

RS200 RS400 RS800 Inland Championships 2023

30 Sep & 1 Oct 2023

Pre-Event Guidance

Welcome to Grafham Water for the 2023 RS Inland Championships

Your team from Grafham for the weekend is:

Club Host: Nigel Denchfield

PRO and RO 400/800 Course: John Aston

RO 200 Course: Chris Clarke

Club Office: Heather Dance

Coxswain: Andy Taylor

Camping and overnight:

The Clubhouse toilets will be available over the weekend. There is also a Portaloo toilet for use on the East side of the clubhouse.

Car & Trailer Parking:

Unless advised otherwise, please park and rig in the visitors' car park (see picture below). There should be a marshall on the gate to direct you on Saturday morning.



Registration

Saturday 09000 to 1030 in the café, (Clubhouse Ground Floor)

Event communications:

The Official Notice Board is online. The Notice Board is at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html> .
Email for use during the event will be office@grafham.org

Wash down:

Boats must be washed down before leaving the Club to comply with non-native species guidance. The main wash down facility is on the slipway to the west of the clubhouse.

Results:

Will be published online as soon as possible after the completion of racing on the GWSC web site (link on online notice board). The prize giving will be in the top bar on Sunday afternoon

Catering:

The café on the ground floor of the Clubhouse will be open both days of the event. Breakfasts will be available from 0830 each day. The bar (top floor of the Clubhouse) will be open both days after sailing.

Safety & Security:

Please do not walk through fenced off areas: they are fenced off for your safety.

Take particular care of the coxswains' slipway (East side of the Clubhouse in front of the coxswains' shed) as there are regular tractor movements on this slipway

The fire exits from the Clubhouse are marked – the fire muster point is on the grass of the roundabout on the land side of the Clubhouse.

Please do not leave valuables in the changing rooms: there are lockers (green) in the café area which take a £1 coin

Covid 19:

There are no specific restrictions in place currently at the Club. However, if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or have received a positive test result, please do not visit the Club.

Competitor Briefing

There will be a short competitor briefing at 1030 on Saturday morning on the shore side of the Clubhouse.

Everything you need to know however should be in these notes, the Notice of Race and the RS General Sailing Instructions and the Event Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

SAILING

Launching and first race of the day:

Our aim is to start on time on both days: please allow adequate time for launching and sailing out to the Race Area; take into account the number of competitors trying to launch (and also Club members on Sunday who start Club racing at 1100) and plan accordingly.

Race Area:

This is likely to be the West end of the Lake for the 400/800 course and the West/Centre for the 200 Course but will be confirmed on the Online Notice Board and at the Competitor Briefing. To aid identification before the first race, the Committee Boats may display the relevant Class Flags (to be removed prior to the first Start sequence)

Courses:

These will be displayed on the Starboard side of the Committee Boat. Make sure you check for a) changes between races and b) different courses set for each class

Starting:

Orange will be displayed a minimum of 1 minute before the first warning signal (SSI 12.2)

It is intended that we will use "P" (Pappa) as the preparatory flag, at least initially, moving to "Black flag" in the event of a General Recall. If there are frequent General Recalls or if we are under time pressure we will probably use "U" (Uniform) in place of "P", or even use the Black flag throughout.

RS 400/800

Note the start sequence (3,2,1,Go), and the minimum interval between starts (SSI 12.1).

The expected order of starts is shown in the SSIs (SSI 6) but note that the RO has discretion to change this: keep an eye on the flags

RS200

Note the start sequence is Standard 5,4,1 Go, as Per RRS

Courses

RS400/800

The fleets have separate windward marks

The 400s have a spacer, the 800s do not have a spacer

All as per the Course Appendix in the SSIs

Finishing:

Note the finishing line off the bow of the Committee boat, as described in the SSI Appendix

Sound signals at the finish are optional: we will most likely signal only the first three finishers in each class.

John Aston

PRO