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Optimum Time Phantom Inland Championships and Craftinsure Super Series

16th/17th May 2026

Organising Authority (OA) is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the Phantom Class Association



NOTICE OF RACE

The notation NP in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in *the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.3. Phantom Class Association *Class Rules* shall apply as standard
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 2000 on Thursday 14th May 2026, electronically on the Phantom Class Association website: <http://www.phantomclass.org.uk>

- 2.2. The will also be posted on the ONB, see 3.1. No paper copies will be provided to competitors.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board will be located at :
<https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>.
- 3.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats which have a valid measurement certificate issued by the Phantom Class Association.
- 4.2. All competitors must be current members of the Phantom Class Association.
- 4.3. Eligible boats enter the event by completing the online entry form at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> together with the required fee by midnight on Wednesday 13th May 2026.
- 4.4. Entries are limited to 50 boats.
- 4.5. All boats shall sail under their register numbers to comply with RRS 77. Under exceptional circumstances a boat may be permitted to carry sail numbers or letters in contravention of her class rules provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to 1st race. If such permission is granted no further change will be permitted. No duplicate numbers are permitted.
- 4.6. 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.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fees are as follows:
 - 5.1.1 Boats sailed by visitors will £42.00.
 - 5.1.2 Boats helmed by a GWSC member, who has a registered boat at GWSC, will be free.
- 5.2. A single course meal to be served Saturday night, available for booking on entry. Payment made at the time of purchase.
- 5.3. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 15th May at no extra charge , but must register with the office before doing so.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS.

- 6.1. Class rules shall apply.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES-Does not apply

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 There is no registration and no event documentation will be issued during the event.

9.2 There will be a competitors briefing at 1000 on the first day of racing, inside the downstairs café.

9.3 Saturday 16th May: 4 back to back races are scheduled, with the first warning signal not before 1155.

Sunday 17th May : 4 back to back races are scheduled with the first warning signal not before 1025.

On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1427.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

10.1 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

12. VENUE

12.1 The venue is Grafham Water Sailing Club, Chichester Away, Perry, Huntingdon. PE28 0BU

12.2 The site plan showing camping, parking and slipways is in the additional information.

13. COURSES

13.1 The course will be decided on the day of the event.

13.2 Full details will be in the sailing instruction.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The post-race penalty and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The post-race penalty will be 30%.

15. SCORING

15.1 Two completed races are required to constitute a series.

15.2 If 3 or fewer races have been completed a boats score shall be the total of her race scores

15.3 If more than 3 races have been completed a boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT VESSELS

16.1 Support boats will not be allowed.

17. CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS-Does not apply.

18. BERTHING

18.1 [DP]Equipment must not be placed on boats belonging to club members.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS-Does not apply.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS-Does 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>

21.1 Results:

As part of entering this event your results will be published in the public domain and may be given to the RYA for their Portsmouth Yardstick scheme and to the Class Association. While your results contain personal data, it is normal practice to expect that, when entering an event, your results will be published, and this is a condition of entry. It is therefore part of the contract to provide you with race entry and administration that we will publish the results, which may include such information such as sail number, sailing club, age and gender (if there are age and gender related results).

21.2 Photography,

By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event and consent to these being published in class, club, sponsor and other publications and / or the class, club, sponsor or other websites.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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.

22.2 By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

22.2.1 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;

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

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

22.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

22.2.5 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;

22.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

22.2.7 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

22.2.8 The organising authority will not accept any liability for loss, material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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 awarded as in 18.2 at prize giving located in the club house asap after the final race of the final day.

24.2

Class	Prizes to be awarded
Phantom Class Association	To be decided at the event

25. MOVEMENT OF BOATS

25.1 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

25.2 MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER

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

End of notice of race

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Craftinsure Phantom Super Series

The Phantom Inland Championships makes up one of the seven Super Series events, provided in each region plus Inland and National championships.

A total of 3 events out of 7 to count. Full details available on the Phantom class website.

Early Arrivals

Sailors who would like to arrive prior to the event are welcome, Friday sailing will be available at no charge. Friday night camping will be available.

Camping on site

Camping, campervan and motorhome pitches are available on site from Friday through to Sunday. Our lease does not allow caravans.

There are unlimited tent pitches and 23 Campervan/ Motorhome pitches. There is no facility for electric hook ups or waste disposal.

Pitches must pre booked prior to arrival at

<https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1>.

Open fires or BBQ's are not allowed on site. Gas powered stoves and BBQ's are allowed but must not be left unattended.

Toilet and showers are available in the clubhouse.

Catering and Bar Facilities

Catering will be available throughout the weekend as detail below:

Thursday - No Catering

Friday - No Catering

Saturday - Breakfast, lunch and snacks etc. Evening meal (bookable on entry) and bar open.

Sunday - Breakfast, drinks, snacks etc. available all day.

The Bar will be open Saturday evening.

All payments for food and beverages to be made at the time of purchase. Card and cash payment is available.

We will try and accommodate special dietary requirements should be notified at the time of booking.

Dogs on site

Dogs are allowed onsite, but must be kept on a lead and under control at all times and owners are asked to clean up after their dog.

Parking

Vehicles must only be parked where instructed.

Vehicles are not permitted within the dinghy park.

Further Information

For any further information, please contact Mike Webster – Events Secretary

Fixturesphantonclass@gmail.com via the Phantom Class Association website or ask a question on the Phantom Class Association Face book page.

Site Plan

