



Notice of Race:

Wednesday Evening Pursuit Race 2 September 2026

The event is a Pursuit Race. All boats sail the same course. The slowest boats start first. Subsequent start times are calculated using The Great Lakes Handicaps on the basis that all boats, if sailed to their handicap, would be level on the water at the Prescribed Finishing Time. So the winner of the race is the boat that is first on the water at the Prescribed Finishing Time.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 -2028*.
- 1.2. If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c)
- 1.3. 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>.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/wednesday-evening-series>.

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 with a Great Lakes Handicap Number of 1452 (RS Tera Sport) or lower, and 2-person classes that have been given Club dispensation to sail single-handed off a different handicap
- 4.2. The [Great Lakes Handicaps](#) (Autumn 2026 Edition) are used to calculate start times for the race.
- 4.3. Boats shall enter the event by registering online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/wednesday-evening-series>

5. FEES There is no entry fee

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. The following crew limitations apply: *Sailors shall be members or guests of Grafham Water Sailing Club*



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7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Advertising shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 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. The warning signal (3 minutes) for the first start, the RS Tera Sport, is scheduled to be at 1800.
- 9.2. Start times will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.3. The race will end at 1930 to allow sailors to reach the shore before sunset, which is at 1948.

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 course to be sailed will be announced and publicised in the downstairs Cafe by 1730 on Wednesday 2 September.

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

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

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22.1. RRS 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 by its nature is 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 in the event;
- (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 organiser 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

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 will be awarded based on entry numbers but to at least the first three finishers

24.2. The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on 2 September 2026 in the top bar of the Clubhouse

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. For further information please contact : office@grafham.org