

## Notice of Race

### Rooster RS400 Inland Championship. Sunday October 4th 2020

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club and the RS200 Class Association.

#### 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. The RS Racing Circuit Sailing Instructions 2020 shall apply except as modified by the Event Appendix
- 1.4. Wet or dry suits must be worn whilst afloat.

#### 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 boats of the RS400 class where either the helm or crew shall be a member of the RS400 Class Association.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry process on the RS200 Class Association website and paying the appropriate fee, by midnight on Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. **There is an entry limit of 50 boats.**
- 3.3. Late entries **will not** be accepted.
- 3.4. Grafham Water Sailing Club reserves the right to refuse entries on safety or operational grounds.

#### 4. FEES

- 4.1. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors will be £18.50
- 4.2. Entry fees for a boat helmed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member, who has a registered boat at Grafham, will be £5.00.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

##### 5.1. Registration

This will be carried out on entry to the Club site from 09.00 on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2020.

##### 5.2. Briefing

There will be a briefing held outside ground floor café at 10.50 on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 at which **social distancing will be observed by competitors.**

##### 5.3. Classes & Starts.

Races will be started using RRS26.

##### 5.4. Race Format

Four back to back races are scheduled with the first race warning signal not before 11.25.

#### 6. MEASUREMENTS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules. .

#### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Club Web Site by 20.00 on Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.  
As part of our green initiative we will not be handing out printed copies.

#### 8. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward.

#### 9. SCORING

- 9.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 9.3. When 4 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

## 10. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are not allowed.

## 11. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

## 12. 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.

## 13. PRIZES

Prizes will be organised by the RS Association in accordance with their usual procedures.

## 14. 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

## 15. COVID 19

**15.1** Competitors and visitors must abide by any COVID19 restrictions and procedures in operation at GWSC. Updated details will be available on the Grafham Water SC. website.

15.1.1 Note that showers and changing rooms are unlikely to be open.

15.1.2 A 'one way' system operates in the toilets.

**15.2** COVID19 guidelines in operation at the event may restrict the support boat provision; consequently the upper wind limit for racing may be reduced.

**15.3** The final decision on whether the event can proceed will be made on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. If the forecast wind strength, or COVID19 restrictions cause cancellation of the event, full refunds of the entry fees will be given. Notice of cancellation will be posted on the GWSC website no later than 20.00 on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Food is served throughout the day in the downstairs café, including after sailing. The café will be open until approx 1800 on Saturday and approx. 1600 on Sunday. To help avoid delay you are advised to book meals for after sailing with the café before going afloat.

Camping may not be available due to COVID 19 restrictions. If it is available, then campers and camper vans are welcome. Pre booking is available online at <http://www.grafham.org/sailing-racing/open-meetings-3/forthcoming-open-meetings.html> 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 please – our lease does not allow them). All day cafeteria both days, meal available on Saturday evening.

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**



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