



## Welcome to the 38<sup>th</sup> Grafham Grand Prix Sunday 30 December

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Race Officers	Peter Baldwin - Fast Graham Louth – Medium Nigel Denchfield – Slow
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Competitor Briefings in the Café:	
	09:40 Slow Fleet
	09:50 Medium Fleet
	10:00 Fast Fleet

# **FLEET SPLITS ARE PROVISIONAL - FINAL VERSION AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION**

## **Sailing Instructions**

### **The 38<sup>th</sup> Grafham Grand Prix and 4<sup>th</sup> event of the Selden Sailjuice Winter Series**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

#### **1. RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. 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 rules may result in the imposition of penalties, including disqualification from the event.
- 1.3. Competitors shall wear wet or dry suit at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.4. Rule 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed on shore. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.5. Qualifying classes, handicaps and Fleet compositions are listed Attachment B of these Sailing Instructions.

#### **1.6. SAIL NUMBERS**

A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration. Even when such confirmation is received the Race Committee has not the authority to amend the requirements of class rules. As a result, a boat could be protested for failing to comply with class rules.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Open Meeting Notice Board in the ground floor cafe.

There will be three briefings in the ground floor cafe on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018:

**0940 - SLOW FLEET**

**0950 - MEDIUM FLEET**

**1000 - FAST FLEET**

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the start of any race affected.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpoles on the foreshore in front of the Clubhouse - Fast Fleet Course – flagpole 3, Medium Fleet Course – flagpole 2, Slow Fleet Course – flagpole 1.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1. The warning signals for the first race for all fleets are scheduled to be at 10:55 for all fleets. Races 2 and 3 for each fleet are scheduled to be sailed back-to-back with the preceding race.
- 5.2. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3. No warning signal will be made after 14:25.

## 6. FLEET FLAGS

Fleet flags will be:

	FLAG
FAST FLEET	E
MEDIUM FLEET	F
SLOW FLEET	G

## 7. RACING AREAS

The racing areas on Grafham Water are planned to be Fast Fleet course– west end, Medium Fleet course - middle and Slow Fleet course – east end.

## 8. THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 9. MARKS

Marks are described in Attachment A.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall not cross the start/finish line in a downwind direction, and the start/finish line is an obstruction to boats approaching it from the upwind side.
- 10.2 The prohibited area at the West end of the water is an obstruction. Its boundary is a line of buoys forming its eastern boundary.
- 10.3 Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is a prohibited area and an obstruction.
- 10.4 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

## 11. THE START

### 11.1 THE BLACK FLAG RULE (30.4) WILL APPLY FOR ALL STARTS

- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staff of the committee boat displaying an ORANGE flag and the port end starting mark, which will be an orange dan buoy displaying an ORANGE flag.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A.4.

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be the same as the starting line except that the port end mark may be moved after the start to reduce the length of the start/finish line. (In a change to rule 33, this change to the course will not be signalled).
- 12.2 All boats will sail for approximately 40 minutes. At the end of this time and completely at the Race Officer's discretion TWO sound signals will be made and Flag S flown to signify that the race is to be finished. Each boat will then finish as it crosses the finish line at the end of the lap that it is sailing when the race is shortened. This changes Rule 32.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed for all multihulls (including Challengers and Vortexes) so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form on the Official Notice Board within the protest time limit.
- 13.3 Boats which fail to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with Rule 28 may be disqualified without protest, except that boats that fail to pass through the start/finish line at the end of a lap will not be disqualified but will be credited only with the number of laps they have sailed correctly. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 The target time for the first boat to finish in each race is 40 minutes. Failure to achieve this target time shall not be grounds for redress. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the office. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For each Fleet, the protest time limit is 45 minute after the last boat in the Fleet has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to requests for redress. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the Open Meeting Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the office located on the top floor of the Club house, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 For each fleet, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series. If three races are completed there will be one discard, if two races are completed there will be no discard.
- 16.2 All fleets will sail on an average lap time basis, and the result of each race will be calculated on the number of laps sailed against corrected time for each boat. In the event of a tie for first place the combined corrected handicap times will be used to split the tie.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Unless otherwise specified in class rules, for the series of races comprising this event only the helm named on the entry form will be eligible.

