

## **Notice of Race**

### **FF15 Inland Championships and Worlds Qualifier**

### **9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the Flying Fifteen Association (UKFFA) Associations.

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Rule 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed ashore. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.3. A buoyancy aid of an "International Standard Approved Type" will be worn by both crew during racing at this event, this supersedes International Flying Fifteen Association Rule 15.4.

#### **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 Flying Fifteens with a valid measurement certificate which are Open, Silver and Classic UKFFA subdivisions of the Flying Fifteen Class.
- 3.2. Helms must be members of UKFFA or be a member of another association affiliated to Flying Fifteen International. **A valid measurement certificate, current UKFFA membership card (or evidence of a Flying Fifteen International affiliated association) and a completed Scrutineering form must be produced at Registration.** The Scrutineering form can be downloaded from the GWSC web site for completion before arrival at Grafham and will be available from the Registration office.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry process at <http://www.grafham.org/sailing-racing/open-meetings-3/forthcoming-open-meetings.html> and paying the appropriate fee, by midnight on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- 3.4. Late entries from boats sailed by visitors may be accepted and entry forms will be available at the Race office on Saturday morning.
- 3.5. Late entries from boats sailed by at least one Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member will be accepted.
- 3.6. Grafham Water Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse late entries from boats sailed by visitors on safety or operational grounds.

#### **4. FEES**

- 4.1. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors will be £39. An additional late entry supplement of £5 per boat will apply for entries or payments received after midnight on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- 4.2. Entry fees for boats sailed by at least one Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member will be £5.
- 4.3. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at no extra cost but must register at the Office before doing so.

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

##### **5.1. Registration**

This will be held at the GWSC office from 09.30 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

##### **5.2. Briefing**

There will be a briefing in the ground floor café at 1145 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

##### **5.3. Classes & Starts.**

There will be one class start for all Flying Fifteens.

##### **5.4. Race Format**

Three back to back races are scheduled for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with the first race warning not before 12.55.

Three back to back races are scheduled for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with the first race start warning not before 10.25.

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**

- 6.1. All competing boats should hold a valid measurement certificate, which will be required to be shown at registration, Championship regulation 11.
- 6.2. A scrutineering form shall be completed by each competitor and presented at registration, this will include a declaration of sails to be used at the championship. Inspections will be made, a form is attached herewith.
- 6.3. All sails used at this event must be measured and endorsed on the boats measurement certificate in accordance with the rule 13.8.2 of the International Flying Fifteen Association and Rule 11 of the Championship Regulations. The boat shall race only with sails endorsed on her certificate, except that in the case of a borrowed boat, the boat may race with any combination of the sails endorsed on the certificate of the boat, or on the certificate of another boat owned by the helmsperson. Both these certificates shall be examined by the organising club, and such sail numbers as used will be declared to the Race Office at Registration (this changes UKFFA championship regulation 11 and adopts Flying Fifteen International Championship regulation 9.2).
- 6.4. The race committee reserves the right to and will require any boat or sail to be submitted for measurement at any time before or during the series, this will include an inspection of all items under Flying Fifteen International Rule 5 Buoyancy and all items in accordance with Flying Fifteen International Rule 15 Equipment. These are fundamental rules and as such must be adhered to, they are not for interpretation.
- 6.5. The association has no obligation to have an official class measurer available for the purpose of measurement of new equipment at events; competitors requiring new sails measured at the event should make their own arrangements with a class measurer prior to the event.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

## **8. THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward, Triangle/Sausage or Sausage/Triangle.

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

As per the rules.

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 10.3. When from three to six races have been completed, a boats 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 that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available all boats.

## **14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

The B.I.F.F.A Championship annual challenge trophies are as follows:

Championship Trophy

Silver Fleet Half Full (1<sup>st</sup> Silver Fleet Boat)

The Flying Fifteen Plan Drawing (1st Classic)

Additional prizes will also be awarded according to entry numbers.

## **15. 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 but subject to a minimum of 20 pre-ordered meals.

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.

## **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.**