

# Notice of Race

## BYS East Regional Junior Championships



Grafham Water Sailing Club

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

[www.rya.org.uk/racing-events](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing-events)

The BYS East Regional Junior Championships at Grafham Water Sailing Club  
The Organising Authority is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) in conjunction with  
Grafham Water Sailing Club.

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. This Notice of Race may be amended by a Notice to Competitors from the Organising Authority.
- 1.3. The rules and byelaws of Grafham Water Sailing Club will apply.
- 1.4. Competitors should note that RYA Events implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020), or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter)
- 1.5. The exoneration penalty, and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration, of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Racing will be for nominated dinghies classes. Fleets may be combined in the event of low entries. Fleets with entries of fewer than 5 boats by the closing date will be reviewed. The Organising Authority reserve the right to cancel racing for a fleet after the closing date if the minimum entry has not been met. The Organising Authority will offer a full refund to anyone whose fleet has been cancelled.
- 2.2. **The Championship Fleet** (fleet racing in recognised fleets)
  - 2.2.1. Dinghies will be RS Feva XL's, Optimists, Toppers, Laser 4.7, Cadets and RS Tera (Sport Rig). Competitors in the Topper fleet using either the 5.3m<sup>2</sup> or 4.2m<sup>2</sup> sails shall be scored as a single fleet.
  - 2.2.2. Competitors in the championship fleet shall be under 16 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
  - 2.2.3. Competitors in the Laser 4.7 fleet shall be under 17 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
  - 2.2.4. Competitors in the Cadet fleet shall be under 18 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
- 2.3. **The Coached Regatta Racing** (Coaching & Coached Racing)
  - 2.3.1. Dinghies will be RS Feva XL's, Optimists, Toppers & RS Tera (sport Rig). Competitors in the Topper fleet using either the 5.3m<sup>2</sup> or 4.2m<sup>2</sup> sails shall be scored as a single fleet.
  - 2.3.2. Competitors shall be under 16 on 31st December 2018.
- 2.4. **OnBoard Fun Fleet.** (Fun games with aims, type sessions)
  - 2.4.1. Dinghies may be any SUITABLE small dinghy (Please talk to HPM if unsure)
  - 2.4.2. Entries may be limited
- 2.5. Target age for competitors shall be under 13 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
- 2.6. For organisational and safety reasons all entries must be made on the event online entry form on or before Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. Entries will not be accepted after this date except at the relevant HPM's discretion. <http://www.rya.org.uk/RACING-EVENTS/Pages/hub.aspx>
- 2.7. All helms and crews are required to submit Parent/Guardian Declarations and Data forms at registration at the event. These forms can be downloaded from the event web site

### 3. East Area Topper Championship

- 3.1. Running alongside the BYS East Regional Junior Championships will be the East Topper Regional Championship.
- 3.2. The East Topper Regional Championship will run on the Saturday following the same format and race series as the BYS East Regional Junior Championship
- 3.3. Topper Entries to the Championship fleet will be automatically entered into the East Topper Regional Championship.
- 3.4. Topper sailors who are over Age for the BYS East Regional Junior Championships will need to register for the event at the registration desk

### 4. Fees

- 4.1. Entry Fees are as follows:-

Single- Hander	£40
East Topper Regional Champs (1 day)	£20
Double Hander	£50
Coached Regatta Racing Fleet	£40 (Weekend) or £20 (per day)
OnBoard Fun Fleet	£40 (Weekend) or £20 (per day)

### 5. Qualifying Series and Final Series

- 5.1. There will be no qualifying or final series.

### 6. Schedule

#### 6.1. Registration

All competitors entered for Saturday only or whole weekend, shall register at the registration desks in the down stairs café on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September between 09:00 and 10:00.

Registration for Coached Regatta Racing and OnBoard Fun Fleet, Sunday only competitors, shall register in the registration desks in the down stairs café between 09:30 and 10:00.

