

Notice of Race

42nd Gill Grafham Grand Prix – part of the Selden SailJuice Winter Series

Sunday 29th December 2024

Sponsored by Gill

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the Sailjuice Winter Series.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be 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 www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.3. [DP, NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.4. TRACKERS - Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit onboard as supplied by the Organising Authority. The tracker shall be collected from the ground floor cafe before going afloat and returned there after the day's racing within the protest time.

Failure to collect and carry a tracker will result in no Great British Sailing Challenge result. It may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the first race of the day sailed calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.5. Failure to return the tracker within the protest time may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the last race of the day sailed calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.6. If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions with final fleet compositions will be published on the official notice board (see 3.1 below) by 20:00 on Friday 27th December 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>.
- 3.2. [DP, NP] 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.
- 3.3. Briefing

Any relevant notices will be posted on the GWSC on-line Notice Board (see 3.1 above). There may be a live competitor briefing on the day; this will be announced with the publication of the Sailing Instructions

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats with Great Lakes Event Handicaps as listed in APPENDIX 2. The intended handicap ranges are:

- 4.1.1. Asymmetric Monohulls ratings 697 - 1190
- 4.1.2. Multihulls/Catamarans ratings 570 – 1166
- 4.1.3. Non Asymmetric Monohulls ratings 858 – 1369
- 4.1.4. Foiling Classes ratings 570 – 800

These handicap ranges may be changed at the discretion of the organising authority and any variation, or addition of boats, detailed in the Sailing Instructions and posted on the official notice board.

We cannot accept entries from Sailboards.

- 4.2. Entry is by on-line at www.sailjuiceseries.com with entry open no later than 1st December 2024. Entries on the Sailjuice web site will close on 20:00 Thursday 26th December 2024 (the Event Closing Time). Thereafter late entries will be at the absolute discretion of GWSC and will be subject to a late entry fee of £10 and on the Grafham Water web site <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> or by completing entry forms at the GWSC office.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. **Entry is limited to the first 150 boats received and paid. Should entry numbers need to be restricted below 150, due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be accepted in order of receipt of entry.**
- 4.5. Entries may be substituted up to the Event Closing Time. Thereafter only the following changes will be permitted:
- Change of helm or crew
 - Change of sail number (but not in conjunction with change of helm).
- Any such changes must be notified to the Grafham Club Office (email office@grafham.org) by 0930 on Sunday 29th December 2024.
- More substantive changes e.g. change to a different class, substitution of both helm and crew or substitution of helm and change of sail number may be permitted but only at the absolute discretion of the Club and if permitted will be subject to a £10 administration fee

5. FEES

- 5.1. **The entry fee includes a pasta dish to be served after sailing is completed and provision of Salljuice Trackers.**
- 5.2. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors will be £38 for single hander boats and £46 for double hander boats.
- 5.3. Entry fees for boats helmed or crewed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member who has a registered boat at Grafham will be £18 for single hander boats and £25 for double hander boats.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Class rules apply.

7. ADVERTISING

[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 done on arrival at the Club Gate from 08.00 by Meet and Greet personnel.

9.2. Classes and starts

The Annex, attached to this Notice of Race, groups eligible dinghies into their **provisional** Race Starts. Final Fleet compositions will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

There will be three race tracks with one start on each.

9.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:55.

9.4. Three back-to-back races are scheduled.

9.5. No warning signal will be made after 14:30.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Each boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

11.2. GWSC Local Rule - Wet or dry suits must be worn whilst afloat.

12. VENUE

12.1. A site plan showing parking and slipways is attached as Appendix 1.

13. COURSES

13.1. Three separate race tracks are planned and the courses to be sailed will be:

Fast Fleet - Windward/Leeward

Medium - Trapezoid

Slow Fleet - Trapezoid

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Rule 44.1 is changed for all multihulls and monohulls in the Fast Fleet so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. Rule 44.1 is not changed for boats in the Medium and Slow fleets where the Two Turns penalty applies to all classes.

15. SCORING

15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

(b) When three races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

15.3. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. Support vessels shall not be allowed.

17. 18. 19. 20 DO 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

21.2. By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event and consent to these being published in class, club, sponsor and other publications and / or the class, club, sponsor or other websites.

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 continue racing 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) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims
- (h) 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. Prizes will be given to each of the fleet starts according to entry numbers. There will also be Spot Prizes.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. CANCELLATION

By 1200 on Friday 27th December 2024 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength, weather conditions generally and any other external factors. In the event of cancellation at this time a notice will be posted on the GWSC website by 14:00 and full refunds of the entry fees will be given less a £3 Sailjuice administration charge.

25.2. GENERAL

Camping will not be permitted prior to or after the event.

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 Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

25.3. COVID-19

Currently there are no COVID 19 restrictions which apply. We may need to impose restrictions onshore, offshore or both depending on the prevailing Covid-19 situation. The nature of any restrictions will be communicated to competitors in the pre-event briefing note.