For two person classes:

- the registered helm may swap with the registered crew.
- the registered helm may sail with different crews.
- the registered crew may sail in the registered boat with a crew other than the registered helm but must seek approval of the Race Committee. This will be deemed a separate entry: No additional entry fee will be charged but their results cannot be combined with the registered helm's results.

## **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant Class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19. DECLARATIONS**

A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall sign to this effect against her sail number on the Declaration Sheet no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes that race (or the last race before going ashore if races are sailed back-to-back).

## 20. PRIZES

Prizes will be given for each Fleet with additional prizes to any class with eight or more entries. If there are eight or more entries of catamarans in one Fleet they will be given additional prizes.

## 21. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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 of 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.

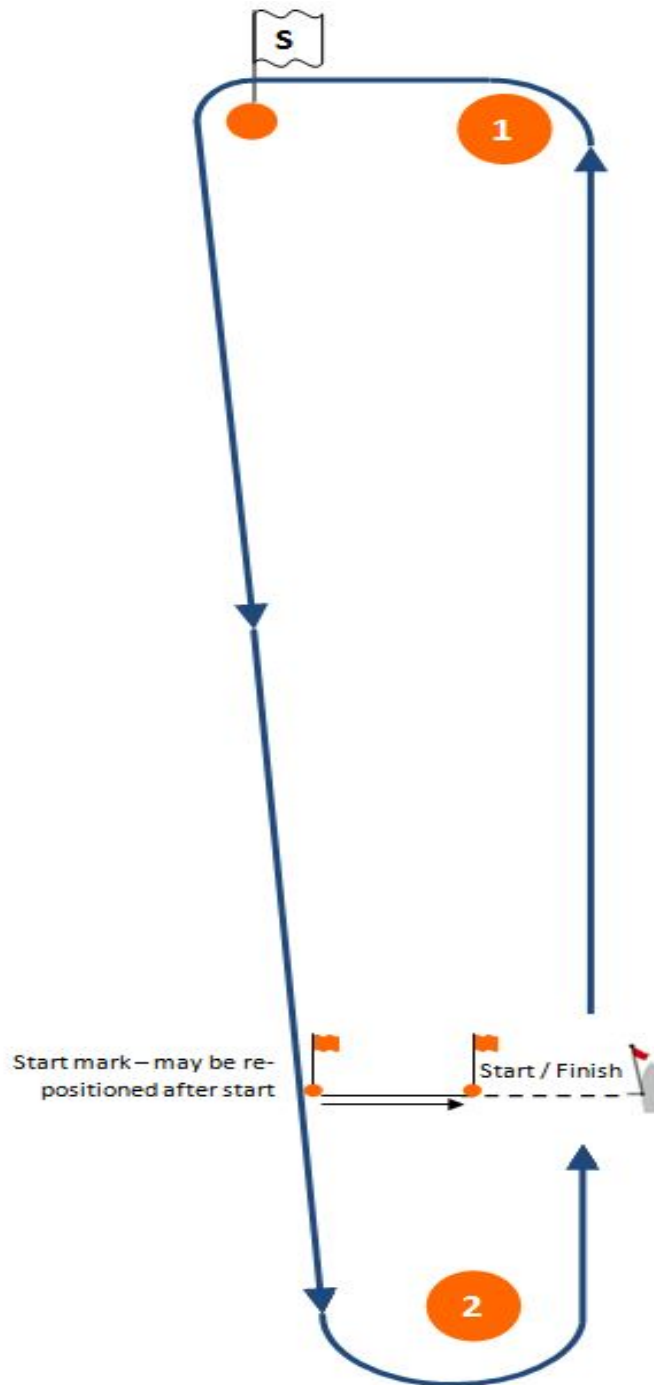
## OTHER INFORMATION

If you are involved in an emergency and you need to go to or direct others (including an emergency service such as an ambulance) to the Emergency Meeting Point at the Coxswain's Shed **52° 17.49 N, 000° 18.85 W**. Should aid be needed elsewhere on site, club staff and/or volunteers will divert resources there.

