

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK Wayfarer 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 will be governed by 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 are 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 at Racing Charter (rya.org.uk).
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club Web Site at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> by 14th June 2026

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board 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
- 3.3. There will be a competitor briefing in the downstairs café at 1130 on Friday 26th June.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Wayfarer Class (except Wayfarer Weekenders).
Boats must have a measurement certificate, but Mk IV boats not designated as racing boats are allowed to race without a measurement certificate.
All boats of whatever mark must comply with the class rules.
- 4.2. Boats must be entered by a member of a Wayfarer Class Association.
- 4.3. Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at wayfarer.org.uk/event/grafham-water-sailing-club together with the required fee by midnight on 23rd June 2026
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Late entries will be accepted only at the absolute discretion of the Club. If permitted late entries will be subject to a £10 late entry fee.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:
 - 5.1.1 £80 for full entry, or £55 for entry on Saturday and Sunday only.
 - 5.1.2 A reduced fee of £60 for full entry or £40 for the weekend only will be available up to 31st May 2026.
- 5.2. Boats competing in the event may sail on Thursday 25th June 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 [DP][NP]Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does not apply

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration will be held in the downstairs café on Friday 26th June from 1000 to 1130 am and from 0915 to 1015 am on Saturday for those not racing on the Friday.

9.2. Dates of Racing

- Friday 26th June: Practice Race – warning signal not before 1255
Championship races 1 & 2- the first warning signal not before 1355
Saturday 27th June: Championship races 3,4 &5 - the first warning signal not before 1055.
Sunday 28th June: Championship races 6,7 & 8 - first warning signal not before 1025.

9.3 It is intended that the races each day will be sailed back-to-back.

9.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Equipment and measurement checks may be carried out at any time.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. [DP][NP] RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

12. VENUE

12.1. A site plan showing camping, parking and slipways is shown in Appendix 1.

13. COURSES

13.1. The course to be sailed will be windward -leeward or sausage -triangle.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS Appendix T shall apply.

14.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty

15. SCORING

15.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four to 6 more races have been completed, a boats' series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When more than 6 races have been sailed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst two scores.

15.3 RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16. SUPPORT TEAMS

16.1. Support Teams are not be allowed.

17. CHARTERED OR LOAN 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. The GWSC data protection policy can be found at

https://www.grafham.org/wp-content/uploads/_pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf

22. 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 to race is hers alone.'

Sailing is by 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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 a 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

23. INSURANCE

23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as follows :-

To the National Champion	The Smallcraft Trophy
To the National Champion crew	The Crew's Trophy
To the Winner of the Practice Race	The Idler's Bucket
To the Winner of Race 1	The Lionel Munk Trophy
To the Winner of Race 2	The Aln Trophy
To the Winner of Race 3	The Ian Proctor Trophy
To the Winner of Race 4	The Plymouth Trophy
To the Winner of the Last Race	The Bill Hodshon Trophy
To the First Lady	The Wansfell Trophy
To the First Husband and Wife	The Pert Platter
To the first combined age 100+	The Duncannon Trophy
To the first Double Generation team	The Mary Hinton Trophy
To the first Newcomer	The Newcomer's Trophy
To the best Club Team overall	The Club Trophy
To the first Overseas entrant	The Hartley Laminates Trophy
To the Silver Fleet winner	The Westerly Trophy
To the Bronze Fleet winner	The Dabchicks Trophy

24.2. Prizes will also be awarded to the first five teams overall, and to the first two in Silver and Bronze fleets

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 The Grafham Water Sailing Club Safeguarding policy can be found at:

<https://www.grafham.org/safeguarding-2.html>

25.3 CAFETERIA and BAR

25.3.1 All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food.

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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

25.5 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.

APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN



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