



RS Tera



Grafham Water Sailing Club

Train & Race Regatta

at

Rooster UK RS Tera Start of Season Championships 2025

Saturday 29th - Sunday 30th March 2025

NOTICE OF EVENT

The Organizing Authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club
in conjunction with the UK RS Tera Class Association.

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The Train & Race Regatta Fleet event is aimed at younger sailors and new-comers to the circuit to hone their racing skills through a weekend of race training and coached racing by the Class Association coaching team.
- 1.2. The following documents apply:
 - 1.2.1. Grafham Water SC and the UK RS Tera Class Association implement the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter, available at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>

2. Communication:

- 2.1. The official noticeboard for the event is at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/start-of-seasons-2025-noticeboard>
- 2.1. A WhatsApp group will be established for communications with competitors and shall be regarded as the communication channel for the event. Joining instructions for the WhatsApp group will be sent to all entrants prior to the event.

3. Eligibility and Entry:

- 3.1. The Train & Race Regatta Fleet shall be composed of SPORT or MINI SAIL rigged boats of the RS Tera Class and is designed to be a fun, Train and Race event for those sailors just starting their fleet sailing experience. The Organising Authority reserve the right to decline entry where it is deemed that a competitor is at a standard that does not meet these criteria.

- 3.2. All competitors must be a current member of the UK RS Tera Class Association. Evidence of membership will be checked prior to the event.
- 3.3. Sailors must be aged 8 to under 13 on 31st December 2025. (*Exemptions might apply*)
- 3.4. Sailors should be confident and competent in sailing a triangular course and own their own boat.**
- 3.5. Should not have competed in a previous national RS Tera event (Start of Seasons, Inlands, Nationals, End of Seasons) where they have achieved a position any higher than 85% of the fleet.
- 3.6. The current entry limit for this event is 16 boats.
- 3.7. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Regatta fleet online entry form at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/rs-tera-start-of-seasons-grafham-2025> making the required entry fee payment.

4. Entry Fees:

The UKSTCA will be subsidising the training costs for all entrants.

- 4.1. £95 for the first Regatta fleet sailor per family, additional Regatta fleet sailors from the same family will receive a discount on the entry fee.
- 4.2. Members of Grafham Water SC will receive an additional discount.
- 4.3. Online entry closes at midnight, Tuesday 26th March 2024, or when the current entry cap is reached, whichever is sooner.
- 4.4. The Organising Authority may at its sole discretion extend the latest date for entry.
- 4.5. Should the event be cancelled, a refund of at least 70% of the entry fee will be made after transfer fees. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed to and by and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. Advertising:

- 5.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 5.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 5.3. The following parts of the hull and sail must be left clear for the display of advertising, if supplied, without exception. All competitors shall ensure this is carried out before arrival at the event.
 - 5.3.1. the front one metre of the bow;
 - 5.3.2. the bottom 10% of the mainsail;
 - 5.3.3. the front 50cm of the boom nearest to the mast.

6. Schedule:

Day 1– Race Training – the coaching team, formed of the Class Association coaches, will be focused on training the sailors on many aspects of racing, from understanding skills that can include:

- Checking and rigging our boats correctly
- The Course – Start Line, Windward Mark, Wing Marks, Leeward Marks, Gates, Finish Line
- Understanding some of the key rules and how and when to take a penalty
- Starts – flags, countdown to start, finding the right end of the line, finding & owning your space
- The windward leg
- Mark rounding – the windward mark
- The run and the reach
- Preparing and timing a gybe
- Mark rounding – the wing mark
- Mark rounding – the leeward mark
- Crossing the finish line – what to expect

There is plenty for the sailors to take on board in the first day and we are sure they won't recall all of it, as we well know, practise makes perfect and time on the water and participating is the best way to improve. So, Day-2 moves on to Coached Racing.

