



Notice of Race

Ovington Inlands

18 & 19 March 2023

for VX One, Musto Skiff, 505, Phantom, OK and Flying Fifteen

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club (the "Club")

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2. Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors 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 [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](http://www.rya.org.uk).
- 1.3. Rule Changes
For the Flying Fifteen class, Class Rule B15.3 is changed such that the anchor and its line need not be carried
- 1.5 COVID STATEMENT - All sailors, parents and authorised guests must comply with any Government rules and any 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 so comply may be construed as 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.

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 16 March 2023

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 following classes:
 - VX One
 - 505
 - Musto Skiff
 - Phantom
 - OK
 - Flying Fifteen

for the avoidance of doubt, the event is open to boats of these classes whether or not built by Ovington

- 4.2. Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> and by paying the required fee by midnight on Wednesday 15 March 2023. It is expected that the entry lists will be opened not later than 16 February 2023
- 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. Entries may be substituted up to the Entry Closing Time. Thereafter the following changes will be permitted:
Change of helm or crew (but not both)
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 1030 on Saturday 18 March 2023

More substantive changes eg 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

- 4.6. There will be an overall limit on entry numbers of 150. This may be reduced if we consider that the prevailing Covid-19 situation deems it necessary to restrict numbers on site. Any reduced entry limit will be posted in an amended Notice of Race and on the on-line entry site. In applying the entry limit, earlier entries will have priority. Individual classes will be subject to minimum entry numbers of 6 in each class
- 4.7. **COVID ENTRY RESTRICTIONS** If Covid-19 regulations then in force place general restrictions on travel into or out of geographical areas, entries will only be valid if competitors, in travelling to the event, can so comply with such restrictions

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

5.1.1. boats sailed by visitors: VX One, 505, FF15	£58
Musto Skiff, Phantom, OK	£45

5.1.2. boats helmed or crewed by a GWSC member who has a registered boat at GWSC:	
VX One, 505, FF15	£15
Musto Skiff, Phantom, OK	£8

5.1.3. The entry fee includes a pasta dish to be served after sailing is completed on Saturday 18 March

5.1.4. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 17 March 2023 at no extra cost but must register at the Club Office before doing so.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Class rules apply.

7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising as supplied by the organizing authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does not apply

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Registration

9.1.1. There is no general requirement for on-site registration. In the event of an entry amendment (in accordance with 4.5 above) or any queries, please contact the office at office@grafham.org, or telephone 07943 196522.

9.2. Any relevant briefing information will be posted on the on-line notice board. Briefing notes and Sailing Instructions will be made available to competitors by 20:00 on Thursday 16 March 2023, along with the Sailing Instructions. It is the intention to hold a short on-site competitor briefing on Saturday morning

9.3. Equipment inspection and event measurement n/a

9.4. Dates of Racing

Date	Class	Races in series	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Saturday 18 March 2023	All classes	7	4	5
Sunday 19 March 2023	All classes	7	3	4

9.5. At the discretion of the Principal Race Officer race 5 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. If so decided, this decision will be posted on the on-line notice board

9.6. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 11:57, and on Sunday is 10:27. Subsequent scheduled races for the day will be sailed back-to-back with the first race.

9.7. Classes and Starts

It is envisaged that there will be two race tracks with separate starts for each class as follows:

Course Alpha – VX One, Musto Skiff and 505

Course Bravo - Phantom, OK & FF15

The course arrangements may be amended in the light of actual entry numbers: final details will be published in the SIs

9.8. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00

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 camping, parking and slipways is shown in Appendix 1.

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be:

Alpha: Windward/Leeward

Bravo: Windward/Leeward and/or Trapezoid/Inner/Outer Loop

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. For the VX-One and Musto Skiff class RRS 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. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.3. When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 15.4. RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

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.'

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
- (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 approximately the square root of entries for each class. In addition there will be spot prizes

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 COVID-19 INFORMATION

We may need to impose restrictions both onshore and offshore depending on the prevailing Covid-19 situation. The nature of restrictions will be communicated to

competitors in the pre-event briefing note. In particular please be aware that Changing rooms and showers may not be available, or may be operating at reduced capacity. Entrants should be prepared to change in cars.

The cafeteria may be operating a “take-away” service only

Provision of camping facilities may be curtailed

The upstairs bar area may be closed, or may be operating at reduced capacity

COVID-19 guidelines in operation at the event may restrict the support boat provision; consequently the upper wind limit for racing may be reduced.

25.2 CANCELLATION

On Thursday 16 March 2023 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength and the prevailing COVID-19 situation. In the event of cancellation a notice will appear on the GWSC website by 20:00 on that date and full refunds of entry fees will be given.

25.3 CAMPING

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions, campers and camper vans are welcome. Pre booking will be available online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> when entry lists open. 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).

25.4 CAFETERIA and BAR

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food. Bar will be open both days, subject to Covid restrictions

25.5 HOW TO FIND US

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.

25.6 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

25.7 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.

25.8 PHOTOGRAPHS

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