



Notice of Race

Laser Performance Masters Inland Championships

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th November 2018

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and UK Laser Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. 'RRS 40 - Personal Flotation' will apply at all times when afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40
- 1.3. For infringements of rules other than in Parts 1 & 2 of the RRS, the protest committee may award a penalty less than disqualification.
- 1.4. A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Office at registration. Even when such notification is made, the Race Committee has no authority to amend the requirements of class rules. As a result, a boat could be protested for failing to comply with class rules.
- 1.5. By participating in this event the competitor automatically grants to the organizing authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

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 Laser dinghies.
- 3.2. Helms must reach the age of 33 years or over during 2018 and be members of the UK Laser Association. Temporary membership of the UKLA is available by paying an additional fee of £6 per day which will be put towards that helm's membership fee if they join UKLA this year.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter and pay online using the GWSC web site by midnight on Thursday 22nd November 2018.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter or pay at the Race Office on the first day of the event, but Grafham Water Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse entries on the day on safety or operational grounds.

4. FEES

The fee for entry and payment online is £33. An additional late entry fee of £5 is payable for entries or payment made on the first day of the event.

The entry fee for GWSC sailing members is £3 for online entries and £8 for entries made on the first day of the event. Eligible members shall receive the reduced fee by requesting a rebate via the Club office.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration

The Race Office (at the Secretary's Office on the second floor of the clubhouse) will be open from 09:30 on the first day of the event for entries on the day and changes in online entry details.

5.2. Briefing

There will be a competitor briefing in the ground floor café at 10.45 on the first day of the event.

5.3. Dates of racing and number of races.

Three back to back races are scheduled for Saturday with the first race warning signal at 12:00.

Three back to back races are scheduled for Sunday with the first race warning signal at 10:30.

At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Race Officer, race 4 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the competitor briefing.

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Sunday.

6. MEASUREMENTS

The use of 'replica' equipment is not permitted.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing Instructions will be available online and from the Race Office.

8. THE COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be trapezoid (outer and inner loop).

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix P will not apply.

10. SCORING

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

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

10.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

10.4. Standard and Radial rigs will have separate series and results. 4.7 rigs will race with the Radial fleet without any handicap adjustment.

10.5. A competitor intending to change rig after completing a race must notify the Race Office before their first race with the changed rig. The score for races sailed with the changed rig will be DNC. This changes RRS Appendix A.

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 that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14. PRIZES

Overall prizes will be awarded.

Additional age category prizes will be awarded for Standard or Radial helms who reach the following ages in 2018:

- 35 – Apprentice Masters
- 45 – Masters
- 55 – Grand Masters
- 65 – Great Grand Masters
- 75 - Legends

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 competitor briefing held for the event

FURTHER 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). All day cafeteria both days, meal available on Saturday evening.

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.

Boats competing in the event may sail on the Friday before the event at no extra cost.

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