



NOBLE
MARINE INSURANCE

Noble Marine Streaker National Championship
Friday 7th July- Sunday 9th July 2023

Sailing Instructions

[NP] before a rule indicates that a boat cannot protest another for an infringement of the rule.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2. 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.*
- 1.3. COVID All sailors and authorised guests must comply with any Government Rules and GWSC COVID-19 Operating Procedures (available at <https://www.grafham.org/covid-19-operating-procedures.html>) applying at the time of the event.
- 1.4 A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration. Even when such confirmation is received the Race Committee does not have the authority to amend the requirements of class rules. As a result, a boat could be protested for failing to comply with class rules.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the start of any race affected except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>
- 3.2. The race office is located on the first floor of the club house, telephone 07943 196522, email office@grafham.org
- 3.3. 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place any advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on flagpole 2 on the foreshore in front of the Clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The competitor briefing will be held outside the downstairs café at 1230 on Friday 7th July.

6.2 The racing schedule is:

6.2.1 Friday 7th: Races 1 & 2, sailed back to back with the first warning signal not before 1355.

6.2.2 Saturday 8th: Races 3,4,5 with the first warning signal not before 1055. Races 3 & 4 are intended to be sailed back to back. If conditions permit there will be a short lunch break ashore after race 4. Please check the ONB before launching for race 3.

6.2.3 Sunday 9th: Races 6 & 7, sailed back to back with the first warning signal not before 1025

6.3 At the discretion of the Race Officer and the Class representative this schedule may be amended to allow for any inclement weather forecasts.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least two minutes before the warning signal is made.

6.5 There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Sunday 9th July unless the race in question is subject to a general recall.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag is The Streaker Class flag.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area is expected to be in the West and Centre sections of the lake. The approximate location will be posted on the ONB.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat from no later than the warning signal.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks are described in Addendum A.

11. [DP] AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions:

11.1.1. The prohibited area at the West end of the water is an obstruction. Its boundary is a line of small yellow buoys forming its eastern boundary.

11.1.2. Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is a prohibited area and an obstruction.

11.1.3. A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction and a prohibited area. Boats must not sail between the safety boat and the craft or competitor in difficulty.

12. THE START

12.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and at the port end the course side of an orange dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

12.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. To change the next leg of the course the race committee may move the original mark to a new position by up to +/- 15 degrees or up to 20% length without signalling or displaying Flag C, this changes RRS 33(a) and (b).

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finishing line will be between the staff of the committee boat flying a blue flag and a dan buoy displaying a gwsc-streaker nationals-2023-SI-v4-final

blue flag.

14.2. ALTERNATIVE FINISHING LINES

- 14.2.1. When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet rounded the nearby mark shall finish between this mark and the staff on the boat displaying flag W.
- 14.2.2. When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction, she shall be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have passed the nearby mark ahead of her before flag W was displayed.
- 14.2.3. Boats that have passed the mark before flag W is displayed, and have not retired from the race, but subsequently fail to finish, shall be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 14.2.4. Boats may also be finished using flag W between marks at the discretion of the race committee.
- 14.2.5. The times specified in SI 16 will apply also at every flag W finish line defined by this SI.

14.3. SHORTENED COURSE

- 14.3.1. The meaning of Flag 'S' is changed as follows: When the committee boat is in its normal position and displaying flag S, the leading boat, after rounding the next leeward mark on its required side, will proceed thereafter to the normal finish line. On completing the same number of rounds as the leading boat, all other boats should proceed to the finish line in the same way. Where 2P is the leeward mark rounded immediately prior to finishing boats are not required to leave 2S to starboard. If the course is to be shortened at the leeward mark or the gate, a race committee vessel will be stationed in the vicinity making repeated sound signals and displaying flag 'S'.
- 14.3.2. Regardless of where Flag 'S' is displayed on the Committee Boat, the Finish Line will be between the staff displaying a BLUE flag and the finish mark as defined in ADDENDUM A – COURSE.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 See NOR section 14.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. The Mark 1 Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) are:
Mark 1-20 minutes Race Time- 100 minutes
- 16.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 16.3. The Target time for the first boat to finish in each race is 50 minutes. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2. Hearing request forms are available from the Club office. Protests and/or requests for redress shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible thereafter at a location to be advised. It is the responsibility of competitors involved in protests to ensure they are available at the prescribed time.
- 17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5. RYA Arbitration The Post-Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice board for details.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1. Only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS

22.1 not used

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1. Not used

24. SUPPORT VESSELS

24.1. [DP] Support vessels shall not be allowed.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1. Trash may not be placed aboard official vessels

26. BERTHING

26.1. (DP) Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

26.2 (DP) Equipment must not be placed on GWSC members' boats.

27. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1 Not used

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

28.1 Not used.

29. PRIZES

29.1. See NOR section 24

30. RISK STATEMENT

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:

- (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;
- (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 organizer 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

31. INSURANCE

31.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per incident or the equivalent.

32. OTHER INFORMATION

32.1. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 32.1.1. The safety flags below are flown on the flag pole near the coxswains shed.
- 32.1.2. A RED FLAG – no launching, if afloat together with a long sound signal from shore the lake is closing in 30 minutes and you must be ashore within this period. Repeated sounds, come ashore immediately.
- 32.1.3. A RED YELLOW FLAG means the water is closed with exceptions, see the monitor or notice boards in the Café about exceptions
- 32.1.4. A BLUE AND WHITE experienced windsurfers only (wind at 28kts or higher)
- 32.1.5. A BLACK flag indicates that wet or dry suits must be worn at all times whilst afloat
- 32.1.6. A BLUE AND GREEN flag indicates the presence of BLUE GREEN ALGAE in the reservoir and care should be taken whilst afloat and during launching and recovery of boats.

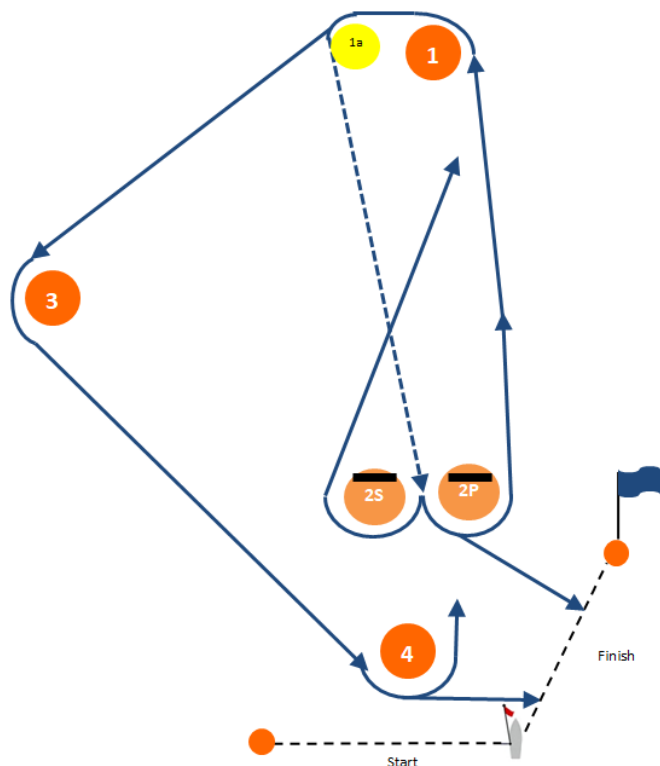
32.2. EMERGENCY MEETING POINT

- 32.2.1. If you are involved in an emergency and you need to go to or direct others (including an emergency service such as an ambulance) to the Emergency Meeting Point at the Coxswain's Shed 52° 17.49 N, 000° 18.85 W.
Should aid be needed elsewhere on site, club staff and/or volunteers will divert resources there.
- 32.2.2. If you call an emergency service, you must inform a Staff Member (Coxswain or Office) so that GWSC can invoke its Emergency Protocol.
- 32.2.3. Grafham Water Sailing Club, Chichester Way, Perry, Cambridgeshire PE28 0BU
- 32.2.4. Telephone 07943 096522 32.3.

See next page for Addendum A

ADDENDUM A – COURSE(S) AND MARKS

The course:



Marks:

Marks 1,1a,3,4 will be orange pillar buoys

Marks 2P & 2S will be yellow pillar buoys with a dark band

Port end starting mark will be dan buoy displaying an orange flag

Port end finishing mark will be a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

Course signal	
ST2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – finish
ST3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2P – finish
ST4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – finish
ST5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2P – finish

Course signal	
TS2	Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2P – finish
TS3	Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – finish
TS4	Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2P – finish
TS5	Start – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – finish