

## Notice of Race

### RS600 Inland Championships 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the RS600 Class Associations.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The Grafham Water S.C. Sailing Instructions will apply except as stated in any supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. 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 boats of the RS600 class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats should enter on the day at the GWSC office.
- 3.3. Grafham Water Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse entries on the day on safety or operational grounds.

#### 4. FEES

Required entry fees are:

Visitors £32, GWSC members £3.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

##### 5.1. Registration

This will be held at the GWSC office from 09.30 on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

##### 5.2. Briefing

There will be a briefing in the ground floor café at 1045 on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

##### 5.3. Dates of racing and number of races.

Three back to back races are scheduled for Saturday with the first race start not before 1200.

Three back to back races are scheduled for Sunday with the first race start not before 1058.

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

Each boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate at registration.

#### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

#### 8. THE COURSES

Saturday racing will take place on a bespoke course. On Sunday RS600s will sail a club course and start ahead of club racing.

#### 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

For the RS600 class rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

## 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 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 radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 14. PRIZES

Prizes will be given according to entry numbers.

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

### 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 of a Campervan site from the Club Secretariat ([office@grafham.org](mailto: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 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at no extra cost but must register at the Club Office before going afloat.

## 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**



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