

## **Notice of Race**

### **National 12 Gul Series Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the National 12 Class Association.
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions and the rules of the National 12 Association.
- 1.3. The Grafham Water S.C. Open Meeting Sailing Instructions will apply except as stated in any supplementary Sailing Instructions.

#### **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. Advertising shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 and the relevant rules of the individual competitor's Class Association.
- 2.2. Grafham Water S.C. will not require the display of advertising material.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. The ISAF Sailor Classification Code shall not apply to this event.
- 3.2. Entry is open to all National 12s with a valid measurement certificate. Helms must be members of their Class Association.
- 3.3. Eligible Boats should enter by completing the entry form available on the GWSC website and sending it, complete with entry fee, to the GWSC Secretaries office at the address shown above. This is to assist GWSC in pre-organizing the event. Entry forms will be available at the Race office on Saturday morning. Grafham reserves the right to refuse entries on the day on safety or operational grounds.
- 3.4. Entry fees will be £16, Grafham Members will pay £3.

#### **4. SCHEDULE AND RACING FORMAT**

- 4.1. Registration will be held at the GWSC Race Office from 09.30 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Competitor's briefing will be at 11.00 am Saturday morning in the downstairs wet bar.
- 4.2. **Race Format** - Three back to back races are scheduled for Saturday with the first race warning not before 11.55.

#### **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCORING**

- 5.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
- 5.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series and there will be one discard when three or more races have been completed.

#### **6. 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:

#### **7. OTHER INFORMATION**

- 7.1. Campers and camper vans are welcome and pre booking of a Campervan site from the Club Secretariat ([admin@grafham.org](mailto:admin@grafham.org) / 0845 6442548) 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). All day cafeteria both days, meal available on Saturday evening.
- 7.2. Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club, details of local accommodation, and other information are available on the Club website - <http://www.grafham.org>
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. A non-native species of fresh water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimps) have been found in Grafham Water and certain restrictions on boat movements 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.