

# Grafham Water Sailing Club

## “TEAMGRAFHAM”

### Sailing Instructions Wednesday evening 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### THE START

##### Do I have to register (“sign on”) to race?

Yes, come along to the Cafe at 17h30 for a briefing.

##### How do I start?


The first race will start at 18h30 using numeral board **3**. The boards change every minute and you start on board number **12**. You start by crossing the start line – it’s between the orange flag on the committee boat and the buoy with an orange flag. Pass from behind (downwind of) the line and head upwind towards the first mark.

##### When do I start?

There’s a countdown to the start:

- Before the start there’ll be some repeated hoots and the orange flag will be displayed.
- Then, after each minute there’ll be a hoot and a number board will be displayed, starting with “**0**”
- This will continue until “**12**” is displayed, and that’s the start.

##### In pictures, it looks like this:

Board displayed	Sound	Meaning
	•••••	<i>Orange flag displayed</i>
<b>3</b>	•	
	•	<i>Number changes every minute</i>
<b>10</b>	•	<i>Two minutes to the start: “Preparatory signal”</i>
<b>11</b>	•	<i>One minute to the start</i>
<b>12</b>	•	<b>Start</b>

##### What happens if I start too early?

You have to come back and start properly – if this happens there’ll be an additional hoot and the “X” flag will be displayed until you start correctly.

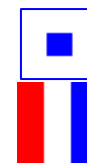


##### What happens if I start late?

Don’t worry it’s for fun and the taking part that counts!

#### THE COURSE & FINISH

The course is shown on the back of this page. Keep going around the course until the “S” flag over “T” flag is displayed on the committee boat – then you finish next time you go through the start/finish line. The race should last about 35 - 40 minutes.



#### WHAT ABOUT ALL THE RACING RULES?

There are some important rules when two boats meet, so that you know whether to “carry on” or to “give way”.

- If you’re on **starboard** (wind blowing onto the right-hand side of the boat) you **carry on**
- If you’re on **port** (wind blowing onto the left side of the boat) **give way**. It’s usually best to do this by turning away from the “carry on” boat (push the tiller away from you)
- If you both have the wind blowing onto the same side, both keep clear of each other
- If you’re approaching a mark and with another boat give each other room to get round.

*.....if in doubt, slow down and avoid a collision!*

**course**

**WIND**

