

## **Notice of Race**

### **Ovington Inlands**

**Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 March 2026**

**for K1, Musto Skiff, 505, Phantom, OK, Flying Fifteen & Firefly**

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

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 2025 - 2028*. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 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 \(rya.org.uk\)](https://www.rya.org.uk/racing-charter).
- 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  
RRS 60.2(a)(1) is amended such that no protesting boat need display a red flag
- 1.4 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to so comply may be construed as misconduct.
- 1.5 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 will be available on the Club Web Site at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/ovington-inlands-2026> by 2000 on Thursday 19 March 2026

#### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The online official notice board will be 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:  
K1  
505  
Musto Skiff  
Phantom

OK

Flying Fifteen

Firefly

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/event/ovington-inlands-2026> and by paying the required fee by midnight on Wednesday 18 March 2026 ("Entry Closing Time"). It is expected that the entry lists will be opened on or about 20 February 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. 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](mailto:office@grafham.org)) by 1030 on Saturday 21 March 2026  
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 125. This may be reduced, at the discretion of the Organising Authority, if it is deemed necessary due to changed circumstances to restrict numbers onshore or on the water. 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.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:
  - 5.1.1. boats sailed by visitors: 505, FF15, Firefly £52  
Musto Skiff, Phantom, OK, K1 £43
  - 5.1.2. boats helmed or crewed by a GWSC member who has a registered boat at GWSC:  
505, FF15, Firefly £5  
Musto Skiff, Phantom, OK, K1 £3
  - 5.1.3. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 20 March 2026 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](mailto:office@grafham.org), or telephone 01480 810478 or 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 2000 on Thursday 19 March 2026. 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 and Schedule  
For all classes, the Series will comprise up to 7 races scheduled as follows

Date	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Saturday 21 March 2026	4	5
Sunday 22 March 2026	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 1157, and on Sunday is 1027. 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:  
Fast Course – Phantom, Musto Skiff, 505 and Flying Fifteen  
Slow Course -, K1, OK & Firefly  
The course arrangements may be amended in the light of actual entry numbers: final details will be published in the SIs. Starts may be combined depending on fleets
- 9.8. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500

## 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:  
Fast: Windward/Leeward, with the possibility of a Triangle/Trapezoid option for Flying Fifteens and Phantoms  
Slow: Windward/Leeward and/or Trapezoid/Inner/Outer Loop

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. For the 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 £3,000,000 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 CANCELLATION**

On Thursday 19 March 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 relevant factors. In the event of cancellation a notice will appear on the on line noticeboard on the GWSC website by 2000 on that date and full refunds of entry fees will be given.

## 25.2 CAMPING

Campers and camper vans are welcome. Pre booking will be available online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/ovington-inlands-2026> 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).

## 25.3 CAFETERIA and BAR

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food. The bar will be open On Saturday evening and On Sunday for the prizegiving. There will be an evening meal offered on Saturday evening which can be pre booked at the same time as entry

## 25.4 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.

## 25.5 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

## 25.6 MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER

A non-native species of fresh-water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimp) 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.

## 25.7 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](http://www.grafham.org/photos) .

The club is accessed via Chichester Way (opposite the Wheatsheaf pub). Continue straight on to the bottom of the road and the club gate is on the right-hand side.

Labels on the map include: Slipway 8, Slipway 7, Slipway 6, Slipway 5, Slipway 4, Slipway 3, Slipway 2, Slipway 1, Shrimp Alley, Clubhouse, Coxswain's, Camping Area, Gate Hut, Visitors' Carpark, No Entry, Gresham Water Sailing Club, Roundhouse Dr, Cowley Ct, Globe Rd, and Avenue Dr.

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