



RNLI Regatta Saturday 4 July 2026

As sailors we all have some understanding of the dangers of the water, even on our lake, and how we provide voluntary rescue cover for our sailors. I believe we all have an appreciation of the fantastic work of the RNLI in providing “voluntary rescue cover” to absolutely absolutely anyone in need around our shores. This regatta gives us an opportunity to celebrate that work. It is the second event in the Grafham TT series and coincides with celebrations of the club’s 60th birthday. Starting in the afternoon it gives the opportunity to have a busy morning and then come sailing after lunch.

The event will consist of three back to back handicap races using the “Wednesday evening” format. The overall winner will be awarded the club’s RNLI trophy.

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

The first event of the Grafham TT was the Past Masters Regatta and the final event will be the Duke of Edinburgh Trophy on Sunday 28 September.

The full Notice of Race is set out below.



RNLI Regatta Saturday 4 July 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 Thursday 2 July 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. ELIGABILITY 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 the RNLI: 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 1357. The races are expected to be approx. 40 minutes duration. There will be three starts as follows:

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 it is intended there will be a barbecue, for which tickets need to be purchased. The prize giving will follow on after this, probably in the café.
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.
15. SCORING
 - 15.1. The regatta will be a three race series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, i.e. there will be no discard.



15.2. Scoring for Grafham TT series

15.2.1. *The number of races to count shall be 50% of the number of races available in the series (i.e. races scheduled and not cancelled). Fractions will be rounded up.*

15.2.2. *RRS App A5.3 will apply*

15.2.3. *RRS App 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;



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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 each fleet and overall. The overall winner will be awarded the RNLi Trophy

24.2. The prize giving will be held in the cafe at approximately 1830.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: office@grafham.org