



**Grafham Water
Sailing Club**

RS200, RS400 and RS800 Inland Championship 2023

Saturday 30th September to Sunday 1st October 2023

Sponsored by Ropes4Boats, Rooster National Tour

Grafham Water Sailing Club, Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 0BU

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

This event will count in the RS200 Rooster Championship Tour, and the RS400 and RS800 Rooster National Tours.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be issued for this event.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. A5.3 shall apply. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The RS Class Association standard sailing instructions are available at:
<https://www.rs200sailing.org/documents/p1gpsgk7c2oio10181otm14vl1j683.pdf>
- 2.2 The event Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at:
<https://www.rs200sailing.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2369>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, 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 boats of the RS200, RS400 and RS800 classes.
- 4.2 Helm must be a member and crew must be either a member or crew member of the RS Class Association. Please note that Endeavour Trophy invitees attending the event can compete in the RS200 Inland Championship without RS Class Association membership because it is used as the practice event for the Endeavour Trophy the following weekend.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter online here:
<https://www.rs200sailing.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2369>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association website here:
<https://www.rs200sailing.org/documents/p1gluc1f6muuh1a161spc110vmea3.pdf>
and should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.6 An additional late entry supplement of £10 per boat will apply for entries or payments received after 2359hrs on Wednesday 27th September 2023. Late entries will be accepted at event registration at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.9 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race one any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.10 Refund policy: If you cancel your entry before the early entry deadline we will refund all fees, minus a £10 admin fee. If you cancel after the early entry deadline, but before online entry closes our standard policy is to return 50% of fees. Where an event entry limit has been reached a refund will only be issued if another boat from the waiting list takes your place. If you cancel after entry has closed we will not usually issue a refund.
- 4.11 For each class the entry limit is: RS200-75 boats; RS400-50 boats; RS800-50 boats.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee until 2359hrs on Wednesday 27th September 2023 £63.
- 5.2 Boats helmed by a GWSC member who has registered a boat at GWSC should enter and pay the full entry fee as normal. However after the event they can claim back the £43 GWSC race management element of the entry fee from the GWSC office.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 [DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Tbc If Ropes4Boats boom stickers are available they will be issued to all competitors at registration and shall be stuck on the boom on the starboard side at the outboard end.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration: Saturday 30th September in the downstairs café 0900 to 1030hrs.

9.2 Briefing: A briefing will be held at 1030hrs on Saturday 30th September outside the downstairs café.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 30 th September	Races 1 to 3, back to back
Sunday 1 st October	Races 4 to 6, back to back

9.4 Six races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 30th September is 1155hrs. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 1st October is 1030hrs.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430hrs.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 When Class Association-approved scales are provided at the event, competitors in classes with performance equalisation shall be measured in accordance with the Class Rules before racing in the event but not more than 24 hours before the first scheduled start. The measurements and the corresponding rack and corrector weight settings shall be recorded on the form provided, available to view by all competitors, and will apply for the duration of the event. If a helm or crew is substituted during the event, the new sailor will be measured before racing and the boat's rack and corrector weight settings adjusted and recorded to suit.

10.2 RS800 weigh in will be upstairs in the bar on Saturday 30th September 0930-1030hrs.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

12.1 The Sailing Area will be posted on the ONB.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed and allocation of the fleets to specific race course areas will be determined by the entry numbers and detailed in the SI.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 For all classes except the RS200, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 The Post Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures

will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

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

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

(b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

This changes RRS A2.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 organiser 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

22.2 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

All sailors 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>

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result you should stay at home and not attend the event.

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 be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

RS200 Inland Champions – 1st-4th place

RS400 Inland Champions – 1st-5th place

RS800 Inland Champions – 1st-4th place

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Clare Sargent on clare@rs-association.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

General Information

Camping:

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).

Venue Location

Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club, details of local accommodation, and other information are available on the Club website - <http://www.grafham.org> .

Club Rules

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.

Cafeteria and BAR

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food. The bar will be open on the Saturday night of the event.

Saturday night meal menu to be served at 1830 is:

main: home-made lasagne with chips and salad, OR vegetable lasagne with chips and salad,
OR creamy garlic chicken with seasonal veg

pudding: chocolate fudge tart OR citrus lemon tart both served with fresh cream.

Price; £15. Booking and payment method to be confirmed.

cafe open Sat and Sun 0800hrs for breakfast.

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) 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.

Site Map

