

## Notice of Race

### Graduate National Championships 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July

The Organising Authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the Graduate Dinghy Association.

#### 1. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*

1.2. **COVID STATEMENT**

1.2.1 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>

1.2.2 If you have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result you should be staying at home and not attending the event.

1.3 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](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules).

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club Web Site at <https://www.grafham.org/open-meetings-entry> by 20:00 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

#### 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 boats of the Graduate Class with a valid Measurement certificate, a current buoyancy endorsement and a valid Graduate Dinghy Association sticker.

4.2. Boats may enter the event via an entry form submitted to the Championship Secretary by midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4. Late entries will be accepted, after midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:
  - 5.1.1. Entries received by midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022: £85.
  - 5.1.2. Junior entries [both helm and crew under 18 on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2022] received by midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022: £75
  - 5.1.3. An additional late entry supplement of £10 per boat will apply for entries or payments received after midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes a two course meal on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July to be served after the Graduate Dinghy Association AGM has been completed.
- 5.3. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at no extra cost but must register at the Office before doing so.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 A boat shall be helmed and crewed by the nominated helmsman and crew throughout the Championship unless under exceptional circumstances a quorum of the General Committee of the Association gives a special dispensation, except that members of the same family group may alternate as crew provided that the crew is nominated for each day prior to the championship commencing. All points shall accrue to the helm and any award shall accrue to the owner(s) of the boat, except that in certain cases an award may accrue to a club or an individual in accordance with the terms of a Deed of Gift.

## 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. Registration will take place in the downstairs café from 10:00 to 10:45.
- 9.2. Dates of Racing

Date	Number in series	Races per day Scheduled
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	6	4
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	6	2

- 9.3. At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Principal Race Officer race 5 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing. If the weather on Saturday does not allow 4 races to be completed, a race will be added to Sunday's programme. If this is needed, sailors will be advised at the end of sailing on Saturday.
- 9.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11:55 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and 11:10 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Subsequent scheduled races for the day will be sailed back-to-back with the first race.
- 9.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00.
- 9.6. A competitor briefing will be held outside the downstairs café at 10:45 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 unless Covid procedures prevent this. The briefing will then be posted online. A second briefing will be held at 09:45 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

- 9.7. The 2022 Graduate Dinghy Association AGM will be held at 17.30 hours on Saturday 9th July with class meal to follow at 18.30.

## **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 9.8. Each boat will be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

## **10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

- 10.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

## **11. VENUE**

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

## **12. COURSES**

- 12.1. The courses to be sailed will be a mixture of triangle-sausage and round the cans.
- 12.2. Competitors are recommended to print a map of the lake, which can be found at <https://www.grafham.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Fixed-Marks.jpg>

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. The standard RRS shall apply.

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2. (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- (b) When five or more 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.

## **15. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 15.1. 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>

## **22. RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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) 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. The Graduate Dinghy Association trophies will be awarded as follows:

<b>Light Craft Cup</b>	To the Helm of 1st boat overall in the Championship
<b>Lumley Bowl</b>	To the Crew of 1st boat overall in the Championship
<b>Pennington Pot</b>	To the Helm of 2nd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Pennington Plate</b>	To the Crew of 2nd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Ruislip Trophy</b>	To the Helm of 3rd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Dreadnought Trophy</b>	To the Crew of 3rd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Lowton Trophy</b>	Lowest points, no discard over all races Helm:
<b>Rex Barker Trophy</b>	Lowest points, no discard over all races Crew:
<b>Capstan Trophy</b>	Winners of Race 1
<b>Argo Trophy</b>	Winners of Race 2
<b>Hollick trophy</b>	Winners of Race 3
<b>Elton Trophy</b>	Winners of Race 4
<b>Saundersfoot Cup</b>	Winners of Race 5
<b>Plymouth Cup</b>	Winners of Race 6
<b>Essex Cup</b>	Best placed Junior Helm
<b>Light Craft Trophy</b>	Best placed Junior Crew
<b>Undergraduate Trophies</b>	Best placed Junior Helm and Crew
<b>Saundersfoot Trophy</b>	Best placed Lady Helm
<b>St. Tudwalls Cup</b>	Best placed Veteran (Helm over 65)

<b>Ton-Up Trophy</b>	Best placed Helm and Crew aged 120 or over
<b>Bucket Cup</b>	Oldest Helm
<b>Half Way Up Cup</b>	Mid-fleet finisher
<b>Ruislip Paddle</b>	Highest Points, no discard
<b>Molyneux Trophy</b>	Top 3 boats from the same Club (lowest aggregate scores in the Championship)

24.2 Grafham Water Sailing Club would like to thank our club sponsor Gill for their support of the club, this event and the prize giving. The full range of Gill products can be seen at:

<https://www.gillmarine.com/>

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

### 25.1 CANCELLATION

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength and the prevailing COVID-19 situation. In the event of cancellation a notice will appear on the GWSC website by 20:00 on that date and full refunds of entry fees will be given.

### 25.2 CAMPING

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions, campers and camper vans are welcome. Pre booking will be available online at <https://www.grafham.org/open-meetings-entry> when entry lists open. 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).

### 25.3 CAFETERIA and BAR

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food. Bar will be open both days, subject to Covid restrictions

### 25.4 HOW TO FIND US

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.

### 25.5 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



## 25.6 MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER

A non-native species of fresh-water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimps) has 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.

## 25.7 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](http://www.grafham.org/photos) .

## APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN



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