



The Grafham Treble Trophy (TT) 2026

The Grafham TT is our series based on three of the Club's special events held through the spring, summer and autumn. Many classes have travellers trophies based on a series of open events through the year, and the Grafham TT is loosely based on this idea. While conditions for a single event may favour certain classes there is more chance of a spread of conditions over three days, so the overall winner should have to sail consistently well across a range of windspeeds and course configurations.

The three events of The Grafham TT are the Past Masters Regatta on Monday 4 May, the RNLI Regatta on Saturday 4 July, and the Duke of Edinburgh Trophy on Sunday 13 September. If any of the events cannot be held on their scheduled day, either for weather or other reasons, then Sunday 27 September has been reserved as a back-up day. In the event that more than one event is postponed they will all be competed for concurrently. In the event that 27 September is also unsuitable then we give up!

Each of these stand alone events will have their own Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. There will be no separate Sailing Instructions for the Grafham TT.

The full Notice of Race is set out below.



The Grafham Treble Trophy (TT) 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. Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Separate Sailing Instructions will be issued for each event that comprises the Grafham TT series.

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. Entry to one of the events that comprise the Grafham TT will confer entry to the overall event.

5. FEES

- 5.1. There is no entry fee.

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 series will be comprised of the Past Masters Regatta on Monday 4th May, the RNLI Trophy on Saturday 4th July, and the Duke of Edinburgh Trophy on Sunday 13th September.
 - 9.2. Each of the events in the series will have three scheduled races.
 - 9.3. Each of the events in the series will publish their own schedule for start times.
 - 9.4. In the event that one or more of the events cannot be held on their scheduled day, at the Race Officer's discretion, then the event(s) have a reserve day of Sunday 27th September. Separate Sailing Instructions will be issued should this reserve day need to be used.
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 for each event. 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.
15. SCORING
 - 15.1. The series will be based on all the races sailed across the three race events. Up to four races, all of a boat's results will count towards the series. Between five and seven races, a boat's best four results will count. After eight or more races, a boat's best five results will count.
 - 15.2. RRS appendix A5.3 will apply.
 - 15.3. RRS appendix A8.2 shall be modified such that: in the case of ties remaining after the application of A8.1, the process of A8.1 shall be used, but including all scores. Finally, if a tie still remains then the result of the last race in which the scores are different shall be used to break the tie.



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;

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 £3 million arising in any one accident.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded for the overall classification and for other fleets and classes depending on entry numbers.

24.2. The prize giving will be held at the conclusion of the final event of the series.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: office@grafham.org