

Pre-Event information

Your team from Grafham for the weekend are:

Race Officer- Christopher Clarke
Office- Heather Dance
Coxswain- Charly Bower

Arrival:

On arrival please follow any signage regarding parking. If a road has a barriers across please do not go beyond them. Remember that our normal club activities will be functioning and on Sunday we can expect to be very busy.

Car & Trailer Parking: Applies Friday-Sunday.

On arrival campers can go directly to their booked space. Boats can be rigged in this area and launched from slipways 1 & 2.

If not camping, please park in the visitors' car park, marked with the arrow. Boats can rig in the car park and then be walked round to foreshore in the launching areas. Slipways 5-7 are the most recommended. Please do not go



around the roundabout, but use the road to the slipways —see the no entry signs on the site map 1 below.

Map 1

Visitors' car park

Safety & Security:

Please do not walk through fenced off areas: they are fenced off for your safety. See map 2 below

The coxswains' slipway & road (East side of the Clubhouse in front of the coxswains' shed) is fenced off as it will be busy with tractor and trailer movements. *Campers, do not take a short cut across this, please go around the end by the roundabout.*

The fire exits from the Clubhouse are marked – the fire muster point is on the grass of the roundabout on the landside of the Clubhouse.

Please do not leave valuables in the changing rooms. There are lockers (green) in the café area which take a £1 coin which can be used. The £1 is returnable when you empty the locker.



Map 2

The red lines show the barrier locations. Please do not go through this area, or through the Flying 15 area. Only the safety and race management teams need do so.

Wash down:

Boats must be washed down before leaving the Club to comply with non-native species guidance. Jet washes will be placed on shrimp alley and a hose at the top of slipway 2. After wash down boats in shrimp alley can go via the roundabout back to the car park for derigging.

Catering:

The café on the ground floor of the Clubhouse will be open for breakfasts from around 0830 and then during the day.

Camping and overnight:

The Clubhouse toilets will be available over the weekend. There is also a Portaloo toilet for use on the East side of the clubhouse.

Showers

Please do not take sailing kit into the showers. This can spread killer shrimp through the water system.

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Race Area:

Will be confirmed on the Online Notice Board and at the competitor briefing.

First race of the day:

Our aim is to start on time on both days: please allow adequate time for launching; take into account the number of competitors [including club members on Sunday] trying to launch and plan accordingly.

Launching

Please do not use slipway 1, if you do, you will completely get stuck in the mud.

There is mud to some degree on the remaining slipways.

Slipway 2 is useable but with great care it is muddy.

Slipways 5 and 6 and 7 and 8 are useable, with less amounts of mud on 7 and 8.

Furthermore, it is possible to launch with care from the beach between slipways 6 and 7 and 8.

DO NOT ALL QUEUE ON THE SAME SLIPWAY.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT THERE IS WEED AT THE WATERS EDGE, WHICH YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF WHEN LAUNCHING AND COMING ASHORE.

Starts

Orange will be displayed at least one minute before the Warning Signal (SI6.3)

The intention is to use “Uniform” as the Preparatory Signal for the first start of the first race. In the event of a general recall, at the ROs discretion, we may move to Black for subsequent starts and subsequent races.

Course

Courses and number of laps may vary: please check the course display before each race.

Finishing

Sound signals at the finish are optional; we will most likely signal only the first 3 finishing boats. If you are in a bunched finish, and possibly not easily visible to the finish line spotters, please note the boats ahead or behind. Note the provision for “Whisky” finishes (SI section 14)

Indicative wind limits

The Race Officer’s intentions are to not start a race if wind strength is either:
generally less than 5 knots or 27kts or more for a sustained period

Chris Clarke

Race Officer

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