



Past Masters Regatta Monday 4 May 2026

This is the Club's special event to commemorate Club Members who have passed away

The event will consist of three back to back handicap races using the "Wednesday evening" format. The overall winner will be awarded the "Grafham Past Masters" trophy. The sailing will be followed by lunch on shore.

This is a Club event. There will be no entry fee for the Regatta, but donations to MagPas are invited. Entry is via WebCollect in the normal way.

The Past Masters Regatta is also the first event in the Grafham TT Series. The other events in the series will be the RNLI Regatta (combined with the Club's 60th birthday celebrations) on Saturday 4 July, and the Duke of Edinburgh Trophy on Sunday 13 September.

The full Notice of Race is set out below.



Past Masters Regatta

Mon 4 May

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the 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 will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules>
- 1.3. The Great Lakes Handicap System applies
- 1.4. If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c)
- 1.5. Appendix T (Arbitration) applies

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/club-racing> by Saturday 2 May 2026

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. While racing, 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, with a Great Lakes Handicap number of 1445 (RS Tera Sport) or lower.
- 4.2. Sailors should be members or guests of Grafham Water Sailing Club
- 4.3. Boats shall enter the event by registering online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/club-racing> before the start of racing

5. FEES



- 5.1. There is no entry fee. However, competitors are invited to make a donation to charity which will be Magpas: they can do this on the entry page
6. CREW LIMITATIONS
- 6.1. Class rules for each boat shall apply, with an exception for 2-person classes that have been given dispensation to sail single-handed off a different handicap
7. ADVERTISING
- 7.1. Advertising shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 and the relevant rules of the individual competitor's Class Association. Grafham Water Sailing Club may require the display of advertising material
8. QUALIFYING SERIES & FINAL SERIES (Does not apply)
9. SCHEDULE
- 9.1. The regatta will comprise three handicap races sailed "back to back"
- 9.2. The first warning signal will be not before 1057. The races are expected to be approx. 40 minutes duration. There will be three starts as follows:
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| Start 1 | Fast Handicap 997 and below |
| Start 2 | Slow Two Handed Handicap 998 and above |
| Start 3 | Slow Single Handed Handicap 998 and above |
- 9.3. Following the conclusion of Racing the café will be open for lunch. The prize giving will follow on after lunch, probably in the café.
- 9.4. Decision to race**
The Race Officer, at their absolute discretion, may decide not to start a race if the wind strength is either:
generally less than 3 knots or
25 knots or more for a sustained period
- 9.5. Postponement in advance**
The regatta may be postponed in advance if the Race Committee consider that it will not be possible to complete a series (see 15.1 below) in accordance with the guideline in 9.4 above
- 9.6. Rescheduling**
If it has not been possible to complete a Series (see 15.1 below) the Regatta will be resailed on the back-up date of Sunday 27 September
10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (Does not apply)
11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT
- 11.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.



12. VENUE (Does not apply)

13. COURSES

13.1. Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. All boats will sail the same course

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

14.2. No boats need display a protest flag: this amends RRS 60.2(a)

15. SCORING

15.1. The regatta will be a Series of up to three races, with a minimum of one race completed. A boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores ie there will be no discard.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS (Does not apply)

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED 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. Grafham Water Sailing Club's data privacy policy can be found here:
<https://www.grafham.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf>.

22. RISK STATEMENT

RRS Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

22.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

22.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

22.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;



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- 22.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 22.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 22.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 22.7. 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. Grafham Water Sailing Club General Instructions state that all craft shall be covered by third-party insurance for claims up to £2 million arising in any one accident.
24. PRIZES
- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded for each fleet and overall. The overall winner will be awarded the Past Masters Trophy
- 24.2. The prize giving will be held in the cafe at approximately 1445.
25. FURTHER INFORMATION
- For further information please contact: office@grafham.org