



National 12 Open

Date	7 th September 2013
Race Officer	John Aston
Flag Officer	
Briefing	Wet bar 1100 Saturday 7 th September 2013
1 st Race	Scheduled for 1200 Saturday 7 th September 2013

Killer Shrimp

As you are probably aware we have an invasive non-native shrimp in the water here at Grafham. To prevent the inadvertent spread of this species to other UK fresh water sites please take the following actions:-

Before you leave the site

When you are taking your boat, trolley, sails or other equipment off-site they **MUST** be washed down thoroughly at one of the designated wash stations **AND** you must have your boat signed off by one of the GWSC staff or helpers. You will be given a token which must be handed in at the gate to prove your boat has been cleaned and checked.

If you have no token your boat will not be allowed off site.

This applies to everyone.

Please also wash down kit, wetsuits, boots and buoyancy aids etc **BEFORE** going to the showers. No live shrimp must get washed into the normal drains. If you see any shrimp in any kit when you get home DO NOT flush them down the drain or toilet – leave them to die outside.

You will be given a token to confirm that your boat/equipment has been washed down and details have been taken. You MUST present it at the gate to be allowed exit from the site.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome

Welcome to Grafham Water Sailing Club - the finest inland sailing in the UK..

Commodore
Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Club Manager
Coxswains

Peter Saxton
Barry Wyatt
Ian Rawet
Heather Dance
Chris Moon
Andy Taylor
Andrew Lawman

The Club officials are there to help you. If you have any concerns or queries about the event, local accommodation, or even how to become a member of Grafham Water Sailing Club please speak to the duty secretary (on the top floor of the clubhouse) or seek out the duty flag officer for the event. They will be more than happy to help.

REGISTRATION: This will open at 0930 in the Office at the top of the Clubhouse.

FOOD: Breakfast will be available from 0830am in the wet bar. Tea, coffee, hot and cold food is available throughout the day, provided by Grafham View Catering. A separate Tuck shop area in the wet bar will be open for drinks and snacks only.

SATURDAY EVENING: There is an evening meal available and tickets will need to be purchased from the Race Office before you go on the water.

PRIZE GIVING: We aim to hold the prize giving in the top bar approximately 60 minutes after the last boat has come ashore (subject to shrimp wash!). Please listen for announcements.

ALCOHOL: Please do not bring alcohol on to the Club premises. This would breach the Club's licence.

PARKING: Please, please, please leave your car in the Visitors car park.

CHANDLERY: Jonti is located on the shore to the east side of the Clubhouse and carries a wide range of Dinghy and Sailboard equipment and clothing.

SECURITY: Please do not leave valuables in the changing rooms as losses of money, clothing and sailing gear are occasionally experienced

FENCING ALONG FORESHORE: This is a goose deterrent which appears to be working but it depends on your co-operation to replace the netting across the slipways. If the geese find a way in they will quickly use it and make the usual mess. Please help by replacing the netting if you are the last on or off the water. Thank you!

A path for cycling and walking extends round the reservoir - distance approx. 8 miles. Bikes may be hired next to the Grafham Water Exhibition Centre in the North car park (tel: 01480 812500)

Newspapers and lottery tickets are available from the village shop.



Sailing Instructions

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1. RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the classes racing (which prevail over these sailing instructions where they conflict) and these sailing instructions. These sailing instructions may be changed or added to by Supplementary Instructions issued to competitors or posted on the Open Meeting Notice Board. When these are issued before the first race of the event flag L will not be displayed.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. A non-native species of fresh water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimps) has 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 observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.
- 1.4. The Race Committee may inspect, weigh or measure any boat, sails, gear, or clothing at any time.
- 1.5. INSURANCE

Before going afloat, entrants shall have and shall sign a declaration that they have Third Party Insurance of not less than £3,000,000 for any one accident. Any entrant not able to do so shall pay the Club agent for temporary cover for the event.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Open Meeting Notice Board in the wet bar area.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before the start of any race affected.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed either on the Flagstaff on the foreshore in front of the Race Office, near the jetty, or on the jetty. Flag L may also be displayed on a Committee Boat at the jetty.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, or on a Committee Boat at the jetty (with two sound signals) '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal "AP".
- 4.3. A GREEN FLAG means 'sailing is unrestricted, except that sailing in the creeks at the West end of the water is PROHIBITED at all times.
- 4.4. A RED FLAG or RED MAROON means 'If ashore, do not go afloat. If afloat, come ashore immediately.'
- 4.5. A RED & WHITE flag (Flag U) will be displayed in strong wind conditions. This signifies that only experienced sailors who can cope with these conditions should launch.
- 4.6. A YELLOW FLAG flying from one or more of the waterfront flag poles means sailing is restricted to Area 1 as defined on maps situated around the Club.
- 4.7. A BLACK FLAG flying from the jetty in front of the Clubhouse means wet or dry suits **must** be worn whilst sailing during the period **1st November to 31st March** and outside this period when the water temperature is **less than 5 degrees C**.
- 4.8. A BLUE AND WHITE flag indicates that conditions are such that **dinghy sailing is not allowed but experienced windsurfers are permitted to sail**.
- 4.9. A BLUE AND GREEN flag indicates the presence of **BLUE GREEN ALGAE** in the reservoir and care should be taken whilst afloat and during launching and recovery of boats.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1.

		Start
Race 1	Sat 7 September 2013	12:00
Race 2 & 3		Back to back with Race 1

5.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with multiple sound signals before a warning signal is made..

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

CLASS	FLAG
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7. RACING AREAS

The racing area may be displayed on the Open Meeting Notice Board.

8. THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

These are described in ATTACHMENT A – COURSE AND MARKS.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The prohibited area at the West end of the water is an obstruction. Its boundary is a line of buoys forming its eastern boundary.
- 10.2. Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is an obstruction.
- 10.3. A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Starts will be as RRS 26 (5, 4, 1 go). The warning signal for any subsequent starts in a sequence will be made no less than one minute after the previous class start
- 11.2. The Starting Line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an ORANGE flag and the port end starting mark, which will be an orange dan buoy displaying an ORANGE flag.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A 4.2
- 11.5. If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1. The Race Committee may move one or more marks after a race has started.
- 12.2. When the course to be made good is significantly changed by such alteration, a boat may be stationed near the mark at the start of the leg affected, and may display flag C and a green or red flag indicating the direction of that leg lies either to Starboard or Port respectively of its previous bearing. She will draw attention to the signal by making intermittent sound signals. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1.** The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying the BLUE flag and a mark as defined in ATTACHMENT A – COURSE.
- 13.2.** After the first boat has finished, the race committee may set alternative finishing lines as follows:
- When a committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet rounded the nearby mark shall finish between this mark and the staff on the boat displaying flag W.
- When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction, she shall be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have passed the nearby mark ahead of her before flag W was displayed.
- Boats that have passed the mark before flag W is displayed, and have not retired from the race, but subsequently fail to finish, shall be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished. This changes rule A4.2.
- 13.3.** The times specified in instruction 15 (Time Limits) will apply also at every flag W finish line defined by instruction 13.2.
- 13.4.** SHORTEN COURSE - The meaning of Flag 'S' is changed to the extent that, regardless of where Flag 'S' is displayed on the Committee Boat, the Finish Line will be between the mast displaying a BLUE flag and the finish mark as defined in ATTACHMENT A – COURSE. This changes RRS 32.2.
- 13.5.** .
- 13.6.** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1.** The penalties are as defined in RRS 44.1 & 44.2.
- 14.2.** As provided in rule RRS 67, the protest committee may penalize without a hearing a boat that has broken rule RRS 42.
- 14.3.** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31. or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1.** When no boat completes the first leg of the course in 20 minutes, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 15.2.** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A4.2. When the last boat has finished or the time limit has expired the Race Committee may close the finishing line by lowering all flags.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1.** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2.** For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in the class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The Race Committee may extend this in exceptional circumstances. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3.** Notices will be posted on the notice board or on the race office window within 30 minutes of the last protest time limit of the day to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located on the ground floor down the stairs to the left of main entrance to the Club house.
- 16.4.** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board or on the race office window to inform boats under rule RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5.** A list of boats that, under instruction 14.2, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Race Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.6.** Breaches of instructions 14.3, 18 and 19.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17. SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply. The number of races scheduled will be stated in 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES. If three or more races are sailed there will be one discard.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1.** The decision to open or close the water for sailing is the sole responsibility of the Duty Coxswain, who will make the signals in SI 4 from time to time
- 18.2.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 18.3.** Adequate personal buoyancy for each crew member shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. Neither a wetsuit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40 and any competitor that breaches this requirement shall be disqualified from the races affected.
- 18.4.** a) It is a condition of entry that a Competitor shall comply with the instructions of Safety Boat crews, whose priority is to help competitors in distress or danger before retrieving boats.
b) Any action by these crews solely intended to ensure the safety of a competitor, such as recovering crew or separated components of the boat, provided this does not materially advantage the boat concerned, is not "outside help" as defined in RRS 41 and is not subject to protest from another competitor. The competitor may continue to race. This amends RRS 41.
- 18.5.** Where the Safety Boat crew renders assistance greater than that necessary solely for safety considerations, such as righting or re-orientating the boat, providing spares or effecting repairs, the Safety Boat crew may so advise the competitor who shall retire immediately.
- 18.6.** No action by a Safety Boat when performing activities deemed necessary by the crew for safety reasons will constitute grounds for redress.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

