



UK 29er Class Association Winter Championship

Grafham Water Sailing Club

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th January 2026

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The Organising Authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK 29er Class Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This document serves as the Notice of Race for the events listed above.
- 1.2 The Winter Championship will be governed by the latest rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the International 29er Class Rules (www.29er.org) the UK 29er Class Association Major Event Instructions 2025/26 (MEIs) and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions, all can be found on the UK class association website (www.29er.org.uk).
- 1.3 Competitors should note that the UK 29er Class Association implements 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 (The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028)

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Winter Championship is open to all current members of the UK 29er Class Association, or members of an equivalent 29er National Class Association, or members of the International 29er Class Association.
- 2.2 Competitors may apply for a temporary weekend membership of the UK 29er Class Association on payment of £19.00 per crew member to the UK 29er Class Association.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 When any event sponsor's promotional material is provided by the organising authority, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display it on their boats, their sail or themselves throughout the event, as directed at registration.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 The entry fee for eligible boats entering through the UK 29er Class Association Website (www.29er.org.uk) before 10 calendar days will be £90 per boat.
- 4.2 Entries received after this date will be subject to an increased entry fee of £100 per boat.
- 4.3 If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - Up to 2 weeks prior to the event: Entry fee less £5 admin charge
 - Within last 2 weeks prior to the event: No refund

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The schedule for registration and first warning signals will be in accordance with the UK 29er MEIs, the SSIs, and any published Notices to Competitors.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The MEIs, the SSIs, and any published Notices to Competitors apply and will be available on the UK 29er Class Association Website prior to the event.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1 Prizes will be awarded for a minimum of first to third places. The Organising Authority may present additional prizes depending on the number of entries.

8. RISK STATEMENT

- 8.1 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 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 and experienced enough to participate in the conditions of the day.
 - 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.
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 8.2. As part of the Event Registration Form, sailors aged Under 18 on the dates of an event will also need to have a parental consent completed by a parent or guardian, which will also confirm that they are entirely responsible throughout the event for themselves and their boats on land, and on the water.

9. INSURANCE

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

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: The 29er Class Administrator - membership@29ersailing.org.uk