

Notice of Race

The Grafham Belle 23rd & 24th May 2020

Part of the Sailjuice Great British Sailing Challenge Series

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and Sailjuice.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Rule 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed ashore. This changes RRS 40.

2. GPS 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 café 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.

3. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all monohull boats (and Challengers) with Event Handicaps as listed in the Annex. Entries from classes not listed in the Annex will be declined unless they have sought and received approval from the GWSC Office (contact details below) on or before 17:00 on Friday 16th May 2020.
- 4.2. Entry can be made on line at <http://www.sailingchallenge.org/> up to 20:00 on Thursday 21st May 2020.
- 4.3. Entries to the complete Sailjuice Great British Challenge Series will automatically be registered as valid entries to the Grafham Belle.
- 4.4. Late entries will be accepted, subject to 4.5 and 4.6 below and entry forms will be available at the GWSC Office from 0900 on Saturday 23rd May.
- 4.5. There will be an overall limit on entries of 100 boats.
- 4.6. Grafham Water Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse late entries from boats sailed by visitors on safety or operational grounds
- 4.7. The Great Lakes 2020 handicaps will be used. The intended handicap ranges are:
 - 4.7.1. Asymmetric Monohulls ratings 697 - 1190
 - 4.7.2. Non Asymmetric Monohulls ratings 879 – 1210
 - 4.7.3. Challengers 1162
 - 4.7.4. 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.
- 4.8. We cannot accept entries from Sailboards, Multi Hulls or Foiling Boats
- 4.8. Any changes to the details of entries must be notified to the GWSC Office by 12.00 on Saturday 23rd May 2020.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors will be £45 for all classes. An additional late entry supplement of £10 per boat will apply for entries or payments received after 20:00 on Thursday 21st May 2020.
- 5.2. Entry fees for a boat helmed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member, who has a registered boat at Grafham, will be £15 for all classes.
- 5.3. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 22nd May 2020 at no extra cost but must register at the Office before doing so.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Registration

Registration for the event is by collection of tracker (see 2 above)

6.2. Briefing

There will be a briefing in the ground floor café at 11:45 Saturday 23rd May 2020.

6.3. Starts.

It is intended that there will be one race track with up to three starts,. The start compositions will be posted on the Open Meeting Notice Board in the downstairs café. by 11:45 on Saturday 23rd May.

6.4. Race Format

6.4.1. Three back to back races are scheduled for Saturday with the first race warning signal not before 12.57.

6.4.2. Three back to back races are scheduled for Sunday with the first race start signal not before 10.27.

6.4.3. At the discretion of the Race Officer race 4 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing.

7. MEASUREMENTS

Each boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate at registration.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Club Web Site by 2000 on Thursday 21st May 2020. As part of our green initiative we will not be handing out printed copies, a full set will be posted on the official notice board in the downstairs café.

9. THE COURSES

It is expected that a variety of courses will be used, including trapezoid and upwind/downwind. Course configurations will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

N/A.

11. SCORING

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

11.2. When two or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

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

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are not allowed.

13. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available all boats.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given according to entry numbers.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

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 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All day cafeteria both days, food will be available on Saturday after sailing and should be pre-booked before going afloat.

Campers and camper vans are welcome. and pre booking is available online at <http://www.grafham.org/sailing-racing/open-meetings-3/forthcoming-open-meetings.html>. Pre-booking of camper vans is essential. There is a charge of £15 per night for Campervans, £10 per night for Camping (please note – NO caravans please – our lease does not allow them).

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.

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

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.

**ANNEX OF ACCEPTED CLASSES - THE HANDICAPS BELOW ARE GL 2019/20 AND WILL BE AMENDED TO GL 2020/1
FOR THIS EVENT**

PROVISIONAL FAST START		PROVISIONAL MEDIUM START		PROVISIONAL SLOW START			
Fast Asymmetric Monohulls 697-1071 and 505s		Medium Non Asymmetric Monohulls 879-1073		Slow Non Asymmetric Monohulls 1074-1210		Slow Asymmetric Monohulls 1072-1190	
49er	697	Flying Dutchman	879	Seafly	1074	Laser Vago XD S/H	1074
Int 14	707	Int Canoe	888	Supernova	1077	Topaz Argo	1075
49er FX	720	National 18	906	Laser II	1085	Topaz Omega	1075
49er (Old rig)	740	RS600	916	420	1086	Topaz Xenon	1079
RS900	750	Osprey	936	Solution	1089	Laser 3000	1085
RS800	799	Fireball	944	Redwing	1094	405	1089
29er XX	830	Javelin	944	Snipe	1099	RS Venture	1092
Int Canoe - Asym	840	Hornet	957	Flash	1101	RS Vareo	1093
VX One	840	National 18C	957	Wayfarer	1102	Laser Bahia	1095
RS700	845	Vortex (Non-Asym)	964	Laser	1108	Comet Trio	1097
Laser 5000	846	Merlin Rocket	968	OK	1115	2000	1100
Musto Skiff	846	Contender	969	Leader	1115	Laser Stratos	1100
Boss	847	470	973	Graduate	1129	RS Quest	1130
Norfolk Punt	857	Int Moth (No foils)	980	GP14	1130	RS Vision	1130
B14	860	RS300	989	RS Aero 5	1136	Topaz Magno	1175
12ft Skiff	868	Icon	990	Byte CII	1138	Topaz Vibe	1185
505	878	MRX	993	Vaurien	1140	Topaz Duo	1190
Cherub	890	Halo	995	Yeoman	1140		
59er	905	Sailhorse	1001	Europe	1141	Challenger	1162
29er	907	Phantom	1002	Laser Radial	1150		
K6	913	Int Lightning	1003	Enterprise	1151		
4000	917	Punk	1010	Solo	1152		
Vortex	917	Tasar	1020	British Moth	1155		
ISO	922	Flying 15	1020	Streaker	1155		
AltO	926	RS Aero 9	1024	Lightning 368	1167		
Spice	930	Scorpion	1025	Byte CI	1177		
RS400	953	12 sqm Sharpie	1026	Comet Duo	1178		
X1	955	Blaze	1031	Byte	1190		
RS500	963	Laser EPS	1033	Firefly	1190		
Cherub 97	970	Hadron H2	1034	Wanderer	1190		
D-One	971	Flying 15 Silver	1036	Comet Mino	1193		
RS100 10.2	981	Kestrel	1038	Pacer	1193		
X0	985	Marauder	1042	Miracle	1194		
RS100 8.4	1004	D-Zero	1043	Bosun	1198		
3000	1007	Finn	1051	YW Dayboat	1200		
MX Ray	1020	Rooster 8.1	1051	Comet	1207		
K2	1022	Fire	1052	Laser 4.7	1210		
Buzz	1030	Albacore	1055				
Sport 16	1040	National 12	1056				
Comet Race	1043	Hadron H1	1059				
RS200	1049	Farr 3.7	1063				
Sport 14	1055	K1	1065				
Comet Trio Mk11	1063	D-Zero Blue	1070				
Comet Versa	1065	Megabyte	1073				
Laser Vago XD	1071	RS Aero 7	1073				
		Lark	1073				

