



**Sailing Instructions**  
**Laser Performance Masters Inland Championships**  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

*Amended 20 November 2018 – changes highlighted*

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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the ground floor café.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 90 minutes before the start of the first race of the day.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on flagpole 3 on the north side of the clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1. Dates of racing**

Day	Number of races	Time of first warning signal
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Three back-to-back	12:00
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Three back-to-back	10:30

- 5.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange startling line flag will be displayed with multiple sounds at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.3. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Sunday.

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be:

- Standard – white with a red logo
- Radial & 4.7 – green with a red logo

**7. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be Grafham Water.

**8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. When one of two gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be passed to port.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2, 3S and 3P, 4S and 4P and 5 will be orange or yellow cylindrical marks.
- 9.2. The starboard-end starting mark will be a committee vessel. The port-end starting mark will be a committee vessel or orange dan buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 9.3. The **port-end finishing** mark will be a committee vessel. The **starboard**-end finish mark will be an orange dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The prohibited area at the west end of the lake is an obstruction. Its boundary is a line of small yellow buoys forming its eastern boundary.
- 10.2. Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is an obstruction.
- 10.3. A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4. RRS 30.4 'Black Flag Rule' is changed so that 'sail number' is replaced by 'last four digits of her sail number'.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2. Minor mark moves of up to approximately 100 metres may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

## 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between staffs displaying **blue** flags on the finishing marks.
- 13.2. Under RRS 32.1 the race committee may abandon the race because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots measured by the race committee. Any action or no action by the race committee under this instruction will not be grounds for redress under RRS 60.1(b).

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix P will not apply.

## 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. Each race will be approximately 45 minutes duration, at the discretion of the race committee. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2. If not boat has passed Mark 1 within 20 minutes from the start, the race will be abandoned.

## 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Secretary's Office. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2. For each fleet the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in the class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the room adjacent to the Secretary's Office at the time posted.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## 17. SCORING

- 17.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 17.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 17.3. When four or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.
- 17.4. Standard and Radial rigs will have separate series and results. 4.7 rigs will race with the Radial fleet without any handicap adjustment.
- 17.5. 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.

## 18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. No substitution of competitors is allowed.

## 19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

## 20. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors attention is drawn to the Risk Statement published in the Notice of Race.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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>. 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

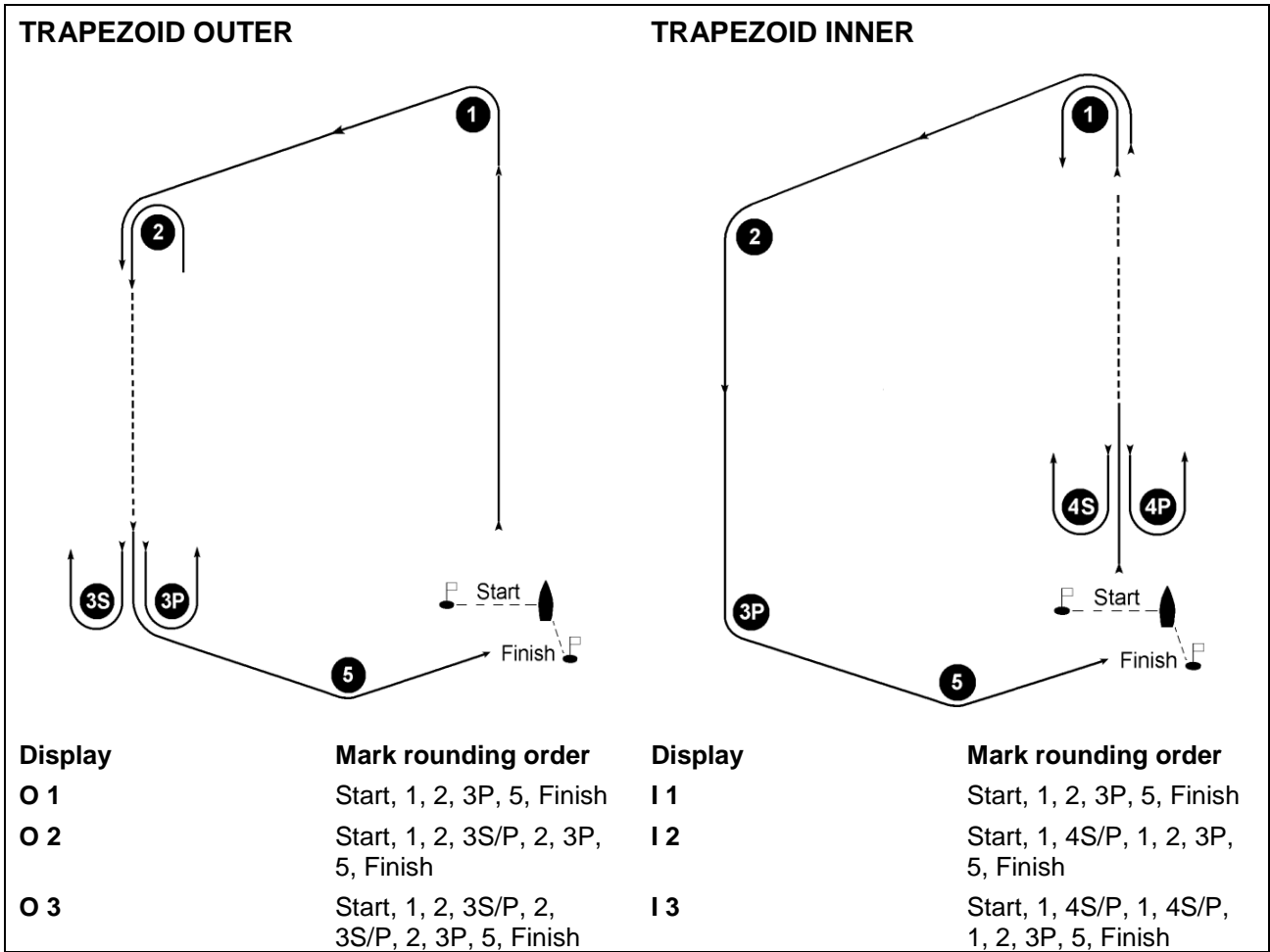
Warwick East Reservoir, Warwick West Reservoir and William Girling Reservoir all located in the Lee Valley

### 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

# Attachment 1 - COURSES



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