

## RS 200/400/400 Inland Championships 2024,

Sat Oct 5 & Sun Oct 6 2024

### Pre-Event Information

Welcome to Grafham Water for the 2024 RS Inland Championships

Your team from Grafham for the weekend is:

PRO and RO 400/500 Course: John Aston

RO 200 Course: Chris Clarke

Club Office: Sarah Gough

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. (See site map below) 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>.

There will be a short competitor briefing at 1030 on Saturday morning on the shore side of the Clubhouse. Everything you need to know however should be in these notes, the Notice of Race and the RS General Sailing Instructions and the Event Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

### **Registration Saturday**

0900 to 1030 in the café, (Clubhouse Ground Floor)

### **Wash down:**

Boats must be washed down before leaving the Club to comply with non-native species guidance. There will be wash down hoses or pressure washers 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 1830 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**

### **Launching and first race of the day:**

Our aim is to start on time on both days: please allow adequate time for launching and sailing out to the Race Area; take into account the number of competitors trying to launch (and also Club members on Sunday who start Club racing at 1100) and plan accordingly.

### **Race Area:**

This is likely to be the West end of the Lake for the 400/500 course and the West/Centre for the 200 Course but will be confirmed on the Online Notice Board and at the Competitor Briefing. To aid identification before the first race, the Committee Boats may display the relevant Class Flags (to be removed prior to the first Start sequence)

### **Courses:**

These will be displayed on the Starboard side of the Committee Boat. Make sure you check for a) changes between races and b) different courses set for each class

### **Starting:**

Orange will be displayed a minimum of 1 minute before the first warning signal (SSI 12.2) It is intended that we will use "P" (Pappa) as the preparatory flag, at least initially, moving to "Black flag" in the event of a General Recall. If there are frequent General Recalls or if we are under time pressure we may use "U" (Uniform) in place of "P", or even use the Black flag throughout.

### **RS 400/500:**

**If you downloaded the SSIs early make sure you have picked up the changes (you should be looking at V2)**

Note the start sequence (3,2,1,Go), and the minimum interval between starts (SSI 12.1).

The expected order of starts (500s going first) is shown in the SSIs (SSI 6) but note that the RO has discretion to change this: keep an eye on the flags.

Course : Both fleets sail the same course - there is a spacer mark for both fleets

Note that for the RS400/500 course we may use a pin end boat rather than a dan buoy at the port end

### **RS200:**

Note the start sequence is Standard 5,4,1 Go, as Per RRS.

### **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.