If you call an emergency service, you **must** inform a Staff Member (Coxswain or Office) so that GWSC can invoke its Emergency Protocol.

Grafham Water Sailing Club, Chichester Way, Perry, Cambridgeshire PE28 0BU  
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## ATTACHMENT A – FAST FLEET COURSE



**Mark rounding order - Start - 1 - S - 2 – Start/Finish and repeat**

**The Start/Finish line is an obstruction when sailing downwind. Boats must not pass through the Start/Finish line in a downwind direction.**

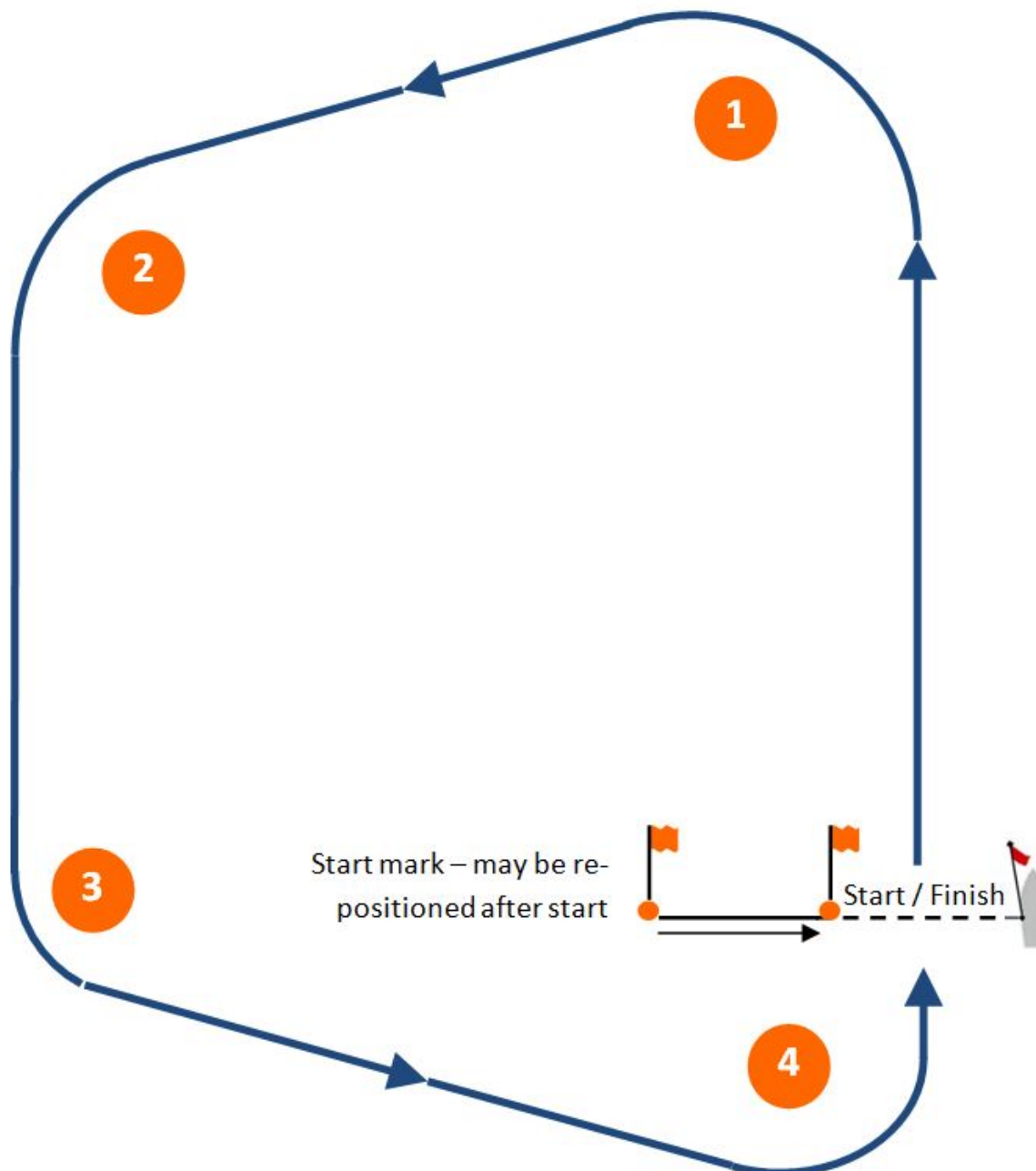
### **MARKS**

**1 and 2 will be yellow pillar buoys.**

**S will be an Orange Dan Buoy with a white flag.**

**The Start/Finish line outer limit will be an Orange Dan Buoy with an ORANGE flag.**

## ATTACHMENT A – MEDIUM AND SLOW FLEET COURSES



**Mark rounding order - Start - 1 – 2 - 3 – 4 – Start/Finish and repeat**

**The Start/Finish line is an obstruction when sailing downwind. Boats must not pass through the Start/Finish line in a downwind direction.**

### **MARKS**

#### **MEDIUM COURSE**

**Marks 2, 3 & 4 will be BLUE pillar buoys, mark 1 will be a BLUE pillar with a YELLOW band.**

#### **SLOW COURSE**

**Marks 2, 3, & 4 will be ORANGE pillar buoys, mark 1 will be an ORANGE pillar with a BLUE and WHITE chequered band.**

**The Start/Finish line outer limit will be an Orange Dan Buoy with an ORANGE flag.**

# ATTACHMENT B

## FAST FLEET

		<u>Fast Multihull 684-809</u>	
<b>Fast Asymmetric Monohulls 695-1039 and 505s</b>		<b>Asymmetric MultiHulls 595-960</b>	
