



UKWA NATIONAL WIND SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

and Regional Windsurfing League Champions Cup

Grafham Water Sailing Club – 20th & 21st September 2025

Volunteer Event Information

Boats and Equipment Requirements

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.

MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER

A non-native species of freshwater 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.

Arriving Boats

When you arrive with a UKWA or support boat on Friday these will need to be stored on the roundabout, which will be closed off and marked out. This will make launching easier on Saturday morning.

Boats can be launched on Friday if the club is open when you arrive. If not Grafham will launch on Saturday morning. They are going to close off the road to the public to allow safe launching.

UKWA only have permission to launch their own ribs on the windsurfing slipway with a banksman present at all times. No other boats to be launched here.

Washing of Boats

All boats MUST be washed on Sunday prior to leaving. There will be jet washers set up on the roundabout to do this.

Boat Drivers

All boat drivers MUST be over the age of 18 and hold a valid RYA Power Boat Level 2 certificate.

Race Office

The race office is located at the John Merrick Building on the far side of the sailing club.

A site map is attached.

Courses

Course	Fleets	Race Officer
Green	3.5 open	Chris Lewis
Blue	5.0 open / 5.8 open	Zed Spencer-Milnes
Orange	6.8 techno & open / 7.8 techno & open / 7.8 overage / techno+ 8.5 / Raceboard / iQFOiL / Formula Foil / Freeride Foil / Wing Foil	Tessa Ingram

Orange / Blue course safety boats will need to escort the orange course sailors to and from the racing area to ensure that they don't interfere with club racing / blue or green course racing / so sailors do not sail through the moorings.

Course areas will be discussed at the team meetings with the race office and course safety leader.

Radios

We only have a limited number of radio's available for this event. Please see the attached document which shows the allocation of UKWA radios. All ribs have boat radios.

Each course will have a main radio channel and a spare channel.

- Green and Blue course = 13
- Orange course = 37a

Event Schedule

See volunteer event schedule.

It is very important that all volunteers and coaches attend the briefings that they are required to and that everybody attends the safety briefings. Please make sure that all rescue boats are on the water at the times stated on the schedule.

Racing Schedule

Racing schedules for the day and format's will be discussed with the team each morning at the course team meetings.

Club Activity

There will be club racing and training on both days. Details of club racing will be confirmed in the event management meeting with the sailing club and then passed on during the safety briefings each morning.

Event T-Shirts & Jumpers

The t-shirt and hoody printers Fine Designs will be on site on Saturday morning only if you would like to purchase event merchandise.

Food

The cafe will be open on both Saturday & Sunday. Please be aware that lunchtime in the canteen will be very busy.

Coach & Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing areas (see SI's for definition) where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boards have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

If the protest committee learns of a possible breach of a rule by a support person through any source, including the Race Committee, it may call a hearing under rule 60.3(d).

Mark Rounding's

Mark rounding's may be done on both courses at marks directed by the course race officer. Mark rounding's to be carried out between the coaches and the course safety boats. Mark rounding's are to be taken in one long list on the sheets provided, there is no need to separate out fleets. These must be accurate.

All paperwork is to be given to the committee boats after each race.

Local Rules:

BIOHAZARD: it is MANDATORY that you comply with the buyer hazard regulations set by DEFRA, The Environment Agency and Anglia water. **You can be heavily fined for not doing so** Please make sure that all boats are washed down as instructed by the team at Grafham, boats will not be permitted to leave without this being done.

Fishermen: It is requested that you keep clear of fisherman by 20 meters all round. There is no requirement for them move and they have equal water rights to us. Please be courteous to all other recreational water users.

Speed on the water: Although there is a 5-knot speed limit in the moorings, there are no designated speed limits on Grafham Water, however it is expected that all crews will use speed proportionate to their task. Racing to and from the clubhouse for lunch or comfort breaks does not constitute proportionate use of speed. Please watch your wash around the sailors and look out for each other too.

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Green Course ~ 3.5

Buoys	UKWA three orange slalom marks (these will need to be returned to Marmyte at the end of the event)
Flags	UKWA small flag set from trailer (these will need to be returned to the event office at the end of the event)
Paperwork	Results sheets available from race office
Results	Once races have finished take a photo of results and send to Jon Eskdale via What's APP As you are on shore you may want to just take the paper copies to Jon rather than photographing Paper copies of results sheets / for each race are to be labelled – hand into race office

Blue Course ~ 5.0 / 5.8

Buoys	GWSC – x4 yellow pillar marks Start Mark – GWSC dam buoy with orange flag Finish mark – GWSC dam buoy with blue flag (these will need to be returned to the shed at the end of the event)
Flags	Grafham Water Sailing Club flag roll (these will need to be returned to the shed at the end of the event) UKWA Team15 class flags (these will need to be returned to the event office at the end of the event)
Boat identification flags	UKWA orange boat identification flags (these will need to be returned to the event office at the end of the event)
Paperwork	Results & mark rounding sheets available from race office
Results	Once races have finished take a photo of results and send to Jon Eskdale via What's APP Paper copies of race management sheets / results sheets / mark rounding's for each race are to be labelled accurately – hand into race office

Orange Course ~ 6.8 / 7.8 / Techno+ / Techno 8.5 / Raceboard / Wingfoil / iQFOiL / Windfoil

Buoys	UKWA red start mark and black finish mark UKWA x7 orange course racing marks UKWA x3 yellow / blue shroud UKWA x2 yellow pillar marks (these will need to be returned to BUSKA at the end of the event)
Flags	UKWA flags from trailer UKWA course board from trailer (these will need to be returned to the event office at the end of the event)
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PLEASE ENSURE ALL RESOURCES & EQUIPMENT ARE RETURNED TO WHERE YOU GOT THEM FROM AT THE END OF THE EVENT.

UKWA resources to the race office or event trailer at the end of the event please.

Thank you for volunteering at The National Wind Sport Championships