

# Notice of Race: 2026 Wednesday Evening Series

## Every Wednesday from 8th April to 26th August.

Please note: the last Wednesday evening race of 2026 will be a pursuit race held on 2nd September. A separate NoR will be issued.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2. Before competing on each day of the event, each helm must enter using the Grafham Water Sailing Club WebCollect facility.
- 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>.
- 1.4. Competitors are required to volunteer as a Committee boat crew or Rescue crew during the series. Please register via DutyMan.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will consist of the 'Wednesday Evening Series Sailing Instructions' that will be on the official notice board located 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	Start Numeral	Fleets	Handicap
1	3	Fast Handicap	<998
		Asymmetric	<998
2	6	Slow two-handed	>997
		Asymmetric	>997
3	9	Slow single-handed	>997

- 4.4. Boats shall enter the event by registering online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/event/wednesday-evening-series>. Guests may enter by registering at the office.

### 5. FEES (Does not apply)

### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

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- 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. One race is scheduled for each day's racing.
  - 9.2. From 29/04/25 to 05/08/25 the warning signal for the first start each day will not be before 1857. For the remaining races, the warning signal for the first start of each day will not be before 1827.
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. All fleets shall sail the course displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat.
  - 13.2. Boats must sail through the start-finish line at the completion of each lap.
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 each series shall be 1 + 30% of the number of races (fractions will be rounded up) available in that series.
  - 15.2. A minimum of one boat completing a race will ensure that race is available to count towards the series.
  - 15.3. Race Officers and duty crews will be awarded average points for the event. The average will be calculated from all of the qualifying races sailed.
  - 15.4. Appendix A 5.3 will apply.
  - 15.5. [DP] Sailors who fail to report for their allocated duty, without informing the office in due time, will be scored (DNE) for that race.
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)

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### 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](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 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:
- 24.1.1. Fast Handicap
- 24.1.2. Slow double-handed handicap
- 24.1.3. Slow single-handed handicap
- 24.2. The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

### 25. SPONSORSHIP (Does not apply)

### 26. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 26.1. For further information please contact : [office@grafham.org](mailto:office@grafham.org)