25.4. MOVEMENT OF BOATS TO GRAFHAM WATER

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) have 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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FAST FLEET

Foilers			Asymmetric Multihulls 597 - 961		
Int Moth (Foiling)			Nacra F20 Carbon		
Nacra F20 Carbon FCS			Tornado Spi		
Switch			Formula 18		
Nacra 17 Olympic Foiler			Nacra Inter 20 D/H Spinnaker		
A Class Foiling			Tornado 24m2 Spi		
Skeeta			Nacra 17 Olympic Non-Foiler		
Waszp			A Class Classic		
UFO			Prindle 19 Spi		
Cherub Foiling			Hurricane 5.9 SX		
			Nacra 16 Spi D/H curved foils		
Fast Asymmetric Monohulls 697-1040 and 505			Formula 16 D/H		
49er			Nacra 16 Solo Spi curved foils		
49er FX			Nacra 16 Spi D/H straight foils		
49er (Old rig)			Formula 16 S/H		
Int 14			Prindle 18.2 Spi		
RS900			Tornado Classic		
RS800			Spitfire		
29erXX			Hurricane 5.9		
Musto Skiff			Nacra 16 Solo Spi straight foils		
Int Canoe Spi			Nacra F17 Solo Spi		
Norfolk Punt			Spitfire Spi S/H		
RS700			Nacra 15 Spi D/H		
Laser 5000			Shadow X		
Boss			Nacra Inter 17 Solo Spi		
VX One			Hurricane 500		
B14			Shadow		
Norfolk Punt Hardchine			Nacra 500 Sport Spi D/H		
59erXX			SL16		
505			Hobie 16 Spi		
29er			Nacra 500 Solo Spi		
Cherub			Prindle 18		
59er			Shearwater		
K6			Nacra 500 Sloop D/H		
4000			Unicorn		
Spice			Nacra Inter 17 Solo		
ISO			Hobie 16		
Vortex			Topaz 16CX		
RS400			RS Cat 16 Race Spi D/H		
RS500			RS Cat 16 XL Spi D/H		
Cherub 97			Topaz 14Xtreme S/H		
Devoti D-One			Topaz 14Xtreme D/H		
Melges 15			Topaz 16S Spi		
RS100 10.2			Topaz 14CX Spi		
RS100 8.4			Topaz 12		
V3000			Weta		
MX-Ray			Hobie Dragoon Spi		
Buzz					
K2					
Sport 16					

MEDIUM FLEET

Medium Monohulls 847-1070			Medium Non Asymmetric		
			Multihulls 822 - 1018		
Int Canoe			Dart 18		
Flying Dutchman			Hobie 17		
Int Canoe OD			Dart 18 S/H		
National 18			DX Catamaran		
RS600			Dart 16 Spi D/H		
AltO			Nacra 500 Solo		
Osprey			Dart 15 Sport		
Javelin			Catapult		
Fireball			Dart 16 Sloop D/H		
National 18C			Topaz 16C		
Hornet			Prindle 15		
Vortex (No Spi)			Dart 15 D/H		
Contender			Dart 15		
470			RS Cat 16 S Sloop D/H		
Icon			RS Cat 16 Club S/H		
Int Moth (Non-foiling)			Topaz 16S		
Merlin Rocket			Topaz 14C		
RS300			Hobie Dragoon		
Halo					
MRX					
Phantom			Medium Asymmetric Monohulls 1046-1050		
Skeeta 8.5 no foils					
Int Lightning			RS200		
Punk			Comet Trio (MK II)		
Flying 15					
Tasar					
RS Aero 9					
12 sqm Sharpie					
Laser EPS					
RS100 7.4					
Scorpion					
Rooster 8.1					
Kestrel					
Flying 15 Silver					
Blaze					
Marauder					
Devoti D-Zero					
Hadron H2					
Finn					
Albacore					
Sport 14					
Devoti D-Zero Black					
Hadron H1					
K1					
Farr 3.7					
Fire					
RS Aero 7					
National 12					
Lark					

SLOW FLEET

Slow Non Asymmetric Monohulls 1068-1369					
Megabyte			RS Feva XL		
Seafly			Vagabond		
420			Topaz Uno		
Devoti D-Zero Blue			Signet		
Supernova			Fleetwind		
Laser II			Fusion Pro Spi		
Redwing			Otter		
Flash			RS Feva		
Flash			Hartley 12		
ILCA 7 / Laser			Fusion Pro		
Solution			Laser Pico		
RS Aero 6			Heron		
Wayfarer			RS Tera Pro		
Snipe			Topper		
Leader					
OK			Slow Asymmetric Monohulls 1074-1190		
Graduate					
GP14			Laser Vago XD		
Vaurien			Laser Vago XD S/H		
Yeoman			Topaz Argo		
RS Aero 5			Topaz Omega		
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial			Topaz Xenon		
Europe			2000		
Byte CII			Laser 3000		
Solo			RS Vareo		
Enterprise			405		
Streaker			RS Venture		
Lightning 368			Laser Bahia		
British Moth			Comet Trio (MK I)		
Comet Duo			Laser Stratos		
RS Neo			RS Quest		
Devon Yawl			RS Vision		
Wanderer			Comet Versa		
Byte			Topaz Magno		
Firefly			Topaz Vibe		
Comet Mino			Topaz Duo		
Pacer					
Bosun			Slow Non Asymmetric Multihulls 1044-1166		
Miracle			Dart 12 S/H		
YW Dayboat			Challenger		
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7					
Comet					
Byte CI					
Sunfish					
2.4mR					
Splash					
RS Zest					