Day 2– Coached Racing - As the Coached Racing isn't something that is generally permitted with the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Coached Racing part will not operate under the guises of a proper racing event, but our aim is to get our sailors operating as close as possible with its boundaries, respecting the rules and taking appropriate penalties where appropriate, which could ultimately end in disqualification, if they don't follow the guidance of our coaches – after all, they are there to teach our sailors how to race correctly, not to control discipline.

- Racing will be setup as if a proper event on a separate area to the main racing
- The coaches will encourage and help sailors around the courses:-

- Course A will be for Sprint Racing, to ensure the sailors get as many starts as possible, which will enhance their starting ability – we may decide to split them into two groups for starts for this part of the racing, to reduce numbers on the start line.
 - Course B will become a full triangular course with slightly longer race time and the full group on the start line at the same time, if there is a wide spread of abilities, it may be that two Windward Marks are placed, where the more experienced sailors head to the outer mark and the less experienced to the inner mark, to facilitate a closeness at the finish.
 - The aim is to get in as many races as possible. The sailors will be given finishes, and encouraged, in true Tera style, to thank the Race Officer when they cross the finish line.
- All regatta fleet sailors will be winners – the RS Tera Regatta Fleet is all about participation and developing our sailors to a stage where they feel comfortable moving forward to our main fleet racing at future events. There may be some Spot prizes, where our coaching team feel that a particular sailor has done something special to stand out to ensure that this is acknowledged.
 - **What we expect our sailors to have:**
 - An RS Tera in good condition, with either a Sport or Minisail (this should be dependent on size of sailor and wind conditions).
 - A windex or burgee – if they can't easily tell where the wind is coming from or shifting to, then they are missing out on some of the basics
 - A race timer watch, that is easy to use
- 6.1. Be suitably dressed for going on the water. Grafham local rule: Wet or dry suits must be worn whilst afloat.
- *Boat should meet requirements as set out in main NOR*

7. Clothing and Equipment:

- 7.1. RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 7.2. Electronic compasses or variations thereof will not be permitted
- 7.3. All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids
- 7.4. All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8 m in length (measured from the fitment point) permanently attached to the standard fitment position in front of the mast
- 7.5. Rear handles on the transom handles should have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS
- 7.6. Grafham local rule: Wet or dry suits must be worn whilst afloat.

8. Venue:

- 8.1. The venue is Grafham Water Sailing Club, Perry, Huntington PE28 0BU and the sailing area is Grafham Water. A site plan is shown under Further Information below.

9. Data Protection:

- 9.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 9.2. In participating in the RS Tera End of Season Championship any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

10. Risk Statement:

Rule 3 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

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;

- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 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;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 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.
- All competitors should obey the instructions of the Event Safety officer (and/or team).

11. Insurance:

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

12. Further Information:

12.1. COVID-19 INFORMATION

Currently there are no COVID-19 restrictions which apply. We may need to impose restrictions onshore, offshore or both depending on the prevailing Covid-19 situation. The nature of any restrictions will be communicated to competitors in the pre-event briefing note.

12.2. CANCELLATION

On Thursday 27th March 2025 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength, weather conditions generally and any other relevant factors. In the event of cancellation, a notice will appear on the online noticeboard by 2000 on that date and all competitors will be emailed.

12.3. CAMPING

Campers and camper vans are welcome. Pre booking will be available online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1> when or shortly after entry lists open. 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 – our lease does not allow them).

12.4. CAFETERIA AND BAR

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food. Bar will be open both days. Please note that the cafeteria and bar will not be open Friday.

12.5. HOW TO FIND US

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 Regulations. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

12.6. 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.

12.7. MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER

A non-native species of fresh-water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimps) has 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.

12.8. PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our photography partner, Paul Sanwell of OP Photography will be taking action photographs of the event. These images can be viewed and purchased the day after the event on the Grafham Water SC photo-gallery at www.grafham.org/photos.

12.9. SITE PLAN



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