	Number in series	Races per day Scheduled
25 th & 26th April 2026	International Moth And Switch Open	Up to 12	Up to 6

9.4. Racing each day will take place during a 3 hour period, sailing up to 6 races per day.

9.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1155 Saturday 25th April 2026 and 1025 Sunday 26th April 2026. Subsequent scheduled races for the day will be sailed back-to-back with the first race.

9.6. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Equipment and measurement checks may be carried out at any time by the International Moth Class UK.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when 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. Class rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- (b) When four to six races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score, when seven to nine races completed two scores will be excluded, and when ten to twelve races completed three scores will be excluded.
- 15.2.1. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16. SUPPORT TEAMS

- 16.1. Support Teams are not be allowed.

17. CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS – Does not apply.

18. BERTHING – Does not apply.

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/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf>

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 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

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: The number of prizes will normally be approximately the square root of the entry numbers.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. On Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 1500 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength. In the event of any cancellation a notice will appear on the GWSC website by this time and full refunds of the entry fees will be given less any committed non recoverable costs incurred

25.2. GENERAL

Campers and camper vans are welcome and pre booking is available online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1>. 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).

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.

25.3 CAFETERIA and BAR

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food.

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 Reservoirs
- Queen Mary Reservoir
- Warwick East Reservoir, Warwick West 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) has 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.

25.6 PHOTOGRAPHS

Professional Photographs Our photography partner, Paul Sanwell of OP Photography may 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

APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN



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