- 6.2. The Main Briefing for all competitors will take place in the downstairs cafe at 10.30 on Saturday 29th September 2018.
- 6.3. Separate briefings will be given to the Regatta Racing fleet and the Fun OnBoard Fleet after the main briefing.
- 6.4. **Racing Programme Championship fleet.** (2 day event)  
There will be a maximum of 6 races for all classes. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September will not be before 11.45, and for the first race on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September will not be before 10.25. Normally there will be 4 races on Saturday and 2 races on Sunday, but the race committee may adjust the schedule of races throughout the weekend.
- 6.5. **Racing and event programme Coached Regatta Racing & Fun OnBoard fleet** (one or two day event). Sailors can sign up for 2 complete days or 1 day, Saturday or Sunday  
The programme will be determined by the coaches and instructors on the day. No activity will take part before the Main Briefing on the Saturday or before 10:00 on the Sunday.

### 7. Measurement

- 7.1. Random measurement checks of boats and equipment, including personal equipment, may be made at any time during the championship.
- 7.2. Female participants of all fleets will be required to display a red diamond on their sail for the duration of the championships. Topper, Optimist, RS Feva XL, Laser 4.7 Cadets & RS Tera will be provided with diamonds.

## 8. Sailing Instructions

8.1. Draft sailing instructions will be downloadable from the RYA events website before the event. Questions on the sailing instructions may be emailed to [racingevents@rya.org.uk](mailto:racingevents@rya.org.uk). Questions and answers will be posted to the RYA racing events website and will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the event.

## 9. Venue

9.1. Races will be sailed on Grafham Water Reservoir.

## 10. The Courses

10.1. For the Championship Fleet, a trapezoid course with inner and outer loops as shown in attachment A of the Sailing Instructions.

10.2. The Coached Regatta Racing Fleet and OnBoard Fun Sailors, sailing areas will be described within your session briefings each day.

## 11. Scoring

11.1. For all classes, the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix a (RRS) will apply.

11.2. Details on Scoring will be issued in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. Support Boats

12.1. Only official event organisation boats will be allowed to launch from Grafham Water Sailing Club.

## 13. Berthing

13.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

## 14. Radio Communications

14.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 15. Prizes

15.1. BYS East regional Junior Championships prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers and will normally be awarded to the

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd boy and 1st, 2nd & 3rd girl for single handed dinghy classes
- This may be adjusted for classes with small fleets.
- Double handed boats prizes will be award for 1<sup>st</sup> all boy boat, 1<sup>st</sup> all girl boat and 1<sup>st</sup> mixed boat, then 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.
- The Coached Regatta Racing and OnBoard Fun Fleet prizes will be awarded at the event Director/Coaches discretion.
- "RYA Zone Championships Club Trophy East Region" Donated by the Regional Committee - awarded to the sailing club with the most entries in Championship and Coached Regatta Fleets combined. Exact qualification will be notified in the SI's.
- "BYS Regional Junior Championship Development Trophy". Donated by the Regional Committees - awarded to the sailing club with the largest increases in entry numbers from the 2017 event, in the Championship and Coached Regatta Fleets combined. Exact qualification will be notified in the SI's.
- For all fleets there will be prizes awarded to sailors who exhibiting BYS Values & Behaviours.

15.2. Topper East Regional Championship prizes will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Boy, 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Girl & 1<sup>st</sup> Junior 4.2 Sailor.

## 16. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

16.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

## 17. Safety Regulations

17.1. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits, drysuits and windsurfing harnesses are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.1

## 18. Risk Statement

Rule 4 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 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) 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 at the venue;

## 19. Insurance

19.1. Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £3,000,000.

## 20. Further Information

20.1. All material relating to the event including news, detailed schedules, entry lists etc. will be published on [www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk) in due course.

## 21. Membership & Liability

21.1. All visiting competitors and families will be deemed as visiting yachtsmen during the event and as such shall abide by both Club's rules and bye-laws. Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club; the Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club, or out of participating in any race organised by the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors,

whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the Club.

## 22. Local Rules & Bye-laws of Grafham Water Sailing Club

### **Movements of Boats to 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**

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.

### **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.

Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at no extra cost

Grafham Water Sailing Club website: <https://www.grafham.org/> Telephone: 01480 810478  
Grafham Water Sailing Club, Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 0BU.

To be considered for the RYA Zone Squad all sailors must complete the online application process on

[www.ryaracingevents.org.uk](http://www.ryaracingevents.org.uk)