

Notice of Race: RS200-400-800 Inland Championship

2nd & 3rd October 2021

The Organising Authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the RS 200/400/800 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. The RS Racing Circuit Sailing Instructions 2021 shall apply except as modified by the Event Appendix
- 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.
- 1.4. 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 Event Appendix will be available on the Club Web Site at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> by 20:00 on Thursday 30th September 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 boats of the RS200, 400 and 800 classes.
- 4.2. Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form on the RS Association website at <https://www.rs200sailing.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2098> together with the required fee by midnight on Wednesday 29th September 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. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association websites and should be completed and e-mailed to office@grafham.org prior to the event

4.5. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and subject to the overall entry limit. Late entry will be online only.

4.6. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply:

- 4.6.1. RS 200 75
- RS400 50
- RS800 50

4.7. COVID ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

- 4.7.1. Non-sailing guest are requested not to attend the event.
- 4.7.2. Anybody testing positive for COVID 19 within 14 days of the event should not attend the event.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

5.1.1. boats sailed by visitors will be £50.

5.1.2. boats helmed by a GWSC member, who has a registered boat at GWSC, will be £12.

5.2. an additional late entry supplement of £5 per boat will apply for entries or payments received after midnight on Wednesday 29th September 2021.

5.3. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 1st 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 at 10:30 on Saturday 2nd October.

9.3. Dates of Racing

Date	Class	Number in series	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
Saturday 2 nd October & Sunday 3 rd October	RS200 RS400 RS800	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. 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.

9.6. 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
 - RS200-Windward/Leeward
 - RS400- Outer Loop Trapezoid
 - RS800- Windward/Leeward.
- 13.2. It is expected that (subject to overall numbers) there will be two race tracks: RS200s on one track and RS400s & RS800s sharing a second track

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. For the RS400 and RS800 classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Two races are 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 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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, plus any class specific prizes.

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 30th 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 30 September.** If more than 20 meals are booked for the Saturday evening by Thursday 30 September, 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 Wheat sheaf pub). Continue straight on to the bottom of the road and the club gate is on the right-hand side.

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