

Notice of Race: Summer Sprint Series 2026

Sundays May to November

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 63.5©
- 1.4. Competitors are required to perform two club duties (committee boat, rescue, etc.) over the duration of the series, one between April and July and the other between August and November. These 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 'Summer Sprint 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.
- 4.2. The *Great Lakes Handicap System* applies to boats racing in handicap fleets.
- 4.3. Fleets and starts are defined as follows:

Start	Description	Fleets	Handicap
1	Boats sailing windward/ leeward Course - note the handicap number	Fast Handicap	<901
2	Single-handed (non-asymmetric)	Single handed	>900
3	Double-handed non-asymmetric handicap (including Flying Fifteens) Asymmetric monohulls (single and double handed) Catamaran round the cans	Double-handed inc. Flying Fifteens Asymmetric Mono Slower Cats	>899 >899 >840
4	ILCA (all rigs)	ILCA	

- 4.4. Boats shall enter for the forthcoming set of races, before the start of racing that day, by registering online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/sunday-racing-1>

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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. Racing is scheduled for 3/5, 7/6, 5/7, 2/8, 6/9, 4/10 & 8/11
 - 9.2. Up to **five** races are scheduled for each day's racing.
 - 9.3. The warning signal for the first start of the first race of each day will not be before 1057.
 - 9.4. No start sequence shall begin later than 1340
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. Boats in start 1 will sail two laps of a windward-leeward course, except the F20 class will sail three laps.
 - 13.2. Boats in starts 2-4 will sail a single lap of a round the cans course.
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
 - 15.1. The number of races to count in the series shall be 45% of the number of races available. Fractions will be rounded down.
 - 15.2. Race Officers and duty crews will be awarded average points for the event for the number of races completed that day.
 - 15.2.1. The average will be calculated from all of the qualifying races sailed.
 - 15.2.2. Only one day's duties may be counted towards the series result of a boat.
 - 15.2.3. One day's duties may only count towards the results of one boat.
 - 15.2.4. If a helm performs a second duty in a series this may be used in a subsequent series.
 - 15.3. Appendix A 5.3 will apply.

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15.4. 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;

22.5. 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;

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 £2 million arising in any one accident.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes for the series are awarded to:

24.1.1. ILCA (all rigs)

24.1.2. Fast handicap (boats in start 1)

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- 24.1.3. Single-handed handicap (boats in start 2)
- 24.1.4. All asymmetric, double-handed & slower cats (boats in start 3)
- 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