Notice of Race
Long Distance Race for Jubilee Trophies
Monday 31 August 2020

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club.

1. **RULES**
   - **1.1.** The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
   - **1.2.** Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat – except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
   - **1.3.** The fundamental rule on safety includes the UK government guidance on social distancing. A two metre separation is required between all boats at all times. Failure to comply is subject to protest.
2. **ADVERTISING**
   - **2.1.** Advertising shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 and the relevant rules of the individual competitor's Class Association.
   - **2.2.** The Club 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 boats of classes with handicaps of 1400 or faster listed on the Club website at www.grafham.org/sailing-racing/club-racing/race-management/racing-handicaps.html Entries from classes not listed on the Club website are subject to approval from the Club Office (contact details below), which should be sought and received before 17:00 on Thursday 22 August 2019.
   - **3.3.** Pre-entry online via the Grafham WebCollect Facility.
   - **3.4.** Entry is limited to 100 boats
   - **3.5.** Each crew in a team must sail in a separate boat (for example three crews need three boats). The replacement boat must not cross the start/finish line until the previous boat has done so.
   - **3.6.** Grafham Water Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse entries on the day on safety or operational grounds.
4. **FEES**
   - **4.1.** Entry will l be free for boats based at Grafham Water Sailing Club only.
5. **SCHEDULE**
   - **5.1.** **Registration** will be via the GWSC WebCollect facility
   - **5.2.** **Competitor Briefing**
     There will be no briefing.

5.3. The race will start at 1030 and continue until the next completion of a lap after 1700.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

7. THE COURSES

It is intended that there will be one or two courses, depending on the spread of handicaps of competing boats, to give an average sailing lap time of about one hour for the mid-fleet boats in each start in the prevailing conditions. The courses will be announced at the Competitor briefing and displayed on the event Notice Board. It is expected that the courses will use predominantly Club Marks.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

No alternative penalties will be used.

9. SCORING

Boats will sail on an average lap time basis, and the results will be calculated on the number of laps sailed against elapsed time for each boat.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11. PRIZES

11.1. Prizes will be awarded based on the lowest corrected average lap time

11.2. The Golden Jubilee Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner

11.3. The Silver Jubilee Trophy will be awarded to the second placed boat overall

11.4. There will be a prize for the boat completing the highest number of laps

11.5. Fleet Prizes will be given to any class with five or more entries

11.6. Prizes will be awarded to the first non-foiling monohull, catamaran, and keelboat and the first foiling boat

12. 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

13. OTHER INFORMATION

Campers and camper vans are welcome and pre booking of a Campervan site from the Club Secretariat (office@grafham.org / 01480 810478) 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). The café will be open all day with a barbeque on Saturday afternoon.

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 Bylaws. *Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.*

Any visitor arriving at the Club for the event before Monday 31 August 2019 is asked to report to the Club Office on arrival.

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 asks 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) have been found in Grafham Water and certain restrictions on boat movement.

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

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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.