49er	697	Nacra F20 Carbon	595
Int 14	707	Tornado Spi	644
49er FX	720	Tornado 24m2 Spi	664
49er (Old rig)	740	Nacra 17 Olympic Non Foiler	674
RS900	750	Formula 18	680
RS800	799	A Class Classic	684
29er XX	820	Prindle 19 Spi	686
Boss	832	Hurricane 5.9 SX	695
Int Canoe - Asym	840	Formula 16 D/H	697
VX One	840	Tornado Classic	702
Laser 5000	846	Nacra 16 Spi D/H	704
RS700	847	Spitfire	705
Musto Skiff	848	Formula 16 S/H	706
12ft Skiff	857	Nacra 17 Sloop Spi D/H	707
B14	857	Prindle 18.2	709
Norfolk Punt	870	Hurricane 5.9	716
505	878	Nacra 16 Solo Spi	720
Cherub	890	Nacra Inter 17 Sloop Spi D/H	721
29er	905	Nacra 17 Solo Spi	726
59er	905	Spitfire Spi S/H	730
K6	909	Nacra 15 Spi D/H	740
4000	917	Shadow X	750
AltO	920	Nacra Inter 17 Solo Spi	751
Vortex	921	Hurricane 500	751
ISO	922	Shadow	757
Spice	930	Nacra 500 Sport Spi D/H	759
RS400	952	SL16	773
X1	955	Hobie 16Spi	775
RS500	963	Dart 18 Sloop S/H	778
D-One	971	Prindle 18	779
RS100 10.2	981	Nacra 500 Solo Spi	790
X0	985	Dart 18 Spi D/H	793
3000	1007	Nacra 500 Sloop D/H	794
RS100 8.4	1008	Unicorn	797
MX Ray	1020	Nacra Inter 17 Solo	799
Buzz	1026	Shearwater	805
Comet Race	1037	Hobie 16	809
		Topaz 16CX	850
		Dart 16 Spi D/H	862
		RS Cat 16 Race Spi D/H	863
		RS Cat 16 XL Spi D/H	863
<b>Foilers</b>		Topaz 14Xtreme S/H	864
Int Moth	485	Topaz 14Xtreme D/H	875
RS600FF	485	Topaz 16S Spi	888
Waszp	555	Topaz 14CX Spi	930
Nacra 17 Olympic Foiler	641	Topaz 12	949
A Class Foiler	656	Hobie Dragoon Spi	955
		Weta	960

