



Peter Waghorn Regatta Monday 8 May 2023

Peter Waghorn passed away in January this year, after a brief illness, just short of his 90th birthday.

Peter made a huge contribution to Grafham Water Sailing Club over many years. After retiring in his mid-50s he devoted his energies towards sport development, both sailing and cycling. He was a member of Grafham Water SC for about 40 years and held senior volunteer posts for 24 years as Chair of Sailing Committee from 1980 to 1985, Commodore 1986 to 1989 and Open Meeting organiser 1989 to 2004. He left many lasting legacies at the club, some of his pursuit race courses are still in use and he was the instigator of the Grafham Grand Prix, now in its 41st year and still one of the premier UK winter handicap events. For his contribution to the Club he was made an Honorary Life member.

Peter was also a driving force behind the Beds and Cambs Area Sailing Association for many years, including initiating and running the Beds and Cambs Regatta was held at Grafham for many years.

We are holding this event on Monday 8 May in Peter's memory and to celebrate his contribution to the Club. There will be handicap races in the morning, and a pursuit race in the afternoon. The pursuit Race will use his courses. In recognition of his work with "Beds and Cambs", we will also be inviting members of the former Beds and Cambs Clubs to attend.

There will be no entry fee for the Regatta, but donations to the RNLI and Magpas will be invited. The Past Masters trophy will be awarded for the morning series, and the RNLI trophy for the afternoon pursuit race. A special "Peter Waghorn" trophy will be awarded for the day as a whole.

The full Notice of Race is set out below.



Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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. Boats sailing in the event shall comply with Class Rules
- 1.4. The Great Lakes Handicap System applies

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at [Open Meetings Entry | Grafham Water Sailing Club](#) by Monday 1 May 2023

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 1365 (Topper) or lower.
- 4.2. Sailors should be members or guests of Grafham Water Sailing Club, or members of one of the former "Beds and Cambs" Clubs which are:
Stewartby SC
Hunts SC
Paxton Lakes SC
North Herts and East Beds SC
Priory SC
Cam SC
Cambs Youth and Schools Sailing Association
Ely SC
- 4.3. Boats shall enter the event by registering online following this link: [Open Meetings Entry | Grafham Water Sailing Club](#) or via Club Members entry at Club Racing.



Online entry will be open until midnight on Saturday 6th May. Entry will also be accepted in the office on the day.

5. FEES

5.1. There is no entry fee. However, competitors are invited to make a donation to charity which will be split between the RNLI and Magpas: they can do this on the entry page.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. Class rules for each boat shall apply.

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 the following:
am three handicap races sailed "back to back"
pm an "all-comers" Pursuit Race.

9.2. AM Back-to-Back Handicap Races. The first warning signal will be not before 1057. The races are expected to be approx. 35 minutes duration. There will be three starts as follows:

Start 1	Fast Handicap 1001 and below
Start 2	Slow Two Handed Handicap 1002 and above
Start 3	Slow Single Handed Handicap 1002 and above

9.3. PM All-Comers Pursuit Race. The warning signal for the first start (Topper) is scheduled for 1430. Individual Class Start times will be included in the Sailing Instructions to be published on the GWSC Website by Monday 1 May 2023. The race is scheduled to end at 1615.

9.4. Following the conclusion of Racing the bar will be open for the prizegiving.

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



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 AM races will constitute a three race series. If all three races are sailed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If two or fewer races are sailed then a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 15.2. An overall result for the regatta will be calculated by combining the overall results for the AM series with the results for the PM Pursuit Race

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 £2 million arising in any one accident.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded for the AM Series and for the Pursuit Race
- 24.2. The prize giving will be held in the top bar at approximately 1730.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1. For further information please contact: office@grafham.org