

**Notice of Race: Grafham Water Sailing Club Cat Open
Sprint 15 Inland Championship
Shearwater Open meeting
30th & 31st October 2021.**

The Organising Authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the Class Associations.

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. 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>

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.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club Web Site at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> by 20:00 on Thursday 28th October 2021.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>.
- 3.2. 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 catamarans below 1.40 SCHRS
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> together with the required fee by midnight on Wednesday 27th October 2021.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form.
- 4.5. Late entry closes at midnight on Friday 29th October.

4.6. FOR SPRINT 15 Inland Championship entry.

- 4.6.1 Boats may enter in any format – Una Rig, Two up or Sport Mode.
- 4.6.2 Boats must sail every race of the Championship in the mode used in the first race. Boats may not change modes during the Championships.
- 4.6.3 The PY numbers specified by the Class Association will be applied as follows:
 - Una Rig / 2 Up – 926
 - Sport Mode – 894
- 4.6.4 **Each boat must have at least one competitor that is a member of the UK Sprint 15 Class Association.** If you need to join the Class Association go to:
www.sprint15.com/join

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:
 - 5.1.1. For boats sailed by visitors;
 - double handed - £65,
 - single handed - £47
 - 5.1.2. Boats helmed by a GWSC member, who has a registered boat at GWSC,
 - double handed - £27
 - single handed - £14.
- 5.2. An additional late entry supplement of £5 per boat will apply for entries or payments received after midnight on Wednesday 27th October 2021.
- 5.3. The entry fee include a 2 course evening meal served after sailing on Saturday 30th October for all competitors (one for single handers and two for double handers). There will be a choice between 3 meals one of which will be a vegetarian option. See booking page for menu and booking.
- 5.4. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 29th October 2021 at no extra cost but must register at the Office before doing so.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Class rules apply.

7. ADVERTISING

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. There will be no registration, and no event documentation will be issued during the event.
- 9.2. There is no scheduled equipment inspection and event measurement.
- 9.3. A competitor briefing will be held outside the ground floor café on Saturday 2nd October. Alpha course at 10.30 and Bravo course at 10.45
- 9.3. Dates of Racing

Date	Class	Number in series	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Saturday 30 th October & Sunday 31 st October	All	6	3 Saturday 3 Sunday	4

- 9.4. At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Principal Race Officer race 4 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced on the Official Notice Board at least 1 hour before the first warning signal.

9.5. Classes and Starts

9.5.1 Course Alpha

Fast single handed handicap SCHRS below 1.175

Fast double handed handicap SCHRS below 1.175

9.5.2 Course Bravo

Sprint 15 Inland Championship

Medium handicap SCHRS [1.175 to 1.40 inclusive] and Shearwater Open

9.6. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11:57 Saturday and 10:27 Sunday. Subsequent scheduled races for the day will be sailed back-to-back with the first race.

9.7. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

10.2. Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from at any time except when racing.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

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

12. VENUE

12.1. A site plan showing camping, parking and slipways is shown in Appendix 1.

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be

Course Alpha - Windward/Leeward

Course Bravo- Sprint 15 – Trapezoid with separate leeward marks for each start.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

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

15.2. (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.3. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. Support person vessels are not 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. The RS Association Data Processing Policy is available on the class website

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 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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) 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 £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizes will be given according to the square root of the entry number in each start or named class.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. COVID-19 INFORMATION

- 25.1.1. Note that changing rooms and showers are available using a tally system to control numbers, and a 'one way' system operates in the toilets.
- 25.1.2. COVID-19 guidelines in operation at the event may restrict the support boat provision; consequently the upper wind limit for racing may be reduced.
- 25.1.3. On Thursday 28th October at 20:00 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength and any change in COVID-19 restrictions. In the event of any cancellation a notice will appear on the GWSC website by this time and full refunds of the entry fees will be given less any committed non recoverable costs incurred

25.2. GENERAL

Campers and camper vans are welcome. and pre booking is available online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1>. 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 – our lease does not allow them). **All day cafeteria both days, food will be available on Saturday after sailing and should be pre-booked via [Open Meetings \(webcollect.org.uk\)](#) by Thursday 28th October.** If more than 20 meals are booked for the Saturday evening by Thursday 28th October, they will be served in the top deck bar, and the bar will be open. GWSC urges competitors to take advantage of this facility.

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 Regulations. 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 PHOTOGRAPHER

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.

Grafham Water Sailing Club, Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 OBU.
Tel: 01480 810478 Email: office@grafham.org Website: www.grafham.org

