Notice of Race
FF15 Inland Championships and Worlds Qualifier
6th & 7th June 2020

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the UK Flying Fifteen Association (UKFFA).

1. RULES
   1.1. The regatta will be governed by 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.
   1.3. A buoyancy aid of an “International Standard Approved Type” will be worn by both crew during racing at this event, this supersedes International Flying Fifteen Association Rule 15.4.

2. ADVERTISING
   Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
   3.1. The regatta is open to all Flying Fifteens with a valid measurement certificate which are Open, Silver and Classic UKFFA subdivisions of the Flying Fifteen Class.
   3.2. Helms must be members of UKFFA or be a member of another association affiliated to Flying Fifteen International. A valid measurement certificate, current UKFFA membership card (or evidence of a Flying Fifteen International affiliated association) and a completed Scrutineering form must be produced at Registration. The Scrutineering form can be downloaded from the GWSC web site for completion before arrival at Grafham and will be available from the Registration office.
   3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry process at http://www.grafham.org/sailing-racing/open-meetings-3/forthcoming-open-meetings.html and paying the appropriate fee, by midnight on Thursday 4th June 2020.
   3.4. Late entries from boats sailed by visitors may be accepted and entry forms will be available at the Race office on Saturday morning.
   3.5. Late entries from boats helmed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member will be accepted.
   3.6. Grafham Water Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse late entries from boats sailed by visitors on safety or operational grounds.

4. FEES
   4.1. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors will be £42.
   4.2. Entry fees for boats helmed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member with a boat registered at Grafham will be £5.
   4.3. An additional late entry supplement of £5 per boat will apply for all entries or payments received after midnight on Thursday 4th June 2020.
   4.4. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 5th June 2020 at no extra cost but must register at the Office before doing so.

5. SCHEDULE
   5.1. Registration
       This will be held at the GWSC office from 09.30 on Saturday 6th June 2020.
   5.2. Briefing
       There will be a briefing in the ground floor café at 1145 on Saturday 6th June 2020.
   5.3. Classes & Starts.
       There will be one class start for all Flying Fifteens.
   5.4. Race Format
       Three back to back races are scheduled for Saturday 6th June 2020 with the first race warning not before 12.55.
       Three back to back races are scheduled for Sunday 7th June 2020 with the first race start warning not before 10.25.
At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Principal Race Officer race 4 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1. All competing boats should hold a valid measurement certificate, which will be required to be shown at registration, Championship regulation 11.

6.2. A scrutineering form shall be completed by each competitor and presented at registration, this will include a declaration of sails to be used at the championship. Inspections will be made, a form is attached herewith.

6.3. All sails used at this event must be measured and endorsed on the boats measurement certificate in accordance with the rule Flying Fifteen International Class rule B13.8.2. The boat shall race only with sails endorsed on her certificate, except that in the case of a borrowed boat, the boat may race with any combination of the sails endorsed on the certificate of the boat, or on the certificate of another boat owned by the helmsperson. Both these certificates shall be examined by the organising club, and such sail numbers as used will be declared to the Race Office at Registration.

6.4. The race committee reserves the right to and will require any boat or sail to be submitted for measurement at any time before or during the series, this will include an inspection of all items under Flying Fifteen International Rule 5 Buoyancy and all items in accordance with Flying Fifteen International Rule 15 Equipment. These are fundamental rules and as such must be adhered to, they are not for interpretation.

6.5. The association has no obligation to have an official class measurer available for the purpose of measurement of new equipment at events; competitors requiring new sails measured at the event should make their own arrangements with a class measurer prior to the event.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Club Web Site by 7pm on Thursday 4th June 2020. As part of our green initiative we will not be handing out printed copies, a full set will be posted on the official notice board in the downstairs café.

8. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward, Triangle/Sausage or Sausage/Triangle.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

As per the rules.

10. SCORING

10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

10.3. When from three to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are not allowed.

12. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

The UKFFA Championship annual challenge trophies:

- Championship Trophy
- Silver Fleet Half Full (1st Silver Fleet Boat)
- The Flying Fifteen Plan Drawing (1st Classic)

Additional prizes will also be awarded according to entry numbers.

15. 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

(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

Campers and camper vans are welcome. and pre booking is available online at [http://www.grafham.org/sailing-racing/open-meetings-3/forthcoming-open-meetings.html](http://www.grafham.org/sailing-racing/open-meetings-3/forthcoming-open-meetings.html) / Pre-booking of camper vans is essential. There is a charge of £15 per night for Campervans, £10 per night for Camping (please note – NO caravans – our lease does not allow them). All day cafeteria both days, food will be available on Saturday after sailing and should be pre-booked before going afloat.

Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club, details of local accommodation, and other information are available on the Club website - [http://www.grafham.org](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.

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](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.