

Solo Inlands

Sat 5th & Sun 6th Sept 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the National Solo Class Association.

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 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 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 [www.rya.org.uk/racing rules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing-rules)
- 1.3 If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c)

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The event Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> by 2000 on Wednesday 2nd Sept 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, 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. The event will be split into two fleets;
 - 1 Main fleet - standard Inland championship fleet
 - 2 Vintage fleet - open to boats that are over 20 years old at 01-Jan-2026 with a registered hull

number below 4574 as per the listing on the Dutch database. Additionally, boats with sail number above 4000 must have wooden hull construction. All boats shall display their registered boat number on the mainsail or a number below 4574.

And/or sailors who have not sailed a Solo open meeting or championship for over 5 years.

However, these boats/sailors can choose to sail with the main fleet.

Entries to the 2nd fleet are subject to review by the Solo Class Association

- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> together with the required fee by midnight Wednesday 2nd Sept 2026.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form.
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Club, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge of £10, the club does have the right to refuse these for operational reasons.
- 4.6 The Organising Authority may cancel the event in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.7 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.8 On Thursday 3rd Sept 2026 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength. 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.
- 4.9 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: £45.
 - 5.1.2 Boats sailed by a GWSC member who has a registered boat at GWSC: £3
- 5.2 Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 4th Sept 2026 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 organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 There is no registration, and no event documentation will be issued during the event
- 9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 1030hrs on Saturday outside the downstairs café.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 5 th Sept 2026	Races 1 to 3 sailed back to back
Sunday 6 th Sept 2026	Races 4 to 6 sailed back to back

- 9.4 6 races are scheduled.
- 9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sat 5th Sept 2026 is 1155hrs.
The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sun 6th Sept 2026 is 1025hrs.
- 9.6 At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the 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.
- 9.7 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid certificate.
- 10.2 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from at any time except when racing

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

- 12.1 The Sailing Area will be posted on the ONB.

13 COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

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 race scores.
- (b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- This changes RRS A2.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams and vessels are not allowed.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP] Boats and trailers shall be stored so that access for Club members is not impeded.

18.2 [DP] Equipment shall not be placed on Club members' boats.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1. 21.1 The Data Processing Policy is available at https://www.grafham.org/wp-content/uploads/_pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 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 or 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 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee,

to the square root of the number of entries.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 GENERAL

Campers and camper vans are welcome and pre booking is available online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1>. 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).

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.

25.2 CAFETERIA and BAR

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food. Breakfasts can be purchased ahead of sailing each day.

25.3 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

25.4 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.

25.5 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

For further information please contact GWSC office.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE