

News Release



PUSH THE BOAT OUT AND TRY SAILING

Saturday 20 May at Grafham Water Sailing Club

Ever wanted to try sailing? Then come along to Grafham Water Sailing Club on Saturday, 20 May. As part of the nationwide Push the Boat Out Initiative from the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), we are offering free sailing and windsurfing taster sessions for children and adults. Don't worry if you have never sailed before; there will be an experienced sailor on board with you.

The day starts at 11 am and ends at 4 pm. All of the club's facilities will be open. There's plenty of free parking. Just turn up and follow the signs to the clubhouse, where someone will greet you and get you out on the water. There is a fantastic cafe in the clubhouse for drinks and lunch (and cake!), with plenty of seating inside and out. In the afternoon, you can watch boats racing on the water and see a group of young sailors having fun while being taught more about sailing.

Sailing can be as physical or as relaxing as you want to make it, you can sail with others or on your own, do it competitively or potter about and just enjoy the gentle escape of being outside in the elements. Whether you're completely new to the sport or looking to get back on the water, this is the perfect time to give it a go.

We are Grafham Water Sailing Club at Perry, PE28 OBU.

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Further Information

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Notes to Editors:

About Grafham Water Sailing Club

The Club celebrated its fiftieth anniversary last year. We sail on Grafham Water, near Huntingdon, about three miles from the A1/A14 junction. Grafham Water is an Anglian Water reservoir of 1,600 acres; three miles long and maximum 1.5 miles wide and one of the largest inland waters in the country. There is a nine mile cycle track around the lake and a nature reserve at the West End.

The Club has around 1,200 members with about 700 boats. We are a members' club, but we have the benefit of professional safety cover and office staff.

We offer sailing for almost everything: dinghies, windsurfers, catamarans, sailboards, day keelboats and small cruisers. We are able to offer a complete pathway from novice to elite racer with a full and varied programme of activity throughout the year.

Through our RYA recognised training school we offer a range of formal and informal training for both junior and adult members. We offer courses to achieve recognised RYA qualifications in sailing and also in powerboat driving.

The Club is open seven days a week throughout the year, except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. There is organised sailing activity on Sundays throughout the year and on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Saturdays during the summer months.

For more information about membership contact office@grafham.org or telephone 01480 810478.

About Push the Boat Out

Push the Boat Out is an RYA initiative, first created as part of the RYA Sail for Gold Programme and launched in March 2011.

The 2017 event will take place over nine days, 13-21 May, and will see clubs and centres across the UK holding open days and inviting those who live locally to come and have a go at sailing and windsurfing. Around the UK at last year's events, almost 20 000 people went sailing.

For more information visit <u>www.rya.org.uk/go/PTBO</u>



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