



Notice of Race Gill Solo Inlands Sat 10th & 11th September 2022

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the National Solo Class Association.

1. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.

1.2. **COVID STATEMENT** - All sailors, parents and authorised guests must comply with both Government rules and GWSC COVID-19 Operating Procedures available at:

<https://www.grafham.org/covid-19-operating-procedures.html>

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

1.4 Competitors should note that Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club Web Site at

<https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> by 20:00 on 7th Sept 2022.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>

3.2. 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 National Solo Dinghies and helms must be members of the National Solo Class association or an overseas Solo class association recognised by the NSCA.

4.2. Boats may 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 7th Sept 2022.

4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4. Late entries may be accepted, after midnight on Wednesday 7th September 2022, entries must be made online, the Club does have the right to refuse these for operational reasons.

4.5. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:

- 4.5.1. Maximum entry limited to 80 boats. When the entry limit is reached a waiting list will be formed.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:
- 5.1.1. boats sailed by visitors will be £36.
 - 5.1.2. boats helmed by a GWSC member, who has a registered boat at GWSC, will be £2.
 - 5.1.3. an additional late entry supplement of £5 per boat will apply for entries or payments received after midnight on Wednesday 7th September 2022,
- 5.2. If Sailors wish to eat a hot meal after racing on Saturday, we can set up meal bookings at £12 these can be booked via our website. These will need to be paid for when booking, if 25 plus are booked, then these will be served upstairs and the Bar will be open. If 15-25 are booked, these can be provided, served downstairs, and the Bar will not be open. Fewer than that is not viable and we would refund the money. No meals can be ordered on the Saturday.
- 5.3. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 9th Sept 2022 at no extra cost but must register at the Office before doing so.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Class rules apply.

7. ADVERTISING

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

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does not apply

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Registration. There will be no Registration, and no race documents will be issued on the day.
- 9.2. Equipment inspection and event measurement N/A
- 9.3. Dates of Racing

Date	Class	Number in series	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
10 th & 11 th Sept 2022	Solo	6	3	3

- 9.4. At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Principal Race Officer race 4 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing. If the weather Saturday does not allow 3 races to be completed, a 4th race will be added to Sunday's programme. If this is needed, sailors will be advised at the end of sailing on Saturday, and a notification posted on the online noticeboard.
- 9.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11:55 on Saturday 10th September 2022 and 1025 on Sunday 11th September 2022. Subsequent scheduled races for the day will be sailed back-to-back with the first race.
- 9.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1530.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

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

12 VENUE

12.1 A site plan showing camping, parking and slipways is shown in Appendix 1.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be selected from Windward/Leeward and Sausage/Triangle courses.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix P applies.

14.2 RRS P2.1 is amended. The word 'first' is deleted. This changes Rule P2.1.

14.3 RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

15.3 RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support vessels shall not be allowed.

17, 18, 19, 20 DO 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>

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

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

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

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

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

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate

(e) 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;

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

(g) 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. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

Top 5 overall

Top Veteran (over 50 years at 1 January 2022)

Top Grand Master (over 60 years at 1 January 2022)

Top Septimus (over 70 years at 1 January 2022)

24.2 SPONSORSHIP: Grafham Water Sailing Club would like to thank our club sponsor Gill for their support of the club, this event and the prize giving. The full range of Gill products can be seen at; <https://www.gillmarine.com/>

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 COVID-19 INFORMATION

We may need to impose restrictions both onshore and offshore depending on the prevailing Covid-19 situation. The nature of restrictions will be communicated to competitors in the pre-event briefing note. In particular please be aware that Changing rooms and showers may not be available, or may be operating at reduced capacity. Entrants should be prepared to change in cars.

The cafeteria may be operating a "take-away" service only

Provision of camping facilities may be curtailed

The upstairs bar area may be closed, or may be operating at reduced capacity

COVID-19 guidelines in operation at the event may restrict the support boat provision; consequently the upper wind limit for racing may be reduced.

25.2 CANCELLATION

On Thursday 8th September 2022 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength and the prevailing COVID-19 situation. In the event of cancellation a notice will appear on the GWSC website by 2000 on that date and full refunds of entry fees will be given.

25.3 CAMPING

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions, campers and camper vans are welcome. Pre booking will be available online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> when entry lists open. Pre-booking of camper vans is essential. There is a charge of £15 per night for Campervans, £10 per night for Camping (please note – NO caravans – our lease does not allow them).

25.4 CAFETERIA and BAR

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food. Bar will be open both days, subject to meal bookings and Covid restrictions.

25.5 HOW TO FIND US

Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club, details of local accommodation, and other information are available on the Club website - <http://www.grafham.org> . Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Grafham Water Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Regulations. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

25.6 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

25.7 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.

25.8 PHOTOGRAPHS

Professional Photographs Our photography partner, Paul Sanwell of OP Photography will be taking action photographs of the event. These images can be viewed and purchased the day after the event on the Grafham Water SC photo-gallery at www.grafham.org/photos.

APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN



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