N/A.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1.** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.2.** A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless her class rules permit this, and then only if she first applies in writing to the Race Committee to do so and receives permission and if confirmation that the proposed number is acceptable to the Race Committee.

21. DECLARATIONS

A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall sign to this effect against her sail number on the Declaration Sheet no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes that race (or the last race before going ashore if races are sailed back-to-back).

22. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top square root of the entry

23. BRIEFING

There will be a briefing in the ground floor wet bar on Saturday 7th September 2013 at 1100.

24. 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."

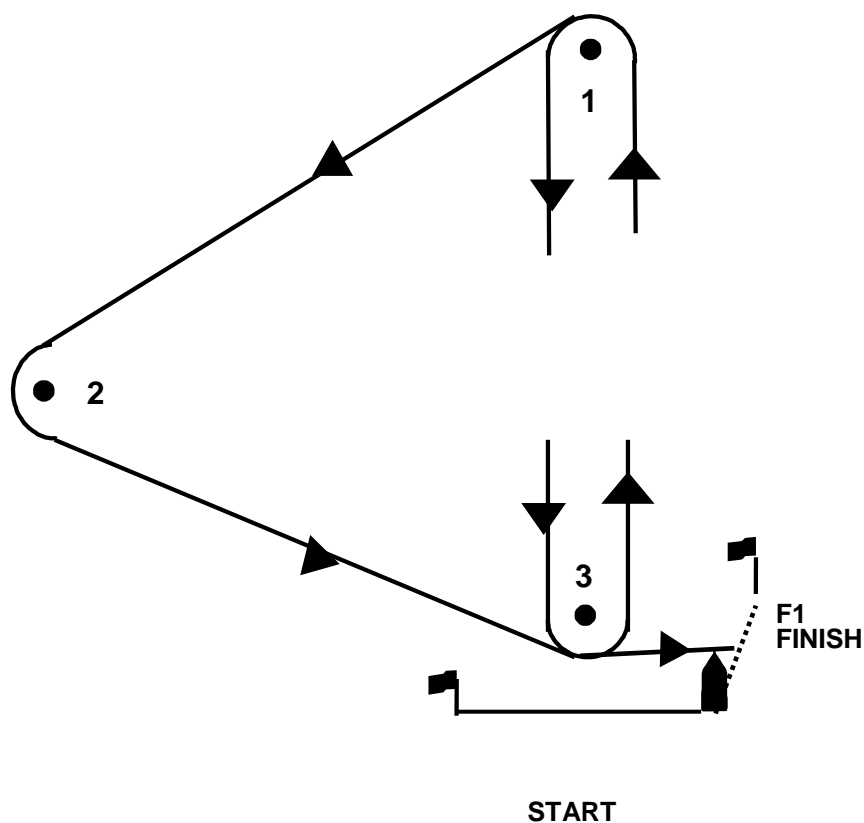
Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (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

ATTACHMENT A

COURSE OSCAR – COURSE AND MARKS



8. COURSE

The course to be sailed will be displayed on the side of the committee boat with numbered boards.

COURSE	Mark Rounding Order
O1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish between Committee Boat & F1
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish between Committee Boat & F1
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish between Committee Boat & F1
O4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 - Finish between Committee Boat & F1
O5	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish between Committee Boat & F1

If Flag S is displayed boats proceed to the Finish after rounding Mark 3

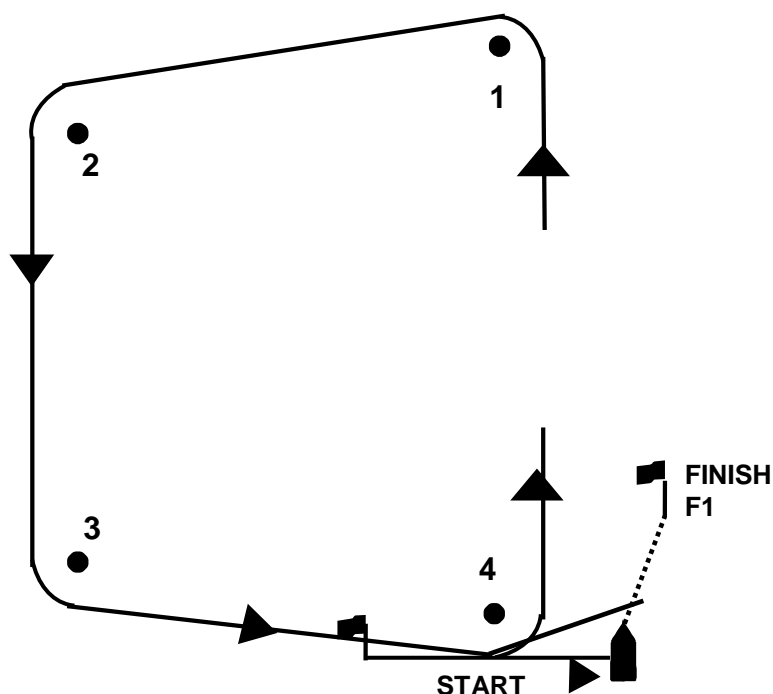
9. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 will be Orange Pillar Buoys

The start mark will be an Orange Dan Buoy with an ORANGE flag

The finish mark will be an Orange Dan Buoy with a BLUE flag

COURSE TANGO – COURSE AND MARKS



8. COURSE

The course to be sailed will be displayed on the side of the committee boat with numbered boards.

COURSE	Mark Rounding Order
T1	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - Finish between Committee Boat & F1
T2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - Finish between Committee Boat & F1
T3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - Finish between Committee Boat & F1
T4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 - Finish between Committee Boat & F1

If Flag S is displayed boats proceed to the Finish after rounding Mark 4

9. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 will be Orange Pillar Buoys

The start mark will be an Orange Dan Buoy with an ORANGE flag

The finish mark will be an Orange Dan Buoy with a BLUE flag

OPEN MEETINGS 2013

February 23/24	Solo Winters
March 9/10	RS Winters
April 20/21	RS Fevas
April 27/28	FF15 & Scorpion
May 4/5	Topper Inlands
May 18/19	Optimist Inlands
June 8/9	Laser Multiclass 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, Vago, Vortex
September 7	National 12
September	14/15 Merlin Rocket Inlands
September 28/29	RYA Zones
October 5/6	Laser Masters
October 12/13	RS Inlands
October 26/27	Grafham Cats Sprints + Medium Handicap
November 2/3	Laser Inlands
November 9/10	Ovington Inlands
November 23/24	420 End of Seasons
December 29	33rd Grafham Grand Prix

More details of all the above events can be obtained from the GWSC Club Secretary, the GWSC website (www.grafham.org) or from the class association websites



