



**Grafham Water
Sailing Club**

RS400, RS500, RS700 and RS800 Inland Championship 2026

Saturday 3th October to Sunday 4th October 2026

Sponsored by Rooster

Grafham Water Sailing Club, Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 0BU

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

This event will count in the RS400, RS500, RS700 and RS800 Rooster National Tours.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be issued for this event.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1, 60.3(b), 61.4(b), A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Competitors should note that Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.5 If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The RS Class Association standard sailing instructions are available at:
<https://www.rs500.org/documents/p1jd3114rv18nbf11l961miqoo03.pdf>

- 2.2. The event Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at:

<https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS400, RS500, RS700 and RS800 classes.
- 4.2 Helm must be a member and crew must be either a member or crew member of the RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter online here:
<https://www.rs400.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2734>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association website here:
<https://www.rs500.org/documents/p1je9vepg9t7nth8179ku7c1d9q3.pdf>
and should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.6 An additional late entry supplement of £10 per boat will apply for entries or payments received after 2359 on Friday 18th September 2026. Late entries will be accepted at event registration at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full subject to 4.9.
- 4.9 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race one any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.10 Refund policy: If you cancel your entry before the early entry deadline we will refund all fees, minus a £15 admin fee. If you cancel after the early entry deadline, but before online entry closes our standard policy is to return 50% of fees. Where an event entry limit has been reached a refund will only be issued if another boat from the waiting list takes your place. If you cancel after entry has closed we will not usually issue a refund.
- 4.11 For each class the entry limit is:
RS400-40 boats; RS500-15 boats; RS700-15 boats; RS800-15 boats.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee until 2359 on Friday 18th September 2026 £65 for a double-handed dinghy and £60 for a single-handed dinghy.
- 5.2 Boats helmed by a GWSC member who has registered a boat at GWSC should enter and pay the full entry fee as normal. However, after the event they can claim back £47 (DH) or £42 (SH) of the entry fee from the GWSC office.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration: Saturday 3rd October in the downstairs café 0900 to 1030.

- 9.2 Briefing: A briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 3rd October outside the downstairs café.

- 9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 3 rd October	3 races, back to back
Sunday 4 th October	3 races, back to back

- 9.4 Six races are scheduled.

- 9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 3rd October is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 4th October is 1025.

- 9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 There is no planned measurement check, but boats may be inspected at any time whilst ashore.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

- 12.1 The Sailing Area will be posted on the Online Noticeboard.

13 COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed and allocation of the fleets to specific racecourse areas will be determined by the entry numbers and detailed in the SI.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

- 14.2 [RRS Appendix T \(Arbitration\)](#) will apply

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 15.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

This changes RRS A2.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support boats are not allowed.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

18.2 [DP] {NP} Kit must not be placed on GWSC members' boats.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

The prize of Inland Champion(s) will be awarded to the first boat in each class with other prizes awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Laurie Callaghan at laurie@rs-association.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

General Information

Camping:

Campers and camper vans are welcome and pre booking is available online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1>. 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).

Venue Location

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

Club Rules

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 Regulations. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

Cafeteria and Bar

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food. The bar will be open on the Saturday night of the event and there will be a sailors supper and social at the club. Menu and booking details available here:

<https://www.rs500.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2734>

Cafe open Sat and Sun 0800 for breakfast.

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) has 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.

Site Map

