



Notice of Race

The 5th Grafham Easter Egg – Optimist Open Meeting and Youth Regatta
– Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April 2019

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Rule 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed ashore. This changes RRS 40.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all Youth sailors where 'Youth' is defined as being under 19 years old on 1st September 2019. **The entry is limited to 80 boats.**

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry process, including payment, on the Grafham Water Sailing Club website by 17th April 2019.

2.3 The entry fee is £30 for visitors, £15 for GWSC members. Entries made after 15th April will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority and subject to an additional fee of £5.

2.4 Late entries from boats sailed by visitors may be accepted and entry forms will be available at the Race office on Saturday morning.

2.5 Late entries from boats sailed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member may be accepted and entry forms will be available at the Race office on Saturday morning.

2.6 Registration by competitors at the event will require a completed entry form and completed consent form signed by a parent or guardian. The parent or someone over the age of 18 acting in loco parentis shall remain available at the club for the duration of the event.

3. FLEETS

Subject to sufficient entries, the intended fleets are:

- A Toppers
- B Handicap
- C Optimist [Main fleet]
- D Optimist [Regatta fleet for less experienced sailors]

All fleets will sail on the same race course.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Registration will take place at Grafham Water Sailing Club from 0930 to 1100 on Friday 19th April 2019.

4.2 There will be a briefing for all competitors at 10.50 in the downstairs café.

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| Friday 19 th April | Race 1 | 1200 Start |
| | Races 2 & 3 as soon as possible after the previous race | |
| Saturday 20 th April | Race 4 | 1100 Start |
| | Races 5 & 6 as soon as possible after previous race | |

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be published on the event website by 17th April 2019.

6. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be a trapezoid with an upwind gate.

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties will be taken in accordance with Rules 44.1 and 44.2. Rule 44.3 will not apply.

8. SCORING

8.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute as series.

8.2 (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.2 (b) When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9. SUPPORT BOATS

9.1 It is intended that on water coaching will be provided under the direction of the Race Committee. No support boats *except the designated coach boats* are permitted to launch or be in the race area.

9.2 Visiting safety boats are required to notify the organising authority of their intention to attend the event at least one day before the event by email to Club Manager manager@grafham.org The Club is grateful for offers of assistance from visiting safety boats but has no obligation to accept visiting safety boats at the event.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the top three boats in each fleet, Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

11. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of 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 £2 million against third party claims.
- h) 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Food is served throughout the day in the downstairs café, including after sailing on both days. The café will be open until approx 1800 on Saturday and approx. 1600 on Sunday. To help avoid delay you are advised to book meals for after sailing with the café before going afloat

For further information please contact Grafham Water Sailing Club Office on 01480 810 478 or email office@grafham.org

Overnight camping and camper van parking is available at the Club and must be booked in advance and the appropriate fee paid.

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

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 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