



# RS Tera



**ROOSTER** 

**Grafham Water Sailing Club**

## **Rooster UK RS Tera Start of Season Championships 2025**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

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

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **1. Rules:**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following documents apply:
  - 1.2.1. The International RS Tera Class Rules, available at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/documents>
  - 1.2.2. Grafham Water Sailing Club 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>
  - 1.2.3. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.3. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules.
  - 1.3.1. RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

#### **2. Sailing Instructions:**

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than midday, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March on the event noticeboard on the Class Association website at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/start-of-seasons-2025-noticeboard>

#### **3. Communication:**

- 3.1. 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.

- 3.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### **4. Eligibility and Entry:**

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the UK RS Tera class.
- 4.2. All competitors must be a current member of the UK RS Tera Class Association. Evidence of membership will be checked prior to the event.
- 4.3. The following age limits apply:  
RS Tera Sport - under 16 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.  
RS Tera Pro - under 18 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/rs-tera-start-of-seasons-grafham-2025> making the required entry fee payment.
- 4.5. There will be an overall entry limit of 80, which may be amended at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

#### **5. Entry Fees:**

- 5.1. The entry fee is £70 for the first sailor per family, additional sailors from the same family in the main fleet will receive a 10% discount on the entry fee.
- 5.2. Members of Grafham Water SC will receive an additional discount.
- 5.3. Online entry closes at midnight, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
- 5.4. The Organising Authority may at its sole discretion extend the latest date for entry.
- 5.5. 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.
  - 5.5.1. Boats competing in the event may sail on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at no extra cost but must register at the Club Office before doing so.

#### **6. Advertising:**

- 6.1. [NP, DP] Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 6.2. [NP, DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 6.3. [NP, DP] 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.
  - 6.3.1. the front one metre of the bow;
  - 6.3.2. the bottom 10% of the mainsail;
  - 6.3.3. the front 50cm of the boom nearest to the mast.

#### **7. Schedule:**

- 7.1. Registration will take place on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 8.30am to 10.00am in the café on the ground floor of the Clubhouse. There will be a competitor briefing in or outside the clubhouse (depending on weather conditions) immediately after registration closes.
- 7.2. The dates of racing will be 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
- 7.3. The Championship will consist of up to 8 races. The intention is that there will be no more than 4 races a day. A full schedule will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.4. The first warning signal for race one on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March will be 1125
- 7.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

#### **8. Clothing and Equipment:**

- 8.1. [NP, DP] RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 8.2. [NP, DP] All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids
- 8.3. [NP, DP] 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
- 8.4. Rear handles on the transom handles should have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS
- 8.5. Grafham local rule: Wet or dry suits must be worn whilst afloat.

#### **9. Venue:**

- 9.1. 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.

#### **10. Courses:**

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be presented to competitors at the competitors briefing and shall be described in the Sailing Instructions

#### **11. Scoring:**

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.  
11.2. RRS 90.3 (e) will apply.  
11.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.  
11.4. The Sport and Pro fleets will be scored separately.  
11.5. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:  
11.6. When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;  
11.7. When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score;  
11.8. When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

#### **12. Data Protection:**

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. In participating in the UK RS Tera Start of Season Championships 2025, 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 still/motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.
- 12.3. The GWSC data protection policy can be found at <https://www.grafham.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf>

#### **13. 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.

#### 14. Insurance:

- 14.1. 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.

#### 15. Prizes:

- 15.1. Prizes will be given dependent on number of entries, but as a minimum 1st – 3rd overall for the Sport and Pro Fleets.
- 15.2. The titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Tera Pro Start of Season Champion	First RS Tera Pro Overall
RS Tera Sport Start of Season Champion	First RS Tera Sport Overall
RS Tera Start of Season Club Trophy	Lowest combined score of 1 <sup>st</sup> 4 competitors from any one club (competitors who enter from more than one club will be scored as the first club listed on entry)

#### 16. Further Information:

##### 16.1. 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.

##### 16.2. 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.

##### 16.3. 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).

##### 16.4. 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.

##### 16.5. 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.

##### 16.6. 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.

#### 16.7. 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.

#### 16.8. 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](http://www.grafham.org/photos).

16.9. The Rooster RS Tera Start of Season Championships 2025 is a selector event for the UKRSTCA RS Tera Performance Academy 2025/26.

#### 16.10. SITE PLAN



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