## MEDIUM FLEET



<b>Medium Non Asymmetric Monohulls 879-1039 except 505s</b>		<b>Medium Non Asymmetric Multihulls 810-1039</b>	
Flying Dutchman	879	Hobie 17	820
Int Canoe	893	Dart 18	824
National 18	910	DX Catamaran	824
RS600	920	Nacra 500 Solo	833
Osprey	939	Dart 18 S/H	834
Javelin	941	Topaz 16C	888
Fireball	944	Prindle 15	891
National 18C	957	Sprint 15 Sport	894
Hornet	958	Catapult	903
470	963	RS Cat 16 S Sloop D/H	904
Vortex (Non-Asym)	964	Dart 16 Sloop D/H	905
Contender	969	RS Cat 16 Club S/H	921
Merlin Rocket	968	Sprint 15 D/H	922
Int Moth (No foils)	980	Sprint 15	927
MRX	987	Topaz 16S	927
RS300	989	Topaz 14C	969
Icon	990	Hobie Dragoon	1000
Halo	1000		
Sailhorse	1001		
Int Lightning	1003		
Phantom	1003		
Punk	1010		
Tasar	1015		
Flying 15	1020		
RS Aero 9	1024		
Scorpion	1025		
12 sqm Sharpie	1026		
Blaze	1027		
Hadron H2	1030		
Laser EPS	1030		
D-Zero	1036		
Flying 15 Silver	1036		
Kestrel	1038		

## SLOW FLEET

<b>Slow Non Asymmetric Monohulls 1040-1210</b>			
<b>Slow Asymmetric Monohulls 1040-1210</b>			
Hadron	1055	Graduate	1129
Sport 16	1040	RS Quest	1130
Marauder	1042	GP14	1131
Fire	1050	Yeoman	1140
Finn	1051	Byte CII	1144
Rooster 8.1	1051	Europe	1145
RS200	1052	Enterprise	1149
Albacore	1055	Laser Radial	1150
Sport 14	1055	Solo	1152
National 12	1056	Streaker	1155
Farr 3.7	1063	British Moth	1155
D-Zero Blue	1064	Comet Versa	1158
Topaz Argo	1065	Lightning 368	1170
Lark	1070	Topaz Magno	1175
K1	1070	Byte C1	1177
Megabyte	1071	Comet Duo	1178
Laser Vago XD	1071	Topaz Vibe	1185
RS Aero 7	1073	Wanderer	1190
Laser 3000	1074	Byte	1190
Laser Vago XD S/H	1074	Firefly	1190
Laser II	1075	Topaz Duo	1190
Supernova	1075	Comet Mino	1193
Topaz Omega	1075	Pacer	1193
Topaz Xenon	1079	Bosun	1198
Seafly	1080	YW Dayboat	1200
420	1086	Miracle	1200
Comet Trio	1086	Comet	1205
Solution	1087	Laser 4.7	1210
405	1089		
RS Vareo	1090		
RS Venture	1092	<b>Slow Non Asymmetric Multihulls 1040-1210</b>	
Redwing	1094	Dart 12 S/H	1144
Laser Bahia	1095	Challenger	1162
Snipe	1099		
Laser Stratos	1100		
Flash	1101		
Wayfarer	1102		
2000	1109		
Laser	1112		
OK	1115		
Leader	1115		
Vaurien	1120		
RS Vision	1128		
RS Aero 5	1129		