

Notice of Race: 2026 Sunday Spring/Early Summer Series

Sundays from 5th April to 26th July

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. If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.4. Competitors are required to perform a club duty (committee boat, rescue, etc.) within the timespan of the series. This could be for a different Sunday series or special event, but not for an open meeting if they have a club open meeting in their own class.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will consist of the 'Winter Series Sailing Instructions' that will be available at <https://www.grafham.org/club-noticeboard.html>. The modified start sequence is specified in the SIs.

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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats sailing within their class rules and 2-person classes that have been given dispensation to sail single-handed off a different handicap.
- 4.2. The *Great Lakes Handicap System* applies to boats racing in handicap fleets.
- 4.3. Fleets are defined as follows:

Start	Description	Fleets	Handicap	Course
1	Boats sailing windward/ leeward course	Asymmetric Mono, 505 & foiling mono Asymmetric Cat, foiling Cat & A-class	<1020	Windward/ leeward Windward/ leeward
2	Double-handed handicap other than start 1 (including Flying Fifteens and d/h catamaran RTC)	Double-handed inc. Flying Fifteens	H-cap Cat > 900	RTC
3	ILCA/Laser (all rigs)	ILCA	H-cap	RTC
4	Single-handed other than start 1, (including s/h catamaran RTC)	Single handed	H-cap Cat >840	RTC RTC

RTC= Round the Cans

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- 4.4. Boats shall enter for races each race day, before the start of racing that day, by registering online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/sunday-racing-1>. Guests may enter by registering at the office.
- 4.5. Only members are eligible for series prizes
5. FEES (Does not apply)
6. CREW LIMITATIONS
- 6.1. The following crew limitations apply: *Sailors shall be members or guests of Grafham Water Sailing Club.*
7. ADVERTISING
- 7.1. Advertising shall comply with the World Sailing Advertising Code 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. Three races are scheduled for each day's racing.
- 9.2. Racing is scheduled for 5/4, 12/4, 19/4, 26/4, 10/5, 17/5, 24/5, 31/5, 14/6, 21/6, 28/6, 12/7, 19/7 & 26/7
- 9.3. The warning signal for the first start of the first race of each day will not be before 1057.
- 9.3.1. In the event of a single start being used, the warning signal will not be before 1102.
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. The asymmetric monohull (including 505 and foiling monohulls) and asymmetric catamaran fleets (including A class) shall sail a windward/leeward course. The course will not be displayed on the committee boat.
- 13.2. All other fleets shall sail a round the cans (RTC) course, to be determined by the Race Officer and displayed on the committee boat.
- 13.3. More detailed course descriptions are to be found in the SIs.
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

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- 15.1. The number of races to count in each series shall be 1 + 30% of the number of races available in that series, i.e. races scheduled and not cancelled. Fractions will be rounded up.
- 15.2. Race Officers and duty crews will be awarded average points for the event for the number of races scheduled for that day.
 - 15.2.1. The average will be calculated from all of the qualifying races sailed.
 - 15.2.2. One day's duties may only count towards the results of one boat.
 - 15.2.3. Only one day's duties may be counted towards the series result of a boat.
 - 15.2.4. If a helm performs a second duty in a series this may be used in a subsequent series.
- 15.3. A person who fails to turn up for a duty without giving suitable warning and getting approval not to attend shall be scored DNE for all races sailed that day.
- 15.4. Appendix A 5.3 will apply.
- 15.5. Appendix 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;

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- 22.5. 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;
- 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.
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 for the series are awarded to the following fleets:
- 24.1.1. ILCA
 - 24.1.2. Asymmetric multihull (including A class)
 - 24.1.3. Asymmetric monohull (including 505 and foiling monohulls)
 - 24.1.4. Double-handed handicap (including Flying Fifteens)
 - 24.1.5. Single-handed handicap
- 24.2. The prize giving date, time and location will be notified separately
25. SPONSORSHIP (does not apply)
26. FURTHER INFORMATION
- 26.1. For further information please contact : office@grafham.org