

Pre-Event Information

Your team from Grafham for the weekend are:

Club Host: Nigel Denchfield

RO: Nigel Denchfield

Club Office: Heather Dance

Coxswain: Przem Poblocki

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:

Campers can proceed directly to their booked space. Boats can be rigged there and launched from slipways 1 & 2. All other parking will be in the visitors' car park located on the right after passing the entrance barrier. Please rig boats there, and wheel them past the roundabout to the launching areas—slipways 5,6 & 7.



Event communications: The ONB is at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html> .

Wash down:

Boats must be washed down before leaving the Club to comply with non-native species guidance. There will be wash down hoses on slipway 2 and on the west side of the clubhouse.

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. Assuming that 25 meals have been booked, these will be served in the top bar around 1730-1800 and the bar will be open for the evening.

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.

SAILING**Race Area:**

Will be confirmed on the Online Notice Board and at the competitor briefing.

First race of the day:

Our aim is to start on time on both days: please allow adequate time for launching; take into account the number of competitors [including club members on Sunday] trying to launch and plan accordingly.

Starts

We shall aim to set the start line square to the mean wind direction. The wind at Grafham does move around! During the start sequence small shifts will be ignored, but if the line become excessively biased the start will be postponed.

The prep signal will initially be flag P.

If there are any boats, even just one, seen to be OCS, but which cannot be identified from either end of the line, a general recall will be signalled. In the event of a general recall, we will move to Black. If there are multiple recalls or time constraints we may remain on U or Black for the rest of the day. If the recall is caused by an extreme wind shift or Race Committee error, we shall remain on whichever prep signal was in use at the time.

Please check the course display before each race.

Finishing

When finishing, only the first 3 legal finishers in each class will receive a sound signal. If you are in a bunched finish, and possibly not easily visible to the finish line spotters, please note the boats ahead or behind.

If the wind direction is such that the route ashore is a beat, then in the final race each day we intend finishing the race at the windward mark.

Wind limitations

No race will be started unless there is at least 5kts across the race course. Once started every attempt will be made to keep the race running, but if conditions become too erratic it will be abandoned.

If there are sustained periods of 27kts or more, racing will not take place.

Nigel Denchfield [RO]