Notice of Race:
2021 August Bank Holiday Regatta
Saturday 28th August to Monday 30th August.

1. RULES
   1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
   1.3. Before competing on each day of the event, each helm must enter using the Grafham Water Sailing Club WebCollect facility.
   1.4. Competitors should note that Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at https://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   2.1. The sailing instructions will be available at GWSC Website.
   2.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at https://www.grafham.org/sailing-racing/club-racing/race-management/sailing-instructions.html. The modified start sequence is specified in the SSIs.

3. COMMUNICATION
   3.1. While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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 World Sailing Sailor Classification Code shall not apply to this event.
   4.2. Entry to the regatta is open to members of Grafham Water Sailing Club
   4.3. Entry is by helm. Helms may sail different boats and with different crew on each day.
   4.4. Boats shall enter the event by registering online at https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham

5. FEES (Does not apply)

6. CREW LIMITATIONS
   6.1. The following crew limitations apply: Sailors should be members or guests of Grafham Water Sailing Club
   6.2. Class rules for each boat shall apply, except as modified by GWSC during the Covid limitation period for 2 person classes that have applied for dispensation to sail single-handed off a different handicap.

7. ADVERTISING
   7.1. Advertising shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20 and the relevant rules of the individual competitor's Class Association. Grafham Water Sailing Club may require the display of advertising material

8. QUALIFYING SERIES & FINAL SERIES (Does not apply)
9. SCHEDULE

9.1. The Regatta is a six “race” series over three days: Sat 28th, Sun 29th and Mon 30th.

9.2. There will be two “races” each day.

9.2.1. Sat 28th - in conjunction with the usual “Sociable Saturday” Race Program – 2 races starting at 14:30 with a briefing at 14:00.

9.2.2. Sun 29th - in conjunction with the usual Sunday programme- 2 races starting at 11:00

9.2.3. Mon 30th – in conjunction with the Long Distance Race. Boats must enter times for two laps during the course of the day. It follows that boats sailing the whole of the long distance race may enter their two best laps. Boats not sailing the whole of the long distance race may choose during the day when to sail their two laps (which need not be sailed sequentially). See separate Long Distance Race NOR for details.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (Does not apply)

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

12. VENUE (Does not apply)

13. COURSES

13.1. See NOR and Race instructions for the component events for details.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

15. SCORING

15.1. Results will be calculated by summing the lowest four scores achieved over the three days

15.1.1. For each “Race” the handicap-corrected time will be calculated.

15.1.2. The corrected times will be used to calculate the places in each “race”

15.2. Four “races” are required to constitute a series. Each entrant’s series score shall be the sum of his/her best four race results.

15.3. Appendix A 5.3 will apply.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS (Does not apply)

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS (Does not apply)

18. BERTHING (Does not apply)

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS (Does not apply)

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS (Does not apply)

21. DATA PROTECTION


22. RISK STATEMENT
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RRS Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: ‘The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.’

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

22.1. 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;
22.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
22.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
22.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
22.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
22.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
22.7. 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.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. Grafham Water Sailing Club General Instructions state that all craft shall be covered by third-party insurance for claims up to £2 million arising in any one accident.

24. PRIZES

24.1. The prize giving for the Regatta will be as soon as practical after the conclusion of the Long Distance Race on Mon 30th August.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. For further information please contact: office@grafham.org