

Notice of Race

Ovington Inlands – VX One, Musto Skiff, 505, Phantom, OK & FF15 26th & 27th October 2019

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the attending Class Associations.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by rules as defined *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Rule 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed ashore. This changes RRS 40.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display sponsors bow stickers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the VX One, Musto Skiff, 505, Phantom, OK & FF15 (not necessarily Ovington built) classes.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry process at <http://www.grafham.org/sailing-racing/open-meetings-3/forthcoming-open-meetings.html> and paying the appropriate fee, by midnight on Thursday 24th October 2019.
- 3.3. Late entries from boats sailed by visitors may be accepted and entry forms will be available at the Race office on Saturday morning.
- 3.4. Late entries from boats sailed by at least one Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member will be accepted.
- 3.5. Grafham Water Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse late entries from boats sailed by visitors on safety or operational grounds.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors for the classes below will be:

VX One, 505 & FF15 - £41

Musto Skiff, Phantom & OK – £34

An additional late entry supplement of £5 per boat will apply to payments received after midnight on Thursday 24th October 2019.

- 4.2. Entry fees for a boat helmed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club Member, who has a registered boat at Grafham, will be:

VX One, 505 & FF15 - £5

Musto Skiff, Phantom & OK – £3

An additional late entry supplement of £5 per boat will apply to payments received after midnight on Thursday 24th October 2019.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration

This will be held at 09.00 on Saturday 26th October 2019 in the Club office (top floor of the Clubhouse) for all classes.

5.2. Briefing

There will be competitor briefings in the ground floor café on Saturday commencing at 1040:

5.3. Classes & Starts

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

5.4. Race Format

Alpha Course (VX One, 505 & Musto Skiff) – Four back to back races are scheduled for Saturday with the first race warning not before 1157. Three back to back races are scheduled for Sunday with the first race warning not before 1027.

Bravo Course (Phantom, OK & FF15) – Four back to back races are scheduled for Saturday with the first race warning not before 1157. Two back to back races are scheduled for Sunday with the first race warning not before 1057. On Sunday racing will be combined with club racing.

6. MEASUREMENTS

Each boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate at registration.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing Instructions will be posted on the Club web site. Copies may be available at registration on request

8. THE COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be:

Alpha – windward/leeward

Bravo – trapezoid, windward/leeward

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

For the Musto Skiff, VX One classes:

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

10. SCORING

10.1. For all classes the following will apply:

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- c. When four races or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are not allowed.

12. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be given according to the entry numbers.

15. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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

FURTHER INFORMATION

Food is served throughout the day in the downstairs café, including after sailing on both days. The café will be open until approx 1800 on Saturday and approx. 1600 on Sunday. To help avoid delay you are advised to book food for after sailing with the café before going afloat.

Campers and camper vans are welcome but pre booking, which is available online, is essential. There is a charge of £15 per night for Campervans, £10 per night for Camping (please note – NO caravans please – 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 Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 25th October 2019 at no extra cost.

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

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.