

Notice of Race

Cambs Youth Sailing League Series

Grafham meeting Saturday 1 June 2019

1. RULES

- 1.1. The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the Cambs Youth Sailing League.
- 1.2. The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the RYA prescriptions.
- 1.3. The event forms a part of the Cambs Youth Sailing League series; other series events are at Cam SC (date tbc), Ely SC (13 July), Hunts SC (7 Sep) and Paxton Lakes SC (12 Oct)
- 1.4. The Cambs Youth Sailing League Supplementary Sailing Instructions (<http://youthleague.csysa.org.uk/index.php/rules>) and the Grafham Water Sailing Club Event Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.5. 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.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Competitors shall be under the age of nineteen years (19) on 1st September 2019
- 2.2. Competitors shall be members of one of the participating clubs: Grafham Water SC, Cam SC, Ely SC, Hunts SC, and Paxton Lakes SC, or otherwise specifically invited by CSYSA
- 2.3. Entry is open to any class of dinghy or multihull with a Portsmouth Yardstick number
- 2.4. Entry will be on the day.
- 2.5. Entry fees will be £1 per boat.

3. SCHEDULE AND RACING FORMAT

- 3.1. Registration will be at the GWSC Office from 09.30 on Saturday 1 June 2018. Competitors' briefing will be at 10:30am in the café on the ground floor of the Clubhouse.
- 3.2. **Race Format** - Three races are scheduled with the first race warning not before 11:30am. It is envisaged there will be up to three flights in each race: fast, medium and slow. Racing will be handicap racing using PY numbers (as amended by National Class rules) and average lap times

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCORING

- 4.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
- 4.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series for this event and there will be one discard when three races have been completed.

5. 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. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

6. OTHER INFORMATION

- 6.1. Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club and other information are available on the Club website - <http://www.grafham.org>
- 6.2. 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.

6.3. 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 ask 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)

6.4. Movement of boats from Grafham Water

A non-native species of fresh water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimp) 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 comply with the requirements of these restrictions may lead to expulsion from the event.