



Notice of Race **amended on 22/12/22 para 4.6**

40th Gill Grafham Grand Prix - 5th event of the Selden SailJuice Winter Series

Monday 2nd January 2023

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.

[DP, NP] COVID STATEMENT - All sailors, parents and authorised guests must comply with both Government rules and GWSC COVID-19 Operating Procedures available at: <https://www.grafham.org/covid-19-operating-procedures.html> .

[DP, NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

- 1.3. 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.

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.

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 14:00 on Saturday 31st December 2022.

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.

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 – 1162

- 4.1.3. Non Asymmetric Monohulls ratings 879 – 1210

- 4.1.4. Foiling Classes ratings 550 – 800

These handicap ranges may be changed at the discretion of the organising authority and any variation 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 no later than 1st December 2022 up to 20:00 on Thursday 29th December 2022.
- 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 180 boats received and paid. Should entry numbers need to be restricted below 180, due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be accepted in order of receipt of entry.**
- 4.5. It is not the intention to permit late entries after the final closing time of 20:00 Thursday 29th December 2022.
- 4.6. 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 Monday 2nd January 2023.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors will be £30 for single hander boats and £36 for double hander boats.
- 5.2. Entry fees for boats helmed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member who has a registered boat at Grafham will be £13 for single hander boats and £18 for double hander boats
- 5.3. All entry fees include the provision of trackers and a pasta dish after sailing.

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. 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

9.3. 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.

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

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

9.6. 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 camping, parking and slipways is shown in 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

- 25.1.1. By 1200 on Saturday 31st December a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength, any change in COVID-19 restrictions or any other external factors. In the event of any cancellation a notice will be posted on the GWSC website by 14:00 and full refunds of the entry fees will be given less a £2 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. 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

25.4. 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.

25.5. PHOTOGRAPHS

Professional Photographs Our photography partner, Paul Sanwell of OP Photography will be taking action photographs of the event. These images can be viewed and purchased the day after the event on the Grafham Water SC photo-gallery at www.grafham.org/photos .

APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN



The club is accessed via Chichester Way (opposite the Wheatsheaf pub). Continue straight on to the bottom of the road and the club gate is on the right-hand side.



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APPENDIX 2 – Schedule of eligible boats - FLEET COMPOSITIONS ARE PROVISIONAL

FAST FLEET

		Fast Multihull 684 - 819	
Foilers		Asymmetric Multihulls 570 - 961	
Int Moth		Nacra F20 Carbon	
RS600FF		Tornado Spi	
Nacra F20 Carbon FCS		Formula 18	
Waszp		Tornado 24m2 Spi	
Nacra 17 Olympic Foiler		Nacra 17 Olympic Non Foiler	
A Class Foiler		A Class Classic	
Skeeta		Prindle 19 Spi	
UFO		Hurricane 5.9 SX	
Cherub Foiler		Nacra 16 Spi D/H curved foils	
Fast Monohulls 697-1043 and 505		Formula 16 D/H	
49er		Nacra 16 Solo Spi curved foils	
Int 14		Nacra 16 Spi D/H Straight Foils	
49er FX		Nacra F17 Sloop Spi D/H	
49er (Old rig)		Formula 16 S/H	
RS900		Prindle 18.2 Spi	
RS800		Tornado Classic	
29er XX		Spitfire	
Int Canoe - Asym		Hurricane 5.9	
VX One		Nacra Inter 17 Sloop Spi D/H	
Norfolk Punt		Nacra 16 Solo Spi Straight Foils	
RS700		Nacra F17 Solo Spi	
Laser 5000		Spitfire Spi S/H	
Musto Skiff		Nacra 15 Spi D/H	
Boss		Hurricane 500	
B14		Nacra Inter 17 Solo Spi	
12ft Skiff		Shadow X	
505		Shadow	
59erXX		Nacra 500 Sport Spi D/H	
Cherub		SL16	
29er		Hobie 16Spi	
59er		Dart 18 Sloop S/H	
4000		Nacra 500 Solo Spi	
K6		Prindle 18	
ISO		Dart 18 Spi D/H	
AltO		Shearwater	
Spice		Nacra 500 Sloop D/H	
Vortex		Unicorn	
RS400		Nacra Inter 17 Solo	
X1		Hobie 16	
RS500		Dart 16 Spi D/H	
Cherub 97		Topaz 16CX	
D-One		RS Cat 16 Race Spi D/H	
RS100 10.2		RS Cat 16 XL Spi D/H	
X0		Topaz 14Xtreme S/H	
RS100 8.4		Topaz 14Xtreme D/H	
3000		Topaz 16S Spi	
MX Ray		Topaz 14CX Spi	
K2		Topaz 12	
Buzz		Weta	

Sport 16			Hobie Dragoon Spi	
Comet Race				

MEDIUM FLEET

Medium Monohulls 879-1073		Medium Non Asymmetric Multihulls 826 - 1018	
Flying Dutchman		Hobie 17 with wings	
Int Canoe		Dart 18	
National 18		Dart 18 S/H	
RS600		Prindle 15 Spi	
Osprey		DX Catamaran	
Javelin		Nacra 500 Solo	
Fireball		Sprint 15 Sport	
Hornet		Catapult	
National 18C		Dart 16 Sloop D/H	
Vortex (Non-Asym)		Topaz 16C	
Contender		Prindle 15	
470		Sprint 15 D/H	
Merlin Rocket		RS Cat 16 S Sloop D/H	
Int Moth (No foils)		Sprint 15	
RS300		RS Cat 16 Club S/H	
Icon		Topaz 16S	
MRX		Topaz 14C	
Halo		Hobie Dragoon	
Sailhorse			
Int Lightning			
Phantom			
Punk			
Flying 15			
Tasar			
RS Aero 9			
12 sqm Sharpie			
Scorpion			
Blaze			
Laser EPS			
Hadron H2			
RS100 7.4			
Flying 15 Silver			
Kestrel			
Marauder			
D-Zero			
Rooster 8.1			
RS200			
Finn			
Fire			
Albacore			
Sport 14			
Comet Trio Mk11			
Hadron H1			
Farr 3.7			
National 12			
K1			
Comet Versa			

RS Aero 7			
Lark			

SLOW FLEET

Slow Non Asymmetric Monohulls 1071-1210		Slow Asymmetric Monohulls 1074-1190	
Seafly		Laser Vago XD	
Megabyte		Laser Vago XD S/H	
Supernova		Topaz Argo	
D-Zero Blue		Topaz Omega	
420		Topaz Xenon	
Laser II		Laser 3000	
Solution		RS Vareo	
Redwing		405	
RS Aero 6		2000	
Flash		RS Venture	
Wayfarer		Laser Bahia	
Snipe		Laser Stratos	
Laser/ILCA7		Comet Trio	
OK		RS Quest	
Leader		RS Vision	
GP14		Comet Versa	
Graduate		Topaz Magno	
Byte CII		Topaz Vibe	
Vaurien		Topaz Duo	
Yeoman			
Europe			
RS Aero 5			
Laser Radial/ILCA6			
Solo			
Enterprise			
British Moth			
Streaker			
Lightning 368			
RS Neo			
Comet Duo			
Devon Yawl			
Byte			
Firefly			
Wanderer			
Comet Mino		Slow Non Asymmetric Multihulls 1040-1162	
Pacer		Dart 12 S/H	
Miracle		Challenger	
Bosun			
YW Dayboat			
Laser 4.7/ILCA4			
Comet			